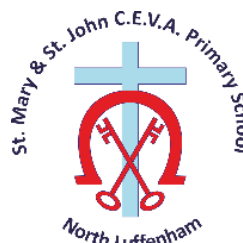


# SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

After a few days of rain and cooped up children, it has been lovely to have sunshine today allowing a good run around outside, not to mention the added fun and excitement Children In Need Day brings. A lovely end to the week! Thank you all for supporting this charity event.

Our older School Councillors have been helping today with the cake sale and judging the 'spotacular doodle' competition. Well done to them for their caring help and sensible, committed approach to the day.

**Reading is the most important subject in the curriculum.** If a child can't read, they can't access anything else. Therefore, we place great emphasis on teaching reading at school and ask you to do the same at home all the way up to and including the end of Year 6. To this end, we are running two important parent workshops to inform and support you in helping your child to become a fluent, competent reader.

- **Phonics Workshop, 5pm, Thursday 24 November** with Mrs Gamble. Understand how we use synthetic phonics to teach early reading skills. Synthetic phonics is a method of teaching where words are broken up into the smallest units of sound (phonemes). Children learn to make connections between the letters of written texts (graphemes, or letter symbols) and the sounds of spoken language.
- **Parents Reading Workshop, 5pm, Wednesday 30 November** with teaching staff and pupil volunteers! Understand the importance of reading; how we teach reading to individuals and the whole class at school. How children develop their reading – fluency and comprehension. Pick up some practical advice and strategies to help you support your child's reading journey at home. Understand how to use the Boom Reader app successfully to record reading.

We will endeavour to live stream the sessions on Teams, but would love to see you in person if you can make it.

We have some lovely volunteers from a range of backgrounds who come in to school and hear children read each week. We are so grateful to them for giving their time to support our children in this developing this vital life skill. Thank you volunteers!

It feels as though it should be a 'hygge' weekend this weekend, perhaps it's the autumnal weather and nights drawing in?! Hygge is from the Danish culture meaning creating a quality of coziness that makes a person feel content and comfortable. Sounds good to me! Whatever you are doing, have a lovely weekend.

## Winners of the House

Cup this week:

**Welland**

**Well Done!**



## Sports Diary

**Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**Tue 29<sup>th</sup> Nov**  
**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec**  
**Tue 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**Pokemon Cup Boys Football**  
**Year 3/4 Football**  
**Cross Country**  
**Year 5/6 Girls Football**



## Head Teachers Awards



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

This week the Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to **Kitty O'Keeffe** for her excellent attitude to all her learning. Kitty has really blossomed over the last few weeks and is showing lots more confidence in herself and her play. She has really impressed the Reception team with her reading of her green words and her super effort in word time. You're a super star Kitty keep it up!



The Head Teacher award in **Year 1** this week goes to **Lette Featherstone**. Lette is receiving this award for her super sentence writing yesterday. She had to create her sentences orally first and then use the table resources to check which sounds she needed as she wrote them. She remembered her capital letters, full stops and finger space! Fantastic Lette!



In **Year 2** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Alexa Shaw** for her positive attitude and resilience towards the 'SATS HQ' reading challenges this week! Alexa took such care to read each part and check that she had answered the questions properly. Well done Alexa, you have really impressed all of the Year 2 teachers this week!

**Miller Beesley- Hewitt** receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 3** this week. Miller always amazes Mrs Thornton with his hard work and thirst for knowledge. This week he really impressed with his sentence stretching skills. He has really taken on board all of the advice about descriptive techniques and applied it to his writing. Well done Miller!



The Head Teacher award in **Year 4** this week goes to **Lauren Crewe** for her superb effort and improved determination in Maths this week, especially when exchanging numbers for addition where Lauren showed real resilience. Well done Lauren, what a great week!

In **Year 5** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Livvy Thorne** for a wonderful piece of science work this week. She produced an informative double page spread explaining the features and fact about the planets in our solar system. Well done Livvy!

This week in **Year 6** the Head Teacher award goes to **Uldis Svikis** for his fantastic improvements in writing and his speed of work! Uldis produced a superb portal story with incredibly neat, joined handwriting. His work in Maths too has been impressive! Uldis continues to work hard on his spellings and has shown a much improved knowledge of the 'ei' and 'is' spelling rule. A fantastic week all-round ...well done Uldis!



Pudsey  
fun  
in Little Saints



Coming up.....

## November

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Parents Phonics Meeting  
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> PFA Wreath Making Workshop  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Parents Reading Workshop

## December

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Decorations Morning  
Tue 6<sup>th</sup> & Wed 7<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Production  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Trip  
PFA Festive Fun Run  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> Reception Nativity  
Christmas Lunch  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Carols Round The Tree  
Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Carol Service  
Last Day of Term 2.15pm Finish

After School Clubs  
21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November

Monday – Clay Creators  
Gymnastics Invite Only  
Wednesday – Year 5/6  
Basketball  
Thursday – KS2 Football  
Gymnastics Invite Only

## School Photos

The deadline for ordering Photos with free delivery to school is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

To order visit the Tempest website using your unique link.

Coffee Afternoon!



Open to all

St Mary & St John's CE School hall,  
North Luffenham

On 20th November 2022 at 2.30 -4.30.

Coffee = £1 tea = £1 juices = 50p Cake = 50p  
roasted marshmallows available = 50p (weather  
permitting)

gluten free/dairy free & normal Available

Games are free such as the horse croquet, bubbles &  
table top games

All money is going to the people from the Ukraine.

Hannah



**Thank you to everyone  
for supporting Children  
In Need today.  
Donations can still be  
made on ParentPay.  
The School Council**



# PFA NEWS - FRI 18th NOVEMBER

Recent events fundraising totals...

Book Fair: £1,389.07 \*\*\*

Disco: £736.10

Christmas Cards: £155.07

Thank you so much for all your support with our recent fundraisers!  
You're amazing!

## Coming up ...

★ WREATH MAKING - Friday 25th Nov 7-9pm

A few spaces remaining for this lovely event. Contact Ellie to book 07739969386

★ 2023 calendar is on sale on Parent Pay - £8 each

# Festive Fun Run!

Friday 9th  
December | 2.30pm

More information and  
sponsorship forms will  
be coming home soon

Helpers needed!

Please  
sponsor us!!

St Mary &  
Primary

St John  
School



\*\*\* 60% of this amount is rewarded  
back to school to spend on books  
via Scholastic. Amazing!!