I hope you enjoyed our first newsletter of the term. We cannot believe how quickly the term is going and we will soon be approaching the end of our first half term. Please note we finish on Thursday 19th October 2017.

There are lots of fantastic events coming up over the next few months especially, dare we say, with Christmas coming so please do take a look at the list of dates and events at the back of this newsletter.

**Collective Worship**

In Collective Worship we have continued to look at wisdom and this week we looked at how Sin can be forgiven. We related this back to the bible and the story of Jesus curing sinners.
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 (even 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, entrance via the High Street gate.

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Please be advised if you would like a paper copy of this newsletter, it is available to buy for 20p each from the school office.

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.

What it is NOT:

- 1-2-3 Magic is NOT Magic

What it is:

- 1-2-3 Magic is a 4 week programme
- 1-2-3 Magic is a simple and effective way of managing a child's behaviour
- 1-2-3 Magic is an evidence-based programme meaning it WORKS
- 1-2-3 Magic puts the 'parent in charge.' Prevents the 'Talk, Persuade, Argue, Yell and HIT' syndrome

REMEMBER

Discipline needs to be consistent, decisive and calm

1-2-3 Magic

What is 1-2-3 Magic?

Encourage Good Behaviour
Things you want your child to START doing such as picking up, eating, homework, bedtime and up and out.
This can be achieved through praise, simple requests, natural consequences, charting and the Docking System.

Central Unwanted Behaviours
Things you want your child to STOP doing such as talking, arguing, pouting, crying, and tantrums.
This is achieved through counting, "Time Out" or alternative consequences.

ANSWER: A programme that supports 3 parenting roles

Strengthening your relationship with your child
It is critical to your family's well being and child's self esteem that you LIKE (not just LOVE) your children.
This can be supported by sympathetic listening, one to one fun, talking and problem solving and managing children and technology.

Control Unwanted Behaviours
Things you want your child to STOP doing such as talking, arguing, pouting, crying, and tantrums.
This is achieved through counting, "Time Out" or alternative consequences.
CLASS BLOGS

We have now replaced our class blogs with year group pages on our school website.

These can be found at:-

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

Simply click on the tab ‘Class pages’ then click on your children’s class name.

NMPAT AND YEAR 5 MUSIC LESSONS

In our music lesson we had Mr Green is teaching us to play Samba music. He explained about all of the instruments and how to use them. First, we had a ‘Curry Train’ and Mr Green kept on changing what we had to say first it was rice then it was ‘poppadom’ and then ‘chicken tikka’. After that, we all had a go at playing different instruments there were a bass drum, a tambourine and maracas. Also, we had to play at different times and that was really hard but in the end it was kind of easy and we all got the hang of it.

Skye
E-Safety Newsletter – September 2017

The internet is constantly changing, and new issues, challenges and online platforms are arising all the time. It is great for parents and care-givers to be open and honest with their children about using the internet. Ask your children about what they’re seeing online and be prepared to talk about some difficult topics. The NSPCC has some great advice to help you with this. It’s important that your children feel that they are able to come and talk to you about any issues they may be having online.

Remember to be safe when online.
Mr Maddams

**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.**

- Mollie Maxwell
- Sam Sharman
- Kellen Schulze
- Rhianna Smith
- Harry Brassington
- Frankie Church
- Marcus Choroba
- Holly West
Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

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, 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
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.

Kayla Blackwell  Abraimna Obeng Anaafi  Joseph Seminega  Zoe Tamegger
Karlina Raiba  Jack Taylor  Elle Clark  Abbas Karmi
John Coleman  James Wakefield  Matilda Babb  Jeffrey Mensah
Laylend Clark  Christian Brock  Jack Hustwait  Rihanna Smith
Harley Mead  William Whitenett  Elsa Nicell Foster

BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

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

Evan Allwood-Dell  Luca Maher  Lexie Coales
Betsy Litser  Mia Barnett  Alfie Coles
Frankie Church  Poppy Binder  Emily Wilson
Gemma Cox  Naya Summers  Meadow Bannard-Howes
Ella Pither  Kieran Plevin  Mason Edwards
Elsie Mensah  Casey Hartgrove  Jazmin Cahill
Githu Geo  Abby Pither

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.

Isabelle—Dance Trophy—Star Of The Week
George Simmonds—Attending Cub Camp
Tehya Reynolds—For completing the Reading Challenge
Jack Taylor—For writing a Journal of his summer adventures
Meadow Bannard Howes—Star of the Week at Dance
Cadiya Robinson-Evans—For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Layla Hartgrove—For completing the Summer Reading Challenge
Archie Nolan—Trophy for Street Dancing—Star of the week
Holly Wilson—Grade 1 clarinet—distinction
**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.

The last fortnight the trophy was won by:-

**Mr Cumbleton’s Cypresses with an average score of 5 reads**

**Mr Cumbleton’s Cypresses with an average score of 6 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:-

**Miss Evan’s Elders with 8.8%**

**Miss Evan’s Elders with 8.7%**

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**CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD**

Every week the class with the highest attendance is recognised in our Achievement assembly. The class that achieved the highest attendance over the fortnight are:-

**Miss Kelly’s Kapoks with 100%**

**Mrs Baker’s Bonsai with 99.33%**
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**

**HUXLOW SCIENCE ACADEMY Irlhlingborough**  
Wednesday 11th October 2017  
Www.huxlow.northants.sch.uk  
6pm and 8pm  
Extra tour date if you are unable to make the above :-  
Thursday 12th October 1.30pm and 3pm. Please contact the school

**LATIMER ARTS COLLEGE**  
Tuesday 3rd October 2017  
Www.latimer.org.uk  
01536 720300

**MONTSAYE ACADEMY**  
Thursday 5th October 2017 5pm-7pm  
Www.montsaye.northants.sch.uk  
01536 418844

**KETTERING SCIENCE ACADEMY**  
Tuesday 10th October 2017 6.00pm  
Www.ketteringscienceacademy.org  
01536 532700

**BISHOP STOPFORD SCHOOL**  
Thursday 12th October 2017 10am-12noon or 5.30pm-8.00pm  
Www.bishopstopford.com  
01536 503503
Sickness and Diarrhoea policy

A reminder that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea then we require them to be off school for 48 hours after the last bout. This is to protect other children and also staff from the spread of germs.

OFSTED MEETING

Many thanks to the 9 people who came to our Ofsted meeting on Thursday 21st September and showed their support for the school. If you didn't make it and would like to discuss the report, please contact Mrs Reynolds via the school office.

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS

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.
HOTSHOTS TASTER SESSION

Hotshots will be holding a taster session on 4th October. Please look out for a letter coming home from Hotshots shortly.

To encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a school sponsored read between Monday 2nd October and Sunday 8th October.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne representative, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne also will donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So for every £600 raised we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read anything with words (for example comics, recipes, magazines) for as long or as little as they like.

You should have received a sponsorship form for your child and a reading log to record the minutes they have spent reading. If you have not received these or need some more please see Miss Farrer in Year 2.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by Friday 13th October.

Please support our sponsored read so that your child has more books to read, share and enjoy.
**LUNCHTIME RELIEF STAFF**

We are always looking for people who can spare us a few hours at sometimes very short notice to cover the lunch hall. The commitment will only be for 2 hours, 11.30 till 1.30pm. You will need to be able to come in at very short notice normally on the day with sometimes only 30 minutes notice. If you think this will interest you, please leave your details with the school office or see Mr John Currall for more information.

**WORLD PEACE DAY**

Last week we celebrated World Peace Day. We began the day with a special assembly talking about what Peace really means and how we can help to create peace in the world. The children were then lucky enough to have Steve Reynolds (Betsy Lister’s grandad) come in to tell us about how we can have inner peace. The children had a fantastic peaceful day and created some thoughtful work. This will be on display in the hall—please do come along and have a look. Below is a peace prayer written by Year 2 and some art work from Year 6.

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**Year 2 Peace Prayer**

*Lead me from arguing to laughter*
*From fighting to helping;*
*Lead me from lying to honesty,*
*From bullying to caring;*
*Lead me from punching to kindness,*
*From snatching to sharing,*
*Let peace fill our hearts,*
*Our friendship, our school*

*Amen*
PARENTS EVENING

Parents evening has been scheduled for Tuesday 7th November (5pm-8pm) and Thursday 9th November (3.30-5.30pm). A letter will go out nearer the time. Usually we send books home before these dates so parents can look at what the children have been learning about. This year we have arranged an open day in school for you to come in and look at your children’s work instead. This will be on Wednesday 1st November at either 8.45—9.15am or 2.45—3.15pm.

LIFE BUS

On Monday 9th—Wednesday 11th we will have the Life Education bus at school. Each class will have a session in the Life Bus where they will take part in a lesson to:-

- Increase a child’s sense of personal worth
- Encourage positive attitudes towards themselves and their health
- Recognise the risks of medicine, tobacco, drugs and alcohol

The children will meet Harold, the giraffe and his friends who will help them gain confidence by exploring their own friendships, having fun and sharing ideas and skills. Harold zip tags will be on sale for £1. If your child would like one, please ask the children to bring to class £1 in a clearly named envelope. A parent information leaflet will be emailed out. If you would like to see what the children will be learning about and ask questions, please pop along at 8.45am any morning to the bus located outside year 3 & 4.

GIRLS HEADWEAR

Please be advised that Jo Jo Bows are not part of our school uniform. We are more than happy for pupils to wear bows, headbands, clips etc in their hair that are smaller and in school colours only

PENCIL CASES

A reminder that pencil cases are a privilege that Year 4 upwards have. It is not however compulsory to have one in school.

PARENT FORUM

Mrs Reynolds is looking for volunteers to be part of a Parent Liaison Group. This group would be to help the school move forward with various initiatives. If you would like to be a part of this group please speak to Mrs Reynolds for more information.
School Year Sept 2017—August 2018

Tuesday 3rd October 2017—New Intake Reception 2018 9.30am & 1pm
Wednesday 4th October 2017—PTFA Meeting 7.30pm @ school
Thursday 5th October 2017—New Intake Reception 2018 9.30am & 1pm
Thursday 5th October 2017—Yr 6 screening
Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th October 2017—Life Education Bus
Thursday 12th October 2017—Harvest Festival
Tuesday 17th October 2017—Flu vaccination EYFS,Yr 1,2,3,&4
Thursday 19th October 2017—Under 11 ESFA Girls Football Competition

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
Wednesday 1st November 2017—Parents open day 8.45-9.15am or 2.45-3.15pm
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 and Poppy Art project
Monday 13th November 2017 until Feb 2018—Yr 3 & 4 swimming every Monday
Friday 17th November 2017—Christmas Craft Day
Friday 24th November—Christmas light switch on

Thursday 7th December 2017—Yr 5 Soundstart Concert
Friday 15th December 2017—Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December 2017—PTFA Christmas Disco
Tuesday 19th December 2017—KS2 Christmas Service 1.30-2.30pm

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

Half Term—Monday 12th February 2018—Friday 16th February 2018
Thursday 29th March 2018—Training Day

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