Welcome to our newsletter. We hope you had a very enjoyable and relaxing Easter break and are feeling ready for our Summer term. With the warm weather arriving, please ensure your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream if required.

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been discussing our new value of forgiveness. We spoke about what it meant to forgive and how we should forgive others and ourselves. We looked at how God forgives us for our sins through the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. Who will you forgive this week?
EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAYGROUND

Our plan this year is to buy some new equipment for the playground. We can only do this through your help and support through the PTFA organised events. Please come along to any PTFA organised events and show your support!

UNWANTED UNIFORM

The PTFA are looking for donations of unwanted school uniform for their next uniform sale. If you have any donations, please give these to your child’s class teacher.

CAKE SALE

The PTFA will be holding a Cake Sale on Wednesday 25th April. You can come along to meet the members of the PTFA and purchase any tickets for the upcoming disco. It would be lovely to see lots of you there to support our PTFA. Any donations of cakes would be welcome!

DISCO

The next PTFA Disco will be held on Friday 27th April. You can purchase tickets from the PTFA at the PTFA Cake Sale, or after school each day this week A gentle reminder that children are not allowed to bring phones with them to the disco and we kindly ask for any children’s coats to be taken away with their grown-up when they are dropped off. Thank you for your co-operation with this.
HOME ACHIEVEMENTS

It’s so wonderful to see children achieve outside of school as well as inside. Well done to the following children for their out of school achievements.

Harlow Franklin—Receiving her swimming Stage 1 certificate

Archie Coles—Earning Man of the Match for his teamwork and ball skills

Abigail Innard—Achieving blue and red level in tap and being awarded a bronze award in musical theatre

Amy Verills—Receiving a medal for the bubble run

Sophie Hurn—Getting her orange belt in Karate

Maisie McAlinden—Getting her blue bely in Karate

Jake Mitchell—Taking part in a 4 week trial at West Bromwich Albion and will now be training with them

Lily Seminega - Receiving a medal for being the most helpful at holiday camp

Elsa Nicell-Foster—Being on the winning team during a race on horseback

Charlotte Barrow—Coming 3rd place in the cross-country race against 10 other schools.

LUNCHTIME AWARD

This has been awarded to Miss Evans’ Elders for receiving the most amount of ticks at lunchtime. Nearly every child in the class earnt a tick over the two weeks! The class gets to keep the lunchtime trophy for a fortnight and have a lunchtime filled with exciting treats. Keep up the hard work!
Danielle Brown

On Friday 20th April, we were lucky enough to be visited by Danielle Brown, a Paralympic Archery Champion. Danielle visited us in our Collective Worship and told us all about her life and achievements. We then had the opportunity to ask her questions and even had a go at an archery session with her.

Danielle spoke to us about her disability and told us about how it started to become a barrier for her when she was a young girl. She was someone who had always loved sports and didn’t want to be defined by her disability. Danielle found a love of archery at 15 years old. She told us about how she needed to persevere to overcome her barriers and have a positive, “I can” attitude. Danielle told us about being more confident in our everyday lives and accepting who we are, not who we think we might be. She showed us her 2 gold medals from Beijing 2008 and London 2012 and proved that you can do anything you set your mind to.

Danielle inspired us to believe in ourselves and to apply her hard working attitude to our school work. Danielle shared with us who her role models were growing up, and we hope that Danielle herself will be an inspiration to the children at St. Mary’s. No matter how hard things get, it is important to keep persevering and keep trying.
Danielle Brown Interview

Was Archery a popular sport when you were growing up?
No it wasn’t a popular sport. Someone gave me the phone number for the local club and I went there on my 15th birthday.

Were people always supportive of you?
I was lucky that my family were always very supportive. Some people doubted me because I had a disability, but there was always more support than doubt.

Do you get nervous?
I definitely do. When I get nervous, I know I can do it.

How does it feel to win?
It is a big honour and winning is amazing. It takes a while to sink in. I used to be worried about falling off the podium!

What is it like competing with your disability?
I am always in pain so it does interfere with my day-to-day life. It’s important to stay positive and not be negative.

How do you prepare for a competition?
It is like a test or an exam. If you are confident then you can control your nerves. I do power poses to try and gain confidence.

Does your disability ever hold you back?
I don’t think it does. I don’t ever think I can’t do it, I will always just find a way round it.

How hard did you train for the competitions?
Before London I was training full time from 8am-6pm. I had a great training partner which really helped. It helped you get into the competitive mind set.
IMMERSION AFTERNOON

EYFS
Our new theme in Early Years is 'Under the Sea'.
On immersion day the children used a bubble
painting technique to create texture and to mix
colours. They used this technique to create under the sea creatures, sea weed and bubbles for our displays.
We also looked at fact files and the children designed a front cover for their own under the sea fact file which
will be added to over the upcoming weeks. They looked at interesting facts about sea creatures and labelled
different under the sea animals.

YEAR 1
In year one, we have been looking at how to build functional houses linking to houses in 1666. This is all
building up to learning more about The Great fire of London. The children built three types of houses based
on the three little pigs story and used a hairdryer to see which house would stay standing.

YEAR 2
We studied a photograph of a hospital in 1845 and explored how we would feel
if we were a nurse or a patient in a hospital at that time. We also shared our
opinions on whether we would prefer to be a doctor now or in the 1800s. The
children experimented with the nursing equipment through role-play, they were
very creative with injuries and how to fix them using bandages. The children lis-
tened to one another and responded appropriately to develop a dialogue to go
alongside their role-play.

YEAR 3
We return for a new term leaving behind the Stone Age and move to a new,
more advanced people; The Celts! We learnt a little about the changes in British
society and started to immerse ourselves in celtic life, by making silver shields
and embossing onto them and adding colour. We formed four tribes called the
Eenie Meenies, Galgas, Wolfies and Vultures. Each tribe made up a tribal chant
and we went to the hall with our fiercest faces and shouted at each other!
IMMERSION AFTERNOON

YEAR 4
The Year 4 children became archaeologists for our Immersion Afternoon. We had lots of fun excavating ancient coprolites from the soil and discovering what they could tell us about the diets of people in different periods of History. The children used lots of different equipment and were determined not to let the smell put them off! They found lots of fruit, vegetables, fish and meat and used their information booklets to decide if their coprolite belonged to a Viking, Anglo-Saxon or Tudor. It was a fantastic experience for all!

YEAR 5
For immersion afternoon we looked at plotting ancient ruins onto different maps. We looked at different locations like Greece, Africa and North America. These ancient sites included temples, pyramids and other buildings which were mostly made from stone. Alfie's favourite civilisation was the Mayans who lived in the country which is now called Guatemala. Emir's favourite civilisation is the Greeks who built lots of temples and wore robes.

YEAR 6
Year 6 have been immersing themselves in the 1950s this week. They researched the era and found out about what life was like. They were very excited to learn about the culture, fashion, music and style of the 1950s. The children will be using this research to write a diary entry set in the 1950s later on in the term.
BUNNY BRUNCH
The children really enjoyed their Bunny Brunch on the 28th March. Mrs Love and her team did a fantastic job. Look out for more special menus coming up.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
This week in School Council, we have been talking about why we wanted to become school councillors and what we enjoy most about the role. Toby Oliver (Year 2) said “I like the jobs that come with being a school councillor and I like making people happy”. The school councillors spoke about the positive changes they would like to make to the school, including the already successful lunchtime reading club. Keep your eyes peeled around school for the new display featuring your school councillors.

WALK IN WEDNESDAY
A reminder that it will be Walk In Wednesday on Wednesday 2nd May. If you have any worries or concerns or would like to found out a little more about what your child is doing in school, pop along to your child’s class after school on this day.

GIRLS’ FOOTBALL
Northampton Town FC we will be launching the SSE Wildcats football programme. This is a nationwide programme being launched in every county across England. The idea of the programme is to provide an opportunity for girls aged 5-11 to get involved in football in a safe, enjoyable environment with other like-minded girls their age. There will be three centres running across Northampton, these are;

- **Wellingborough Wrenn School** – Fridays 5:30 – 6:30pm *(3G artificial pitch)*
- **Duston Sports Centre** – Thursdays 6-7pm *(sports hall)*
- **Daventry Leisure Centre** – Wednesday 5-6pm *(sports hall)*

If you think you might be interested in this exciting opportunity, please pass your name to your class teacher. For more information, please see the leaflet on the following page.

BEFORE SCHOOL
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NEWSPAPERS
If you have any unwanted newspapers, Year 2 will gladly take them off your hands! The children will be using them for an art project later in the term. Please could you hand these to either Miss Price or Miss Farrer. Thank you!

TWITTER
Please check out our St. Mary’s twitter account to see all of the exciting things happening at school! Visit @st_primary for any updates.
SSE Wildcats

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GET INVOLVED WITH SSE WILDCATS
HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, PLAY FOOTBALL

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Duston Sports Centre - Tuesday 6-7pm
Daventry Leisure Centre - Wednesday 6-7pm
Wellingborough Wrenn School - Friday 5:30-6:30pm

For more info or to sign up contact:
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WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY 2018

8-12 YEARS, 13-16 YEARS & ADULT GROUPS
6.00 - 7.30 pm
KETTERING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
LATIMER PARK, BURTON LATIMER, NN15 5PS

TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT
ACADEMY DIRECTOR JASON THURLAND
jason.thurland@ketteringtownfc.com
Kettering Carnival Court Selection Night
Kettering Athletic Club
Friday 11th May 2018 @ 7.30pm

If you wish to enter for a chance to become a member of the 2018/2019 Kettering Carnival Court, please fill out an application form on our Facebook Page or email us at ketteringcarnival@gmail.com

Admission
£5 Adult
£3 Child/OAP
Entrant is Free
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**A PRESENCE ON THE PLAYGROUND**

We are starting to see an increase in the amount of parents that are popping into the school office first thing in the morning before school to drop forms in. You can return forms via your child’s book bags and they will put into class trays that come up to the office. Also either Mr John Currall or Mrs Emma Simmonds will be available on the school playground from 8.45am to answer any queries or take messages at the beginning of the school day. You will be able to spot them easily as they will be wearing their Hi-Vis jackets. From 8.50am they will be located at the gate by Latimer Close. They can both take any messages and action them for you and also take any forms/medication from you.

Please do speak to whoever is out on duty to help us to free up the office space first thing in the mornings for any urgent or confidential issues only.

**PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING ANY CONCERNS**

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s education please could we ask that you in the first instance come to the class teacher and have a chat. More and more issues are getting put on social media sites without us having the chance to investigate this issue and try and help. We would like to work with parents and pride ourselves on being very approachable and open to any concerns parents may have. If you feel the class teacher has not looked into your complaint or you are not happy with the outcome you can then go to a member of SLT (listed below) who will look into it and escalate to the Deputy or Principal if necessary.

**SLT Members:-**  
Melanie Barron  
Michelle Evans  
Emma Baker  
Emma Farrer

If you are still not happy with the outcome of your complaint you can then go to  
Head of Governors:-

Mr Neil Dorothy
School Year Sept 2017—August 2018

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th April 2018—Parents Evening

Wednesday 25th April 2018—PTFA Cake Sale + meet the PTFA

Friday 27th April 2018—PTFA Disco

w.c. Monday 30th April 2018—Maths Club Badges (all week)

Monday May 7th 2018—Bank Holiday

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May 2018—Parable Arts

Monday 28th May 2018—Bank Holiday

Monday 21st May 2018—Sports Day—Year 1 and Year 2 (am)

Tuesday 22nd May 2018—Year 5 and Year 6 (am)

Wednesday 23rd May 2018—Sports Day—Year 3 and Year 4 (am)

Wednesday 23rd May 2018—Sports Day—EYFS (pm)

Half Term—Tuesday 29th May 2018—Friday 1st June 2018

w.c. Monday 4th June 2018—Maths Club Badges (all week)

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th June 2018—PTFA Father’s Day Sale

w.c. Monday 9th July 2018—Maths Club Badges (all week)

Thursday 19th July 2018—Leavers Service @ Church

End Of Year—Monday 23rd July 2018—Friday 31st August 2018