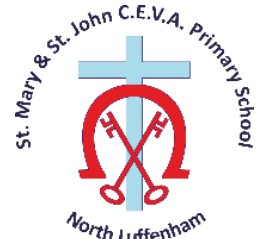




SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

Lest we forget...

Poppies by Year 5. Inspired by the poem, 'In Flanders Fields'.

Today we marked Armistice Day with a 2 minutes silence at 11am to remember the fallen and injured in the wars. We pray for peace, harmony, justice and hope now and forever.

The School Council has planned Children in Need Day, which is next Friday 18 November. They invite everyone to:

- A non-uniform day - wear something spotty if you have it (this year's theme is Spotalcular!) A £1+ donation can be made on Parent Pay.
- Bring and buy cupcake/cookie sale at break time for the children. Please send cakes/cookies on Thurs pm/Fri morning. Please send your child with 50p.
- Doodle drawing competition – classes have the entry sheets



Parents evenings have started this week and continue into next week. Thank you for taking the time to meet with your child's class teacher either in person or via Teams. It really is a valuable opportunity to talk.

It continues to be a busy time in terms of sport. This week we have had teams representing the school in cross country running (Saturday), football (Tuesday), basketball (Wednesday) and cycling today (Friday). Good luck to the girls' football team who are playing in the Pokemon Cup in Leicester tomorrow (Saturday) too. A huge thank you to Mr Coyne, Mr Clark and Mr Flowers for organising and supporting these events, giving our children the opportunity to try and compete in a wide range of sports. Next week we look forward to our young gymnasts taking part in their festival and the table tennis finals.

We invite you to attend a **Reading Workshop on Wednesday 30 November at 5pm in the school hall**. The teachers will explain and demonstrate how we and how you can best support your child with developing their reading, from early decoding through to fluency and comprehension. We do hope you can join us at this important session. We will also stream the workshop live on Teams.

We shall be holding our communion service for KS2 on Monday morning in the school hall. Revd Pippa will be presiding. You are most welcome to join us at 9am.

Can I please remind parents to take extra care and allow time when driving in the village, parking responsibly and walking to and from school across roads now that the days are shortening and winter weather is approaching.

Wishing you a reflective and restful weekend.





Head Teachers Awards



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to **Georgia Bettles** for her superb effort in phonics and talk for writing this week. Georgia has worked exceptionally hard on her sounds, recognising many of them and trying incredibly hard with her letter formation. She wowed Mrs Gamble and Mrs Groombridge with her excellent effort when learning the actions to our new story Maisy Mouse. Great work Georgia.

In **Year 1** the Head Teacher award this week goes to **Cora Wilkins** for her super efforts beginning to explain her reasoning when problem solving in Maths, for her fantastic effort in phonics and finally for her excellent sequencing work in English. What a great week you have had Cora. Keep it up!

This week in **Year 2** the Head Teacher award goes to **Florence Gingell** for her fantastic work over the last two weeks in Maths. Florence has stood out for her carefully considered contributions during class discussions and her resilience when working independently on her learning challenges. You have really impressed the whole Year 2 team Florence, well done.

The Head Teacher award in **Year 3** this week goes to **Oliver Gay**. Oliver has had an amazing week. He has put 100% effort into everything he has done and as a result has produced some fantastic work in every lesson. I was particularly impressed with his descriptive sentences that he wrote for his bonfire poem. Keep up the hard work.

The Head Teacher award in **Year 4** goes to **Oscar Oliver**. Oscar has made an excellent start to life at St Mary and St John. He has only been in the class for two weeks but he has already represented the school in two sporting events and joined our swimming gala team! Mr Clark has been really impressed with Oscar in all of his lessons too, he always works hard and is ready to share his work with the class. Well done Oscar keep up the great work!

In **Year 5** the Head Teacher award this week goes to **Luna Jones** for her exceptional attitude to learning. Luna always works hard in every subject. She works diligently, listening and attempting everything with a positive attitude.

The Head Teacher award in **Year 6** goes to **Jack Crowden-Naylor**. Jack receives the award this week for his excellent focus and concentration throughout lessons. He has produced a brilliant repeating pattern poem in English, following his plan superbly. Mr Flowers has also been impressed with Jack's efforts in Maths this week, where he has shown a good understanding of prime numbers and BIDMAS. He continues to be a brilliant bus monitor who is always organised and ready with his register! Well done for a great week Jack.



A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays this week.

Millie Dodson

Coming up.....

November

Thur 17th Yr 2 residential Parents Meeting
Fri 18th Children In Need

December

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

Winners of the House Cup this week:



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Well Done!

After School Clubs
14th - 18th November

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

Sports Diary

Sat 12th Nov **Pokemon Cup Girls Football**
Tue 15th Nov **Year 5/6 Girls Football**
Wed 16th Nov **Gymnastics Development Festival**
Thur 17th Nov **table tennis Finals**
Sat 19th Nov **Pokemon Cup Boys Football**
Tue 29th Nov **Year 3/4 Football**
Sat 3rd Dec **Cross Country**
Tue 6th Dec **Year 5/6 Girls Football**



Year 6 visited the War Graves at the church

