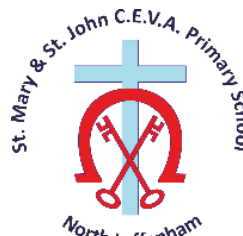


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Good afternoon everyone,

I hope you all had a good half term break and managed some quality family time together. I appreciate that the half terms didn't all correspond for those with children or even themselves at different schools. Hopefully that won't happen too often!

The children certainly seemed keen and eager to be back together. The anticipation of World Book Day and the actual day itself yesterday certainly raised excitement levels. As we have been saying, reading is SO important. It should not be underestimated and should be valued and celebrated as it is the key to unlocking all learning. Thank you to our entire staff team for embracing the day and making it fun and a huge success. Thank you to you too, parents and guardians for supporting the day helping with the book character costumes. I am sorry if I was conspicuous by my absence, my outfit must have been an 'invisibility cloak' (Harry Potter), or otherwise 'The Vampire' from *The Vampire Cough* by Keith Brown. I have been watching, listening and working from a distance due to a terrible cough on the back of a nasty head cold last week - you relax in the holidays and this is what happens!

Next week, we have an equally exciting day on Tuesday. The whole school, as one of our RE world religion days, will be learning about Hinduism. Each class looks at a different aspect of this religion. The idea is that the children's knowledge of the religion then builds and deepens as we will revisit the religion as part of our rolling programme of teaching about some of the world's major religions, other than Christianity. We will join together on Wednesday in an assembly to share our learning.

Tuesday 7 March is actually the Jewish festival of Purim, which has been celebrated for more than 2,000 years. It's a day to mark the victory of good over evil. However, on Wednesday 8 March it is 'Holi' which signifies the same mythology in Hinduism. The children will learn about this fun festival of colour, which links well to Spring and new beginnings. We plan to recreate the Holi festival as a whole school, outside, just before the end of the afternoon on Tuesday.

Therefore, on Tuesday:

- **please send your child into school in old clothes/shoes/sunglasses and ideally wearing an old white or light coloured tee shirt for maximum effect (under a warmer sweatshirt for the rest of the day)**
- **please send an old towel for the children to either wipe themselves or sit on in the car/bus on the way home**
- **the Holi powder is sold as EU-71 certified and perfectly safe. The colour is non toxic and harmless, made from cornflour and is washable**
- **Pupils with allergies and intolerances will not be made/able to join in. They will be included as photographers.**



Parents Evenings are on the horizon. Each teacher is sending the link to book on Calendly. Please don't forget to do so.

Let's hope for a brighter first weekend of meteorological Spring – all a bit grey at the moment, although our beautiful Spring flowers offer bright little patches of colour in our gardens and the countryside.



Head Teachers Awards

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

This week's Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to **Wilma Gamble** for her superb effort in her writing. Wilma has shown a real interest and pleasure in writing recently. She is using her Fred Spelling to write words she can sound out and has been practising writing her name and those of her friends and family. Wilma has worked hard on her letter formation too and even worked on writing her alphabet out over the half term holidays! Super star Wilma, keep it up!

The Head Teacher award in **Year 1** this week goes to **Martin James** for his Geography work. Martin produced a fantastic poster explaining five ways we can be kinder to the Earth. He has listened carefully in our recent Geography lessons and has really taken an interest in the work we have been doing learning about David Attenborough. This week, Martin joined in with some thoughtful comments during our discussion about natural resources and how they are used.

In **Year 2** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Theadora Acott-Smith** for her kindness towards others and her resilience in her writing. Theadora has been working hard to develop her handwriting and has produced very neat work this week. Well done Theadora, we are all proud of you, keep it up!

This week in **Year 3** the Head Teacher Award goes to **Isla Conlon**. Isla has come back this week having been off for a whole term and has joined back with us like she has had no time off at all. She has put 100% effort into everything she has done and it has been really lovely to have her back in the class. Mrs Thornton was particularly impressed with her kenning poem that she did all about a monkey.

Anouk Emery receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 4** this week. Anouk has been fantastic this week in all of her lessons. She has demonstrated an unbelievable level of resilience as she has been unable to hear Mr Clark but hasn't complained once! Mr Clark was also really impressed with her amazing World Book Day activity. Well Done Anouk, another great week!

In **Year 5** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Marina Ingram** for working extremely hard in Maths this week. The class have been multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers and Marina has shown resilience and reflection throughout her work. Mrs Stanfield is so proud of what she has overcome and what she can achieve.

This week in **Year 6** the Head Teacher award goes to **James Pridmore**. James has shown brilliant leadership and responsibility this week in both his learning and on the playground as a young leader. Mr Coyne commented on his super enthusiasm and encouragement with the Year 4s during their tennis lesson. He's also really impressed Mr Flowers with his focus in class as he continues to prepare for the upcoming SATs. A true Year 6 role model.

Tuck Shop

Every Friday
Snacks 50p
Drinks 50p

After School Clubs 6th- 10th March

Monday – Netball Yr 5/6
Wednesday – Hockey Yr 5/6
Thursday – Dodgeball Yr 5/6

Cake & Easter Egg Sale

Last day of term
31st March after school
In the playground (2.15pm)

BYO tin and take goodies to share at home

Cake and egg donations really welcome

Secondhand uniform also on sale

Cakes 50p/£1



Book Day Fun



Holiday Club



Rutland
Outdoor
Education
Centre



Bushcraft,
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Easter Egg Hunt
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