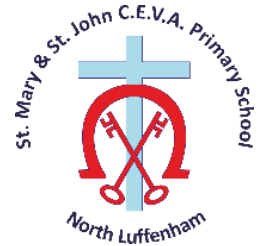


# SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

Welcome back. I hope you had a wonderful Easter and were able to spend time together with your families. Everyone has come back in high spirits and raring to go. Nearly everyone...as I know Chicken Pox is doing the rounds at the moment in the lower part of the school! I hope those children recover soon.

## **YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL**

On Monday, Year 6 went straight off on their 5 day outdoor and adventurous residential to Walesby Forest, Nottinghamshire. Judging by the pictures and videos on the Year 6 Dojo page, they appear to be having a fabulous time – lots of smiley faces! I am amazed (and delighted) at how many different activities they have managed to experience. I am certain they will arrive home very tired this afternoon. The weather has been super all week, sadly breaking today, so maybe slightly soggy and very tired children (and staff) will appear! Washing machines at the ready, parents! A huge thank you to our awesome team of Mr Clark, Mrs Bell and Mrs Fox for looking after the class. They have made the week such a wonderful experience for the children.

## **RECEPTION CLASS AT WING HALL FARM**

At the other end of the school, Reception Class enjoyed a super morning at Wing Hall Farm yesterday – the Rutland Outdoor Education Centre. They are thinking about 'Let's go outside' this term, looking at how and where things live and grow, and people's jobs – so they met the farmer! If you have an interesting job and are willing to come and talk to the children about it, we would warmly welcome you into school in Reception Class and beyond.

## **SATS AND OTHER STATUTORY TESTS**

This very short term, just 28 days, is the SATs term. Year 6 will be taking their end of KS2 SATs tests in reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling and maths between Tuesday 9 May and Friday 12 May. Mr Flowers has prepared the class well and been putting them through their paces up to Easter. The children have been attending booster sessions over the last term too. Thank you Mr F! (I wonder how your first week has been?! It's very quiet here in school without you and without Year 6!) The class has a couple of weeks to recover and revise now with Mr Clark, then the tests will be over in a jiffy!

Year 2 also have SATs (reading and maths), which are a very different affair. They are relaxed and staggered and the children, 'Secret Agents' will complete their 'missions' throughout May.

In June, Year 1 (plus some Yr2) pupils will complete the phonics screening check and Year 4 will take the quick Multiplication check on iPads – much like TT Rockstars.

## **CORONATION CELEBRATIONS**

In between, we have the May Day holiday (Mon 1 May) and the Coronation Day national holiday (Mon 8 May). On Friday 5 May we will hold a special coronation celebration day. We are inviting everyone to dress in red, white and blue. We hope to hold a street-style party picnic lunch and enjoy other 'royal' activities. We have invited Alicia Kearns (MP) to visit our school and she'll be popping in on this day too!

## **ROAD CLOSURE IMMINENT**

You may have noticed the road closure signs that have appeared on either end of Church Street and wondered, like me, about the chaos this is might cause! We are communicating with the Local Authority, bus company and I am going to arrange a meeting with the person in charge of the works to explore what the impact will be, and make sure they understand we need some access to the school. We will possibly look to organise a 'walking bus' down through The Oval, so parents can drop off at the top of Butt Lane. I will keep you updated when I know more.

### SCHOOL START TIMES

A reminder that school opens at 8.45am and children should be in class and settled by 8.55am latest, ready for the register to be called and the first lesson to start at 9.00am. We have noticed that there are a number of children who are arriving quite late at the moment and this is disrupting the prompt start to lessons. When the children arrive in the classrooms, there is a settling activity for them to engage in.

Wishing you a very pleasant and peaceful weekend.



**A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays over the Easter Break**

**Harrison Beesley-Hewitt  
Alexa Shaw  
Willow Hembley  
Seb Mortell  
Phoebe Towns  
George Bottomley  
Bea Bea Cox**



### KINDNESS CUP

The Kindness Cup this week goes to **Luna Jones**.

Luna has recently become Orlas partner in class. Orla has nominated Luna for her kindness when people are finding things difficult or can't work out a maths question. Orla would like to say that Luna is always there to cheer her up and is an amazing friend.



### WOW CUP

The WOW Cup is award to **Year 4** for an amazing week. The children have been consistently well mannered moving around the school and have been calm and purposeful in class.

Well done Year 4, keep it up.

### Tuck Shop

**Every Friday**

**Snacks 50p**

**Drinks 50p**

## Coming up

### April

- Tue 25<sup>th</sup> Girls Football Finals  
Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Netball Away – Leighfield

### May

- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Holiday  
Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Netball Away – Ketton  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday  
Tue 9<sup>th</sup> – Fr 12<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 SATs  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Netball Home  
Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Yr 3/4  
Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May Last Day Term 5  
3.20pm Finish

# How is your fund-raisin going?



Earn pennies by helping friends and family doing jobs.  
Return your boxes and cash by Monday 1st May

Thank you for taking part!



**PRIZE  
FOR THE  
CLASS THAT  
COLLECTS  
THE MOST!**