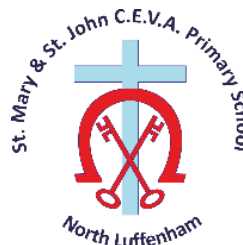


SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

This week and last have been busy sporting weeks again. Last week our two Year 5/6 boys football teams played in the finals afternoon. The event was rounded off with a playoff between our two teams to determine third and fourth places. Well done to both teams for a really good football season.

Earlier this week our youngest gymnasts from Years 1 and 2 competed in the finals too. They finished fifth out of the ten teams. It has given them a great experience of competing and has hopefully laid a foundation on which they will build as they go up through the school. Well done team!

This afternoon, our older swimmers are competing in the team swimming gala finals. I am sure you will join with me in wishing them good luck.

This week's sad news may not have escaped your attention about the Headteacher, Ruth Perry who took her own life following a difficult Ofsted inspection. It certainly caught mine and other members of our staff. My thoughts have certainly been with Ruth's family, her school community and colleagues. There has been much communication between Headteachers and the unions regarding the Ofsted process and the 'one word' judgement they use following their snapshot one or two day inspections. There is a call to reform this practice. We, as a school are firmly in the inspection window and have been gearing ourselves up for 'the phone call' which comes the day before. Rest assured you will know as soon as we do! There has been a lag in timing of inspections due to catching up after the pandemic. The process does put a huge additional pressure on all staff and I would like to thank them all for the tremendous work they have been doing this term for and with our children, who are at the forefront of every decision we make and everything we do.

We are racing towards the end of Term 4. On Monday at 9am we will hold our Easter Service in the school hall (as the church is without heating). You are most welcome to join us if you are able to.

Following on from Parents Evenings, we will be holding open classrooms on Thursday afternoon 30 March between 2.45pm – 3.20pm. We hope you will be able to pop in and look at your child(ren)'s work and their classroom displays.

I am delighted to say that there will be a holiday club running during part of the Easter Holidays after all, thanks to Jodie Cesare picking up the reins. If you would like to book a place, please do so by emailing the Sandwich Club (Miss Moody).

There will be no celebration assembly next Friday as we finish at the earlier time of 2.15pm, when I know that the PFA will be rounding off the term with their Easter cake sale, which we all hope provides a 'sweet' start to the holidays.

I hope you have a lovely weekend despite losing an hour in bed as we 'Spring forward' into British Summer Time!



A very Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays over the next week

**Cate Connolly
Emilia Hales-Kent
Jaylen Hunt
Lacey Mingar**



Head Teachers Awards



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

This week the Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to **Freddie Hill** for his super effort in all areas of his learning. Freddie never fails to have a smile on his face and give every task his all. He is superb at creating new things in the craft corner and giving detailed explanations of what they are. Keep up the super work Freddie!



This week in **Year 1** the Head Teacher award goes to **Olivia Bundock**. Livie has shown such fantastic enthusiasm for RE this week where the class have been learning the key events of Holy week. She went home and continued her efforts creating a book with each key event depicted in a picture. She then brought it into school and re told the story to the class using her pictures. WOW Livie! What a great way to help the whole class recall the events. Fantastic!



In **Year 2** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Ruby Spencer** for her continuous hard work in her writing and spelling. Everyone is really proud of how resilient and dedicated Ruby has been this week. Continue to let your light shine Ruby.

Henry Bath receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 3** this week. Henry has not only impressed Mrs Thornton this week, but he has impressed her the whole term. He has worked hard in every lesson and has had a really positive attitude to his learning. He worked extremely well in his team yesterday in the science lesson, where the children had to test different rocks to enable them to be grouped and made some good observations. Keep up the great work!

The Head Teacher award in **Year 4** this week goes to **Izzy Bonar**. Izzy has been fantastic this week. She has worked incredibly hard on her portal story where she has used some excellent setting descriptions. Izzy always sets an excellent example to others in the class, where she is ready to learn and always willing to help people around her. Well Done Izzy, another great week, keep it up!



In **Year 5** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **Felicity Harrison** for her superb maths work this week. Felicity has worked really hard on her times tables and has shown a great understanding in the maths work the class did on area, perimeter and shapes. Well done felicity, a super week of learning.

The Head Teacher award in Year 6 goes to **The whole of Year 6** for their incredible Spotlight Dance performance to the whole school this morning! They've all worked so hard to perfect their routines and they pulled it off with an amazing performance. We can't wait to see you all on stage next at Stamford!



Tuck Shop

Every Friday
Snacks 50p
Drinks 50p

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

After School Clubs 27-30th March

Monday – Netball Yr 5/6

Lego Club

Wednesday – Hockey Yr 5/6

Thursday – Dodgeball Yr 5/6

STAFF PROFILES SERIES – JUST FOR FUN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS!		
Name	Katie Belderbos	
Current role	Teaching assistant	
Where were you born?	Dunfermline in Scotland	
Proudest achievements	To keep our three children alive!	
Favourite childhood book	The Faraway Tree by Enid Blyton	
Favourite colour	Red	
Favourite food	Curry	
Favourite leisure activities	Running and going on holiday with my family.	
Favourite Possession	Probably my phone – couldn't manage without it.	
Future hopes and dreams	I always wanted to run a language school abroad	
Which three guests would you most like to invite to dinner (living or dead)	Michael McIntyre, Joanna Lumley and Prince Philip.	
If you were stranded on a desert island, who would you most like to have with you?	Someone to make me laugh.	
Something you don't know about me...	I lived and went to University in Siberia for a year.	

Coming up

March

Tue 28th Class Photos
Spotlight Dance

Wed 29th Spotlight Dance

Fri 31st Last Day Term 3
2.15pm finish
PFA cake & Easter Egg Sale
2.15pm

April

Mon 17th 1st Day Term 5



**WE'RE
FUND-RAISIN!
AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Prize for the class that collects the most!

Eat your yummy raisins – keep the box

Do jobs for family, friends and neighbours over the holiday to earn some coins

Box too small? Don't worry, just pop it all in an envelope

Fill up your box with coins – no minimum amount

**Return your box after the Easter break
Monday 17th April**

All money raised will help the PFA to continue to support school, providing treats, equipment and activities for the benefit of all children

St Mary's Primary St John's School

PFA

We raised

£119.50

**for Red Nose Day
Thank You**





PFA NEWS - 24th March

Calling all bakers!

We need donations of cakes & eggs! Please bring to the office
Thurs/Friday next week

Cake & Easter Egg Sale

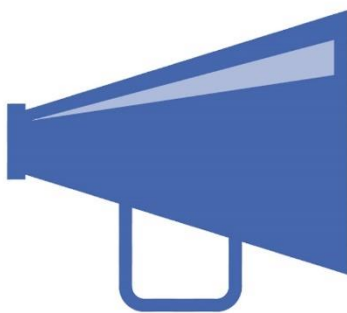
Last day of term
31st March after school
In the playground (2.15pm)

BYO tin and take goodies to share at home

Secondhand uniform also on sale

Cakes 50p/£1

Cake and egg donations really welcome



Can you help?...

We still need helpers to make sure Ice Cream Friday's can run! Please contact us if you can help buying / bringing / selling

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cake sale: Fri 31st March 2.15pm
Easter Fund-raisin: 1st - 16th April
Sponsored litter pick: 3rd - 8th June