Welcome back to our new school year and to our first newsletter. It’s lovely to welcome all of our new reception children and their parents to our family. We hope you all had a lovely Summer break and enjoyed the very much needed sunshine. Our newsletter will now be coming out fortnightly on a Monday rather than a Friday. If you would like anything included in the newsletter, please make sure it is with us no later than 9am on the Wednesday before it goes out.

Collective Worship

Our worship this week has been all about wisdom which is the next school value we will be learning about. We shared the story of King Soloman and how he asked God for wisdom to help others and this helped him in becoming a great King!

New Collective Worship Rota
We have changed the structure of our Collective Worship. We will now celebrate home achievements on a Tuesday. Children who have a home achievement need to book in with Mrs Reynolds before the day. Parents are always welcome to see their children in Collective Worship.
PLAYGROUND

It has become apparent over the past week that a lot more children are coming into school in the morning without an adult. Whilst this is absolutely fine, your child is still your responsibility until 8.50am. A member of staff is normally out on the playground at about 8.45am in preparation for blowing the whistle at 8.50am. If you are sending your child to school on their own please can you make sure they understand our “playground rules”.

PLAYGROUND RULES

- No running
- No Bikes or Scooters to be ridden on playground, please dismount your bike or scooter and walk it to the bike rack
- Do not go on the playground equipment
- No football or ball games

Please can we also remind parents that no dogs are allowed on the playground unless they are guide dogs or mobility dogs.

BEETLE DRIVE

Beetle Drive & Supper

On Friday 13th October
From 6.30-9pm
At the Guiding Centre,
Alexandra Street,
Burton Latimer.

Join us for a family beetle drive with prizes for highest score and best drawn beetle.

Tickets cost £7.50 per adult and £3 per child and include a supper of Fish & Chips or Sausage & Chips with unlimited squash

Refreshments available to purchase include tea, coffee and homemade cakes

Tickets can only be purchased in advance (until 6th October)
Fundraising for the work of Yvonne Desroses through Church Army
Contact Emma 07799 814 008 or Yvonne 07989 873 206
OFSTED MEETING

You will all had a chance to read our latest Ofsted report that is available on line at https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/ using our DFE number 928-3204.

We would like to invite you to a short meeting to talk through any concerns you may have. The meetings will be on Thursday 21st September at 3.30pm and 7.00pm. Please can you call our school office on 01536 722757 to book a place to help us to gauge how many people we need to accommodate for.

P.T.F.A (Parent, Teacher, Friends Association)

The PTFA are a lovely group of people who support the school in raising funds. They would love to see new faces at their meetings. If you think you may be able to help out (ven for a few hours) please do go along to their next meeting on 4th October at 7.30pm. The meeting is being held at the school.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Please be advised if you would like a paper copy of this newsletter these are available to buy for 20p each from the school office.
A problem that occurs in every school around the world and is still occurring in our school. Please find below some useful information from the NHS Choices website www.nhs.uk to help us all to try and battle these horrible creatures and hopefully minimise them reoccurring in our school.

Treatments to get rid of head lice are available to buy from pharmacies, supermarkets and online.

The main treatments are:

Lotions and sprays

Wet combing

Everyone with head lice in your household should be treated on the same day. If a treatment doesn't work the first time, you can try it again, try a different treatment, or get advice from your school nurse, health visitor, pharmacist or GP.

Lotions and sprays

There are several different products that can be applied to the scalp and hair to kill head lice, including:

- dimeticone 4% lotion or lotion spray – applied and left for 8 hours (usually overnight)
- dimeticone 4% spray gel – applied and left for 15 minutes
- mineral oil and dimeticone spray – applied and left for 15 minutes
- isopropyl myristate and cyclomethicone solution – applied and left for 5-10 minutes

Some treatments need be done twice – seven days apart – to make sure any newly hatched lice are killed.

Detection combing should usually be done two or three days after finishing treatment, and again another seven days after that, to check for any live head lice.

Always check the pack or leaflet to see if a product is suitable for you, particularly if you're pregnant or breastfeeding, or your child has head lice and is less than two years of age.

Your pharmacist can recommend a suitable treatment and advise you how to use it correctly if necessary.

Wet combing

Wet combing involves removing head lice with a special fine-toothed comb. It's suitable for everyone and is relatively inexpensive.

A number of lice removal combs are available to buy. Combs with flat-faced teeth spaced 0.2-0.3mm apart are best for removing head lice, although combs with smaller gaps can be used to remove eggs and nits (egg cases) after treatment. The comb may come with instructions outlining how to use it. A commonly used method is described below.

Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner.

Use an ordinary, wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair. Repeat this procedure on days 5, 9 and 13. Detection combing should be done on day 17, to check for any live head lice.

Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb.
**IMMERSION DAYS**

**Year 1**

During Immersion day Year 1 went on a London landmark treasure hunt then compared and discussed the landmarks they discovered. In the words of Skyla ‘A landmark is something that a place is famous for.’

We then explored these landmarks by painting, writing postcards and using our brand new interactive board. Some of the children then used models and toys to recreate London and some of it’s landmarks. At the end of the day I overheard Harry tell his older sister ‘Today was brilliant, we made London!’ All of the pupils made a great start to Year 1.

**Year 2**

The Year 2 Pines and Firs have started off the year learning about Africa. We found the continent on a world map and zoomed into different countries. We explored how the weather and landscape varies greatly and talked about the animals that we may find there. We learnt about a range of tribes and their origins. We found out that the tribes have their own patterns which each have meaning, depending on the colours and shapes that have been selected.

The children used a range of media and materials to recreate the tribal patterns then used these as inspiration for designing and making their own tribal masks. The children justified their choice of colours and shapes and explained these to their peers.

Through creating these patterns, we developed our design techniques focusing on how to use lines, shape and colour effectively.
**Immersion Week cont/d...**

**Year 3**

Year 3 were immersed in learning about Vincent Van Gogh. We learned he began painting because his brother encouraged him as he saw what a great talent he had. He lived in the Netherlands and one of our children had just been on holiday there! We enjoyed looking at the different paintings and critiquing what we liked about the paintings and what things we did not like. At then end of the day we had our own painting using the styles and techniques he himself used. It was very difficult for us to use the many brushstrokes as he did to create his masterpieces but with determination we have a painting we are proud of and look forward to improving our technique this term.

**Year 4**

Our topic was European Neighbours. The children created their own passports, which they had to use to get through 'passport control' and board the plane. We explored Italy first, which included creating and performing our own Italian folk music routines; they were fantastic! We then learnt about the famous landmarks and culture of France, practicing our own French in the process. We ended the day by using a green screen to photograph ourselves standing with The Leaning Tower of Pisa or the Eiffel Tower. We had a great day!

**Year 5**

On Wednesday 6th September 2017, we made salt dough models about the South American map in groups of 4 but, some groups were in 5 because the whole class is 22, not 20. We are planning our model to look like this: Because this is our first group art project so we can learn to work together with painting and to use salt dough.

We also researched animals and printed them out. Then we sketched and painted them carefully, they looked amazing afterwards!

This week we have carried on looking at all South America and have found that there are 12 countries. Those 12 were: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Words by Obinna and Lucy.
**Year 6**

Year 6 had a fab start to the term as they were transported to their very own deserted island. During the day the children used rice to create interesting island designs and then went on to use watercolours to bring their islands to life. The children were so excited about their plans that they wrote letters home to love ones during literacy. Here are a couple of examples:

![Island designs created by Year 6 students](image1.jpg)

**CLASS BLOGS**

We have now replaced our class blogs with year group pages on our school website. This can be found at:

https://stmaryscebl-northants.secure-dbprimary.com

If you click on the tab Class Pages then click on your children's class name.

**CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

Each year group will be sending a curriculum information sheet home over the next few weeks. This will include all you need to know about the theme your child is learning about and how you can help them at home.
The internet can be great fun. You can chat to your friends, play games and learn about new things. But sometimes things happen which can make you upset. People may say mean things which make you feel sad, or you may see something that you don’t like. If this happens, you must remember it’s not your fault. It is important you tell an adult you trust if you are upset or worried about something that has happened to you. They can help you to report it to CEOP.

To make a CEOP report follow this link: https://www.ceop.police.uk/Ceop-Report/

Remember to be safe when online. Mr Maddams

The school choir will begin practising from Wednesday 20th September, 3:30 pm to 4:30pm (in Miss Sanders' classroom), Collecting from the front door at 4:30pm. All children are welcome from Year 2 upwards and must return a permission slip. You should have received a letter via your child's book bag or you can see Miss Sanders.

On the 26th September, we are welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair. This year we are focusing on increasing the love of reading across our school and a Book Fair is one more way that we can do this. A Book Fair is a fun, pop-up event that happens in schools. With a selection of over 200 of the newest and best children’s books suitable for all ages and abilities there is sure to be a book perfect for every child! The team at Scholastic have selected books from over sixty publishers, with prices starting from £2.99 and exclusive titles that you won’t find in the shops or at any other fairs. Plus, every book sold at our fair can help to earn free books for our school with Scholastic Rewards!

The Book Fair will be taking place after school from **Tuesday 26th September – Thursday 28th September** in the Dance Studio (near the Year 2 classrooms). We look forward to seeing you there!
Come and join us at Burton Latimer Library for BIG LEGO card swap event Saturday 16th of September 11am -1pm

All under 8’s must be accompanied by an adult

Delivering library services for

Northamptonshire County Council
Children who are eligible for Pupil Premium are entitled to have a personal budget of £200 per year at St Mary’s, to help towards the cost of trips, school uniform, after school clubs and activities that have a charge. This is for all children at school, who have had, or been entitled to Free School Meals at any point during the last 6 years – this is not the same as having a free meal as part of the government Universal Meals. An application needs to be made for each child in the family – the process does not register all children in a family with one application. Additionally, the school receives further funding to help your child achieve well at school.

Are you eligible?

Complete this form and see:


We use the funding to run small intervention groups, do 1:1 work with pupils, buy resources, etc.

To qualify for this, parents need to apply for the Pupil Premium.

Visit this site to make your application:

https://northamptonshire.firmstep.com/default.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=SmB67Hjtvtu#_ga=2.187303722.382531352.1505728790-531519983.1493714384

This site has lots more information about the Pupil Premium www.theschoolrun.com/pupil-premium-explained, but please come and ask any staff if you are unsure, or need help finding out, if your child is eligible. We need to have this information by the end of September, so we can claim the money at school for this year and so that you can start to access the £200 personal budget.

If you are having difficulty accessing the internet, please come and ask at reception where we will be happy to help you through the online process.

Mel Barron
Inclusion and Pastoral Leader
We were very lucky this week to have a visit from our local fire fighters. We learnt about the 22 fire stations across the Northamptonshire area and the many different ways that they help others. This includes: battling fires, attending road traffic collisions, rescuing animals from trees, people from floods and much more! We learnt about potential fire hazards and what to do if we see a fire. They also gave us some great tips for keeping safe at home, school and out in the community. They reminded the children of the importance of school fire drills and looking for the ‘fire exit’ signs to ensure you can leave a building quickly in the case of an emergency.

Key messages that were shared:

Ensure you have smoke detectors on every floor of your home.

Check every month that your smoke detectors have working batteries.

Close doors whenever possible to reduce risk of a fire spreading.

Smoke is more dangerous than fire.

The children have been challenged to find out how many smoke detectors they have in their homes and to set up a fire escape route, just in case. We look forward to hearing about these soon.
ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Well done to all the children below who were nominated by their class teachers to receive Achievement Awards. Please encourage your children to keep up the good work.

Lola May Van-Dyk   Evie Smart   Amelia Ockleford   George Dyche   Kylie Wooding
Charlotte Barrow   Mya Rhone   Maya Machher   Lucy Hales   Holly Wilson
Connor Jolley      Jayden Mutuchi   Kristian Tupaz   Jayden Bernain   Stanley Barnett
Tehya Reynolds     Emir Salim   Tobias Molcher   Jakub Savko   Harry Barnett

Behaviour Awards

Congratulations must also go to the children who were picked as great role models for the school. These are:

Isabelle Shepherd   Jeffrey Mensah
Tommy Babb          Eve Salter
Lilly Thomas        Ellie Laughton
Summer Allwood      Dell Kwame Joiner
Saskia Bond         John Coleman
Olivia Taylor       Cadiya Robinson-Evans
Skye Meekins        Amber Porter
Grace Pither        Layla Hartgrove
George Simmonds     Rosie McNab
Violet Draper       Harry Brassington
Abra Obeng- Anaafi  Olieur Rahman
Bella Brown

HOME ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Christian Brock—For completing the reading challenge
Ethan Brock—For completing the reading challenge
Isobel Edwards - For completing the reading challenge
Gemma Cox—For completing the reading challenge, completing a fitness challenge, 50 &100m swimming awards

Also we would like to award Gemma Cox’s name a fantastic achievement in reaching a very young 100yrs of age and
**Reading Challenge**

We have raised the importance of reading at school and now need your help at home. Each week we expect the children to read between 3 and 5 times a week and for you to put comments in their reading records. The reading records will be checked once a week by the class teachers and the average score is then taken to Collective Worship. The winning class will be awarded a trophy to keep for the week.

This week the trophy was won by:-

**Miss Sanders Sycamore’s with a average score of 5 reads**

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**Class Maths Award**

Each week KS1 and KS2 have a Maths Fact test. The average score is brought to Collective Worship and the winning class gets to keep the trophy in their class for a week. The class which won was:-

**Mr Cumbleton’s Cypresses with 8.5%**
Secondary Schools Open Evenings

It does not seem possible but it is time for the current Year 6’s to start thinking about where they would like to attend secondary school. In view of this we have listed below some of our local secondary schools open event details. You can log onto their websites or contact the schools direct for more information.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2017**

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School Year Sept 2017—August 2018

Thursday 21st Sept 2017 — Parents Ofsted meeting 3.30pm & 7.00pm
Monday 18th — Friday 22nd Sept 2017 — New reception intake 9.00am-1.15pm
Monday 25th Sept 2017 — All New reception child attend full time
Tuesday 26th — Thursday 28th Sept 2017 — Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 4th October 2017 — PTFA Meeting 7.30pm @ school
Monday 9th to Friday 13th October 2017 — Life Education Bus
Thursday 12th October 2017 — Harvest Festival
Tuesday 17th October 2017 — Flu vaccination EYFS,Yr 1,2,3,&4

Last Day of term Thursday 19th October 2017
Friday 20th October — Training Day
Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October HALF TERM

School re-opens Monday 30th October 2017

Tuesday 7th November 2017 — Parents evening — 5pm-8pm
Wednesday 8th November 2017 — EYFS Screening
Thursday 9th November 2017 — Parents evening — 3.30pm—5.30pm
Thursday 9th November 2017 — Whole school photographs
Friday 10th November 2017 — Remembrance Day Poppy Art
Monday 13th November 2017 until Feb 2018 — Yr 3 & 4 swimming every Monday
Friday 17th November 2017 — Christmas Craft Day

Friday 15th December 2017 — Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December 2017 — PTFA Christmas Disco
Tuesday 19th December 2017 — KS2 Christmas Service

Thursday 21st December 2017 — Last Day of Term
Wednesday 3rd January 2018 — Training Day
Thursday 4th January 2018 — First Day of Term

Wednesday 10th January 2018 — EYFS Screening

Half Term — Monday 12th February 2018 — Friday 16th February 2018
Thursday 29th March 2018 — Training Day
Half Term Friday 30th April 2018 — Friday 13th April 2018
Monday May 2nd 2018 — Bank Holiday
Monday 28th May 2018 — Bank Holiday
Half Term — Tuesday 29th May 2018 — Friday 1st June 2018
End Of Year — Monday 23rd July 2018 — Friday 31st August 2018

St Mary’s Primary Academy, High Street, Burton Latimer, Northants, NN15 5RL
Phone: 01536 722757                                              office@stmaryscebl.info  Opening Hours 8:15am - 4pm