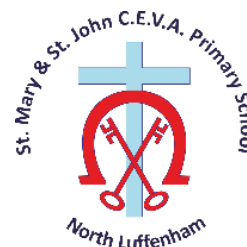


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Happy New Year Everyone,

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and were able to enjoy precious time with your family. I also hope that the New Year will bring peace, hope, good health and prosperity to you all.

May I thank you on behalf of myself and staff for all the Christmas good wishes, staffroom treats, cards and presents. It was very kind and generous of you and very much appreciated by us all.

It's lovely to have the children back and the school busy and full of life again. Everyone has settled well into the daily routines and rituals. We have lots of exciting things planned, one of which is introducing 'enrichment afternoon' every Friday. The children completed a wellbeing and resilience survey at the end of last term as we continue to monitor the impact of the pandemic on our children and their learning. One of the trends that emerged was that the children would welcome greater pupil voice and being able to make independent choices. To that end, we will be offering a range of about seven different activities for an hour on a Friday afternoon, providing a chance for children to choose one each week. The children will be in mixed vertical groups comprising Yr1s to Yr6s. Each week will be a standalone session. This will allow them to try new and varied activities that we hope will develop character, resilience, motivation, teamwork and may encourage them to pursue new, wider goals. Of course, we hope it will be lots of fun too! We would welcome any willing volunteers to help on a Friday afternoon, if you are free!

Wishing you a very pleasant weekend after this short first week of 2023.



A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays this week

Sammy Connolly

Coming up

January

Wed 11th Year 6 Dental Survey
Thur 12th Year 5 swimming
Thur 19th No Year 5 swimming

February

Fri 17th Last Day Term 3
3.20pm finish

The flute teacher has a space available. Lessons take place on a Thursday morning.

If you would like more details, please contact the office.

After School Clubs 9th – 13th January

Monday – Bricks4kidz
Gymnastics Invite Only
Tuesday – Boccia/Curling Yr 1/2
Wednesday – Boccia/Curling KS2
Thursday – Gymnastics Invite Only

Sports Diary

Thur 12th Jan Boccia League
Sat 14th Jan Cross Country
Thur 19th Jan Boccia League
Thur 26th Jan Boccia Finals