Welcome to our newsletter. Christmas is fast approaching and there are lots of things planned for the children so please take note of the dates at the back or print the last page and put it on your fridge or noticeboard as a reminder.

Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this week we talked about how a smile can make someone happy and feel more peaceful. We also discussed famous people who have helped to bring peace. Ask your children which people we learnt about.
Christmas Performances

As Christmas is fast approaching we are getting ready for our Christmas Performances. As per the letter sent out on Friday please see below a list of times and dates for performances.

Year Reception - Monday 11th December at 1:30pm - Family Service (Please request tickets from the office)
Year Reception - Tuesday 12th December at 1:30pm and 5:30pm - Adult only service
Years 1 and 2 - Wednesday 13th December at 1:30pm - Family Service (Please request tickets from the office)
Years 1 and 2 - Thursday 14th December at 1:30pm and 5:30pm - Adult only service
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Tuesday 19th December at 9:30 - St Mary’s Church (All welcome)

Only years 3 to 6 are performing at this event, KS1 will attend the dress rehearsal but no the service on the 19th December

Children In Need

We had a fantastic day on Friday, lots of children with lots of spots was lovely to see. We are still counting this and will update you in the next newsletter. We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported.

Pudsey Bear

We were very lucky to have Pudsey Bear come to St Mary’s earlier this week. It was lovely to see all the children’s faces and the excitement that he brought. Thank you to Autoglass in Wellingborough for organising this.

Our Prayer for Pudsey

Dear God,

Please help people who are sick
Sometimes sad people feel alone.
Help them feel happy.
Please help people who are scared.
Sometimes poor people feel scared
Help them feel happy. Amen

By Saul Cross Year 1
Cake Sale thank you

We had a fantastic cake sale last week and raised over £90. We would like to thank everyone who supported us by either donating or buying the delicious treats.

Pantomime time

The PTFA have very kindly booked a travelling pantomime to come to school on Wednesday 6th December. We are very grateful and cannot wait for the children to have this experience.

School Disco

On Friday 8th December there will be a Christmas disco. EYFS & KS1 5.30-6.30pm and KS2 6.45—8.00pm. Members of the PTFA will be outside on the playground after school all this week selling tickets.

Christmas sing along

Mr Stenson has agreed to hold a Christmas Carol session for the children on the last day of term. We cannot wait to have a good old sing song and celebrate Christmas.

Santa is coming to St Mary’s

On Friday 24th November Santa will be coming to St Mary’s, you are able to book tickets online (follow the link) or members of the PTFA will be in the playground this week after-school selling tickets. Please see poster on next page for more information.
PTFA Fundraising

The PTFA are raising funds to help improve the playground equipment, All your donations are always gratefully received, for example cake sale money and disco money.

Old School Uniform

The PTFA are taking on the lost property box, items left in the box after a term will be taken away and washed ready to be sold on. There will then be a sale which we will give you further information in due course which will give you the opportunity to purchase second hand uniform at reasonable prices. If you feel you have any items of school uniform that you could donate to the sale please can you bring to the school office.
Procedure for reporting 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

Samba Concert

The Year 5 children have been working hard in their Samba lessons and will be showcasing their talents in a performance on Thursday 7th December. This will be split into two slots;

Cumbleton’s Cypresses will perform at 9:10am (approximately ½ hour to 45 mins)

Prices Planes will perform at 10:00am (approximately ½ hour to 45 mins)

Parents are very welcome to come and join us and see the amazing skills the children have been learning. Children in the other years will be also watching one of the performances, (we have ensured siblings will be in the correct performance). If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs. Reynolds. We look forward to seeing you.

Kettering Gang Show

Some St Mary’s children will be taking part in the Gang Show at the Kettering Lighthouse Theatre.

If you interested in booking tickets please give them a call
Parents often have questions about particular devices that their children are using or asking for. We are going to introduce some of the most popular devices, highlight the safety tools available and help empower you (our parents) with the knowledge you need to support your children to use these technologies safely and responsibly.

**Tablets**

Tablets such as the iPad provide a variety of interesting activities and great education opportunities for young people. However, it is important to be aware of what these devices can do and how you can talk with your child to help them to use this technology in safe and positive way.

**Three steps for parents:**

1. Understand the capabilities of the iPod Touch, iPad, Kindle Fires and other tablets and media-players – these devices can access the internet.
2. Understand the potential risks and how you as a parent can support your child to be smart and safe. The same advice that you give your child about keeping safe online applies to internet-connected devices.
3. Talk with your child about using their device safely and responsibly and agree a set of family rules. Perhaps you could agree rules with your child about not meeting up with people they have only met online, how much they are allowed to spend on apps, what websites it’s okay and not okay to visit, and whether their phone should be switched off at night.

**Mr Maddams**

**123 MAGIC**

We are facilitating this at our school on 15th, 22nd, 29th January and 5th February 2018. If you are interested please let Carol Lipscomb, Family Support Worker know.
**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.

**Sam Sharman—Man of the match**  
**Mia Barnett—Street dance of the week**  
**Betsy Litster—Level 1 Gymnastics badge**  
**Tehya Reynolds—Level 1 Gymnastic badge**  
**Ruby Duggan—Took part in a gymnastics competition**

**Teyha Reynolds—Beavers Badges**  
**Grace Eydmann—Level 3 Gymnastics**  
**Connor Jolley—Crohns and Colitis competition runner up**  
**Mia Barnett—Creating her own diaries**  
**Tommy Babb—Man of the match**

---

**Golden Table**

Well done to the following children who (for exceptional behaviour) got the chance to sit at the Golden Table and enjoy lunch with Miss Whitlock. The children also got to experience waiter and waitress service from the catering team.

**Well done everyone.**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Lottie Barrow</th>
<th>Finnley Bannard-Howes</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Laylend Clark</td>
<td>Evie Cheney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elsa Nicell-Foster</td>
<td>Reese Willie</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samuel Joiner</td>
<td>Matilda Babb</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Obinna Madichie</td>
<td>Lucy Hale</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maizy Babb</td>
<td>Liam Jarvis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kiara Leotte Da Silva</td>
<td>Githu Geo</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Akif Ghany</td>
<td>Clara Brown</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations!

**Achievement Awards**

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.

- **Darcie Cardy**
- **Daniel Borrett**
- **Olieur Rahman**
- **Lili Hartgrove**
- **Lily-May Beckley**
- **Ethan Brock**
- **Riley Granger**
- **Adela Statnic**
- **Jasmine Anniwell**
- **Charlie Rippingale**

**BEHAVIOUR AWARDS**

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

- **Taylee Cooke**
- **Maisy Babb**
- **Muhammad-Felix Sawfan**
- **Mollie Maxwell**
- **Casey Clayton**
- **Ted Coles**
- **Holly Wilson**
- **Megan Cheney**
- **Evan Allwood-Dell**
- **Harry Martin**
- **Jayden Mutuchi**
- **Mason Webb-Parker**
- **Alphie Maxwell**
- **Freya Gotts**
- **Abbas Karami**
- **Bradley Westerby**
- **Ryland Cooke**
- **Libby Kilbourn-Wagg**
- **Stanley Barnett**
- **Jamie Smith**
- **Kieran Craven**
- **Lyla Gray**
- **Roman Parker**
- **Kaci Wilson**
- **Laylend Clark**

**LUNCHTIME AWARD**

This has been awarded to Miss Kelly’s Kapok. Well done. The class gets to keep the lunchtime trophy for a fortnight and have a lunchtime filled with exciting treats.
**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.

Over the last fortnight, the trophy was won by:-

*Mr Maddams’ Mulberries with an average score of 7.4 reads*

---

**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:-

*Miss Bakers Bonsai with 9.0*

*Miss Evans’ Elder with 9.4*

---

**CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD**

Every week the class with the highest attendance is recognised in our Achievement assembly. The classes that achieved the highest attendance were:-

*Miss Sanders Sycamore with 99%*

*Mrs Simpson Silver Birch with 98%*
**EYFS TRIP TO WEST LODGE RURAL CENTRE—DESBOROUGH**

**CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE**

The Early Years Foundation stage are again going to West Lodge Rural Centre to enjoy the fantastic Christmas Experience. This is a special and magical event for the young children and one we think they will enjoy as they get to see the magical man in red, take part in a “live” nativity and receive an early Christmas present. A reminder to all parents that meal orders and permission slips are due in by **Monday 27th November** and all monies are due in by **Friday 1st December**. Please note this trip is not a curriculum trip so the monies are not a voluntary contribution.

If you have not received a letter or have any concerns please contact Mrs. Owens in the School Office.

**Curriculum Trips for all other Year Groups**

We will be starting these after Christmas so please look out for letters coming home in your child’s book bags in the new year.
Do you qualify to have £200 a year?

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=SmB67Hjtvu#_ga=2.187303722.382531352.1505728790-531519983.1493714384

This site has lots more information about the Pupil Premium [www.theschoolrun.com/pupil-premium-explained](http://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
PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES

You may have seen our new banners about parking or dropping children off on the Zig Zags.

We still have repeated offenders who park outside the gates to drop off and collect children and also park on the double yellow lines and on the corners of Latimer Close.

You may have also seen the red signs at the back of school which shows the road is a private road and residents only parking. Please be respectful and do not park on this road.

Children are very precious and we want to make sure their entrance in and out of school is clear and safe.
Please send in your 50p's via your child’s class for the attention of John Currall in a sealed, clearly named envelope so he can allocate you a ticket.
### School Year Sept 2017 — August 2018

**Friday 24th November** — Christmas light switch on

**Wednesday 6th December 2017** — PTFA Christmas Panto @ school

**Thursday 7th December 2017** — Yr 5 Soundstart Concert

**Friday 8th December 2017** — EYFS & KS1 PTFA Disco 5.30 - 6.30 pm

**Friday 8th December 2017** — KS2 PTFA Disco 6.45 — 8.00 pm

**Monday 11th December** — EYFS Christmas Performance Family Service at 1:30

**Tuesday 12th December** — EYFS Christmas Performance at 1:30 and 5:30

**Wednesday 13th December** — Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance Family Service at 1:30

**Thursday 14th December** — Years 1 and 2 Christmas Performance at 1:30 and 5:30

**Friday 15th December 2017** — Christmas Jumper Day

**Friday 15th December** — Christmas lunch — Apetito

**Tuesday 19th December 2017** — KS2 Christmas Service 9.30 am St Mary’s Church

**Thursday 21st December 2017** — Mr Stenson’s Christmas Carols @ school

**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

**Monday 15th, 22nd, 29th January 2018** — 123 Magic course 1 - 3 pm

**Monday 5th February 2018** — 123 Magic course 1 - 3 pm

**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