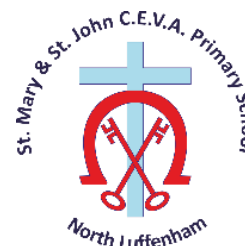


# SMSJ News

## 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Issue 7



Good afternoon everyone,

Welcome back to Term 2 of this Michaelmas term. It's been an incredibly busy first week back, which is, I think, indicative of the term ahead in the run up through Advent to Christmas at the end of this month. Additionally, the children have been very bubbly and excitable all week, partly due to the breezy week we have had! Not sure about the science there, but seems to always have an affect!

The children are excitedly looking forward to bonfire night tomorrow and the disco here in the school hall this evening. They all had their photo taken this morning as well. A lovely, bubbly start to the term!

A few headlines. Action required by you to book a parents' evening meeting, please. We are offering virtual, online meetings and face to face meetings. Please do take this valuable opportunity to discuss your child, their wellbeing and education with their teacher(s).

The annual book fair is up and running. It will be open this afternoon after school and again at the beginning of next week before and after school. We receive commission from the sales, this helps to buy new books for the library.

You will be receiving an invitation next week to the forthcoming parents reading workshop and phonics workshop. We hope this will help support you in working with your child on the most vital skill – reading.

On Friday 18 November we will be celebrating Children In Need Day. This year's theme is 'Spotacular', so the children are invited to wear non-uniform and anything spotty that they have. More information to follow from The School Council next week.

For those new to the school, there is always an amazing bonfire night and fireworks display on The Oval here in North Luffenham. It is always well attended.

Wishing you a safe and happy bonfire weekend, whatever you are doing.

## Winners of the House Cup this week:

**Welland**  
Well Done!

**After School Clubs  
7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> November**

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

## Sports Diary

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Yr 3/4  
Football**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November Pokemon  
Girls Football  
Cup**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November Girls &  
Boys table tennis  
Finals**



## Head Teachers Awards

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

This week the Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to **Willoughby Anderson** for his amazing effort and interest in the nature theme. Willoughby has really enjoyed sharing with us his knowledge of pumpkins and the natural world. He used excellent vocabulary to describe the flesh and seeds of the pumpkin and even used this when talking about his independent drawing of a pumpkin. Amazing work Willoughby.



In **Year 1** the Head Teacher award this week goes to **Charlotte Oliver** for having a great first week with her new friends in Year 1. Charlotte also wowed with her fantastic poem created using descriptive words for the sounds that fireworks make. Well done Charlotte.

**Sullivan Sampson** receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 2** this week for his fantastic firework poem. Sullivan carefully considered what he wanted to write and took his time to produce a great piece of writing with excellent handwriting. He also illustrated his poem with a lovely drawing of a bonfire night scene. Great work Sullivan.



The Head Teacher award in **Year 3** this week goes to **Patrick Holland**. Patrick has worked extremely hard at everything that he has done this week. Mrs Thornton was really impressed with him in the Guided Read lesson where he had to use a dictionary to find the definition of a word. Keep up this excellent attitude to your learning.

This week in **Year 4** the Head Teacher award goes to **Max Peacock** for showing excellent enthusiasm in all his lessons this week. Max is always the first to share his idea with the class. Max also impressed Mr Clark on the Football pitch where he represented the school in the Year 5 and 6 tournament this week. Which of course he did with his usual enthusiasm and smile! Well done Max!

**Louis Bains** receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 5** this week for his fantastic start to the new term. Mrs Stanfield and Mrs Beldebos have been so impressed by his resilience and dedication to his work this week. He has been on task, sharing ideas and generally working so hard he has tired himself out! We are so proud of you and hope you can keep this up!



In **Year 6** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Henry Oliver** for settling in so brilliantly to Year 6! You would not believe this is Henry's first week...he has been confident, sociable and really impressed Mr Flowers with his knowledge in Maths particularly! Henry even participated in the Y5/6 football on Tuesday and produced an excellent performance. Well done Henry and we look forward to seeing you shine for the rest of the Year 6 year!



**A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays over Half Term.**

Ava Beauchamp  
Hayden Creed  
Caelen Reeve  
Edith Shaw

Kara Husband  
Jacob Lawson  
Georgia Bettles

Coming up.....

November

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> & Tue 8<sup>th</sup>

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>

Fri 11<sup>th</sup>

Fri 18<sup>th</sup>

Bookfair

Childrens Flu Vaccinations

Remembrance Service

Children In Need details to follow

Happy Bonfire Night!



## PFA NEWS - 4th Nov 22

We are already very busy with this term's activities - it's the disco tonight and we CAN'T WAIT! We hope the children all have fun.



Monday 7th 3-5pm

Tuesday 8th 8.30-9.30 - 3.20-5pm

The book fair is inside school : please enter via the KS2 door in the far playground in the afternoons, or via the school office in the mornings



### Christmas cards

Head to My Child's Art's website to see your child's Christmas design...

[mychildsart.co.uk](http://mychildsart.co.uk)

Username: StMaryStJohn

Password: r68q2Dqx

Early bird  
10% off ends  
7th Nov



COFFEE MORNING ; Friday 18th November

Come around to the hall, for coffee and chat!



### Wreath making workshop

Friday 25th November | 7-9pm  
£35 per person, includes festive drink & nibble  
Please bring secateurs & gloves, all other materials provided  
>>> SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!! <<<  
Contact Ellie Askham to book 07739 969386

### Calendars

A4 size  
2023 calendars with photos of the children grouped by birthday month will be available to buy on Parent-Pay very soon!

**Date for your diary:** Festive Fun Run Friday 9th December

From 2pm the school field will be transformed into a magical running track! Families are invited to come and take part in the fun. Stalls will open after 3.20pm



# Rutland Festival of Remembrance

Friday 11th November 2022 at 7.30pm  
Uppingham School Chapel  
Hosted by the Lord Lieutenant

An evening of music and reflection, as Rutland celebrates all who have served or are serving in HM Forces. The concert will feature a wide variety of musical and other performances, from the Cottesmore Military Wives Choir, the LNR ACF Corps of Drums and pupils from the following Rutland secondary schools:

Casterton College  
Catmose College  
Harington School  
Oakham School  
Uppingham Community College  
Uppingham School

**For tickets, please scan the QR code**

Tickets are free, but there is an option to make a donation to the Royal British Legion's Annual Poppy Appeal.

