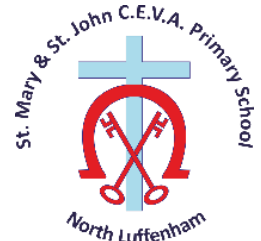


SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

It's hard to believe this is the penultimate Friday of the academic year. Time really does fly. We are seeing some very tired children (and staff) who are ready for the holidays to begin, but we have a final busy week ahead of us before then. Will Ofsted phone next week...

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who has spared 5 minutes to complete the parent survey. This is greatly appreciated and will support our thinking as we plan for next year. We are up to about 80 responses. There's still time! We will share the analysis with you.

Breaktime Snacks and Packed Lunches

Can I please remind you parents/guardians that we aspire to be a 'healthy school' and we are certainly a 'nut free' school as we have children with nut allergies. (This includes Nutella Chocolate Spread)

We are seeing increasing amounts of litter from plastic packaging on the playground and field every day. Please send your child with a snack of fruit/veg in its own wrapper, i.e. skin or in a reusable container. KS1 children are provided with fruit/veg daily that they can help themselves to. The plastic packaging we are seeing is from ultra-processed foods and sugary biscuits, such as Peperami, Cheese Dunkers, mini chocolate covered biscuits, etc. We then have the effects of sugar spikes and the lows that follow. This affects concentration, energy and behaviour. I'm not sure whether children are raiding their lunchboxes for a snack at breaktime, but please, if possible, send a healthy snack for them if they require one.

We have Tuck Shop and Ice Cream Fridays, which provide a sweet treat at the end of the week.

Annual Rutland Schools Sports Awards

On Monday evening a number of nominated Year 6 pupils and the Year5/6 girls' football team attended the annual sports awards evening. I was so proud of our school – everyone looked smart and enjoyed their moment on stage. A special mention to Brooke Peake for jointly winning the prize for Contribution To School Sport and Freddie Jones, runner up in the Sporting Achievement category. Another mention for Mr Coyne receiving an award for 'unsung hero'. Well done to everyone. The overall county champions (the title we have held for the past two years) went down to the final event (orienteering) when Leighfield just clinched it! Congratulations to them. Next year...

Year 6 Production

Congratulations to Year 6 for two wonderful performances of 'I'm An 11-Year-Old, Get Me Out Of Here!' The play choice and casting was once again matched to the class of 2023. I loved the audience participation this year. Thank you to all those who were coerced! You certainly raised a lot of laughs. Well done to the entire Year 6 team.



It was lovely to see so many older brothers and sisters watching who also 'trod the boards' with their Year 6 productions over the preceding year.

KS2 SATs Results

The KS2 SATs results were published on Tuesday. I am smiling! Parents will receive these today and they will be shared with Governors at next Wednesday's Full Governing Body meeting. Well done Year 6. We are extremely proud of you all.

All other statutory assessments (Reception, Year 1, 2 and 4) will be enclosed with the school reports on Monday.

Changes to the timing of the school day

For next academic year, starting on Thursday 31 August, 2023 we shall be returning to our pre-covid timings of 8.45am – 3.30pm. We would really like all children to have arrived by 8.45am, therefore I will be welcoming everybody in at 8.40am. The children will then have 'early morning work' until 9am. Sandwich Club will adjust accordingly and start at 3.30pm – 6.00pm.

Tomorrow our Year 6s will have their Leavers Party. The weather doesn't look great so plan B is ready and waiting. I hope everyone has lots of fun whatever the weather. Thank you to the parents for organising this.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend. I hope the weather doesn't put a damper on your plans.



Head Teachers Awards



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to the **Whole Class** for being fantastic this week, coping with all the change and a busy timetable. The children have been very grown up when meeting their new teacher, behaving superbly, asking lots of questions and letting their light shine. Great work Reception, we are all proud of you and can't believe how much you have grown over the past year in height and eagerness to learn!



All of Year 1 receive the Head teacher award this week. The children have all amazed Mrs Reynolds with their story writing today and were so enthusiastic to write they had difficulty stopping! Mrs Reynolds couldn't choose her favourite piece; they all deserve the award.



The Head Teacher award in **Year 2** this week goes to **Liam Holmes**. Liam has worked really hard this week with both his writing and his Maths. He has listened carefully in all lessons and contributed to the class question and answer sessions. A great week Liam, well done.

In **Year 3** this week the Head Teacher Award goes to **Seren Askham**. Seren has worked really hard in all of her lessons this week and has often shown the 6 Rs. She listened really well in her D and T lessons and from this, designed and made a lovely castle that had many of the features that the class talked about including battlements and towers. Great work.



This week in **Year 4** the Head Teacher award goes to **Anouk Emery**. Anouk is always a fantastic member of the class, showing kindness to her friends and a responsible, hardworking attitude. This week, Miss Moseley has been particularly impressed with Anouk's writing. She researched and wrote two interesting fact files about British monarchs, created an exciting newspaper report about a grizzly bear visiting our school field, and wrote a really creative and funny story today for Free Write Friday. It is lovely to see your personality shining through in your writing Anouk!





This weeks Head Teacher award in **Year 5** goes to **Issy Tyler**. What a wonderful week Issy has had, and indeed a fantastic term. This week in particular the work she has completed in Design Technology has been amazing. Issy helped friends with their project when their partners were away and created an impressive truss bridge. Also, it has been reported that she had a brilliant last swim session at the barracks, swimming to the deep end and being very competitive in the races! What a great week, Issy.

All of Year 6 receive the Head Teacher award this week for a truly incredible performance of 'I'm an 11-year-old... Get me out of here!' You had the audience laughing, cheering and wanting more! Thank you for all of your efforts and commitment. You were amazing!



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **WOW CUP** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The WOW Cup is award to **Esme Doel** who over the last 2 or 3 days has greatly improved her listening, focus, engagement and independence in class.

Well Done Esme!

SMSJ 2023 Holiday Clubs

Summer Holidays

Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August
Monday 14th Friday 18th August

To book email
sandwichclub@northluffenham.rutland.sch.uk

HAF Places available

8am-5.50pm

£4.00 per hour for one child

£7.00 per hour for two children

£10.00 per hour for three children

There will be no After School Clubs Next Week

There will be a Pet Blessing service on South Luffenham parish Field (behind the Village Hall) Sunday 13th August 3.30pm Refreshments after in the Village Hall All are welcome, including pets

The school bus will run at 2.15pm on the last day of term

Tuck Shop Every Friday Snacks 50p Drinks 50p

RUTLAND UNIFORM SWAP



Sat 12 August 10-2

- ① Drop your old uniform at Oakham Baptist Church
- ② Rutland Laundry take and prepare it
- ③ Come on the day and take what you need

- Help prevent clothing waste
- Primary and secondary schools available
- All uniform free

