



# SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

We've made it to the end of Term 1, almost unscathed! Poor Reception Class has been smitten with a bout of tummy bugs this week, whilst Year 4 had a run of COVID cases earlier on in the term. Speaking with other Headteachers, we all seem to be experiencing more 'normal' childhood illnesses this term than during the pandemic. I hope the half term break allows everyone to recover and enjoy some family time, before coming back raring to go as we continue in the Michaelmas Term (Term 2) in the run up to Christmas – *'the most wonderful time of the year.'*

It's been a tremendously busy term as both staff and children have settled into the rhythms and routines of their new classes and working partnerships. It feels particularly positive in terms of the teaching and learning that has been going on and the work the teachers have been doing behind the scenes to continually develop their practice around different subject areas and supporting children's wellbeing. There is no better feeling than a child or group of children coming to my office to proudly show me something they have done. Well done to all the children, I'm really proud of your efforts. Well done and thank you also to all of our fantastic staff for making it all happen!



We started this final week with our Harvest Festival in our beautiful church, St John's. It was wonderful to see the church full to overflowing! Watching and listening to the classes perform was joyous. It was a true celebration of the harvest – God's gifts. Thank you so much for the donations to The Rutland Food Bank too. I know they will be gratefully received.



It's been a busy sporting week. On Tuesday evening the Yr5/6 girls' football team won the county primary school event and now go forward to represent Rutland in The Leicester/shire and Rutland School Games finals. Go girls! On Wednesday, the Yr5/6 boys and girls table tennis teams came back victorious too! Congratulations to all those who have represented SMSJ this week. We are so proud of you!



Today, Mrs Tervet came to talk to the School Council about The Leprosy Mission. The School Council have agreed to support this charity with its roots firmly set in the Bible Story about Leprosy and treatment of Lepers back in Jesus' time. Thank you for coming to talk to us, Mrs Tervet.

Thank you also to the PFA for organising the cake sale and second-hand uniform sale this afternoon. A special thanks to parents and grandparents for the wonderful cakes that have been tantalising everybody all morning!

Wishing you all a wonderful October break and some precious family time together. I look forward to welcoming you back for the start of Term 2 on Monday 31 October 2022 (please note that as a Church School we do not celebrate Halloween, but All Hallows Eve and more importantly the following day, All Saints Day).

# Head Teachers Awards

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

This week in **Reception** the Head Teacher award goes to **Xander Sampson** for his fantastic effort in our Talk for Writing sessions over the last few weeks. Xander is superb at remembering all the actions for the stories and is great at coming up with new ideas for these too. This week he helped innovate the class version of Rosie's walk and then went on to draw his own story map and create his own Rosie style story. It was superb! Incredible story telling Xander.



In **Year 1** the Head Teacher award goes to **Christina Vickers**. Christina could be awarded the Head Teacher award every week! Her behaviour is exemplary, she puts 100% effort into her learning and she loves to go away and continue practising independently, which is something we always encourage! This week Christina has earned this award for her fantastic writing, forming all her letters beautifully and remembering all her capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. WOW!



**Charlie Cesaer** receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 2** this week, for her fantastic work over the last two weeks. Charlie has stood out for her resilience in phonics, her careful thinking in maths and her positive learning attitude in PE. Charlie, you have really impressed the whole Year 2 team over the last two weeks and you should be very proud of yourself.

This week in **Year 3** the Head Teacher Award to **Joseph Webster**. Joseph has worked extremely hard in everything that he has done this week. He has used some excellent reasoning in Maths, he has made great progress with his sketching skills in art and he has shown a great understanding of what primary and secondary sources are in Geography and from this was able to give a brilliant explanation of why some sources are more reliable than others. Well done Joseph.



In **Year 4** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Henry Lakin** for his effort and commitment in PE. Henry has taken part in a number of sporting competitions already this year and this week he participated in the Year 5/6 Table Tennis competition after a last-minute withdrawal. He will now go on to represent Rutland in the Leicestershire and Rutland School Games final. Well done Henry, we are all very proud of you.



This week the Head Teacher award in **Year 5** goes to **Grace Ireland** for the great start to Year 5 and an amazing first term. Grace has worked hard in all that she has done this term and has shown she has a wonderful creative side. Her chalk pastel picture of autumn was very emotive. Grace has also moved up a level in her reading and is loving the new selection of books. Keep working hard, Grace

The Head Teacher award in **Year 6** goes to **Brooke Peake**. Brooke has had a brilliant all-round week! She has produced a fantastic final 2D Sculpture design of a dog in Art, created an amazing new species named the 'Daring Dottle' in the Science evolution lesson AND even managed to be in the WINNING Y5/6 Girls Table Tennis team! WOW 😊 - what a brilliant, jam-packed week! Well done Brooke.



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

Izzy Bonar  
Liam Duffy  
Oliver Bellamy  
Oscar Gorton  
Erin Peake

Iris Askham  
Thea Askham  
Freddie Jones  
James Johnson  
Freddie Hill





# PFA NEWS - 14th October

Coming up straight after half term.....

# DISCO

**FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER**

See poster on the next page for details

## Dates for next term

**Christmas cards & School calendars**

Information will be coming home in book bags or shared via class reps soon!

**Book Fair**



**3,4,7 & 8th November**

Can you help between 8.30-10.30am and 3-5pm each day? Please email [northluffenhamparents@gmail.com](mailto:northluffenhamparents@gmail.com)

**Coffee morning**



**Fri 18th November**

(provisional date)

Come and meet other parents and enjoy some refreshments

**Wreath workshop**



**25th November**

Call or msg Ellie on 07739 969386 to book your place. £35 per person

**Christmas jumpers sales**



**Ahead of Christmas jumper days at school**

Save your outgrown jumpers to sell!

**Festive Fun Run**



**Friday 9th December**

We are so excited! From approx 2pm, families welcome, with stalls after school.



# DISCO!

FRIDAY 4TH NOVEMBER



In the school hall

KS1: 6-7pm (inc Preschool)

KS2 7.15-8.15pm

**TUCK SHOP!**  
**ADULT**  
**REFRESHMENTS!**

KS1 parents must stay please  
KS2 can drop & go when providing a contact number

ALL PROCEEDS TO ST MARY + ST JOHN PFA



# 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.

