



ST MARY'S C. E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

Dream, believe, achieve

Fortnightly Newsletter

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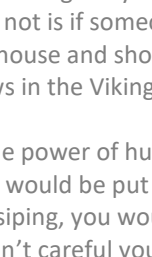
As we near the end of term (Monday 19th July) our final newsletter has lots of information. We look forward to seeing all the children when they return on the 6th September.

We would like to thank you all for your support during these challenging times, we truly do appreciate it.

NED

The children had a special collective worship from NED. Ned talked about our mindset and how to persevere at new challenges. Ned stands for

Never give up
Encourage Others
Dream to achieve



The children were then challenged by Mrs Holt to learn a new skill and show the class over the next few weeks. We will then hold an in school online competition across each year group.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT DAY

Crime and Punishment Day took place on Friday 9th of June and was lots of fun for many pupils at school. On this day we had an exciting visit from Robby, the Executioner, who came in to teach us all about the history of crime and punishment. We learnt that in the Anglo Saxon times they hosted trials by ordeal, this meant that God would choose whether the accused was innocent or guilty. An example is when the suspect would hold hot metal for ten paces and if their wounds healed then they were innocent, if it didn't then they were guilty as God would not save them.

To start off this day we had a discussion with the Executioner where he began by explaining which Roman laws are still in place today. An example of one that is not is if someone refused to show up to support you at court, you were allowed to go to their house and shout things at them which is now illegal. We also talked about some interesting laws in the Viking, Tudor and Victorian periods.

The punishments from the Tudors were my favourite as they used the power of humiliation to punish their criminals. If you sold rotten fruit in the Tudor times, you would be put in the stocks and have mouldy fruit thrown at you! If you were caught gossiping, you would wear a heavy helmet with a sharp plate to go in your mouth and if you weren't careful you would catch your tongue and that would hurt a lot. The one that would probably be the most embarrassing is the Drunkard's Cloak. If you were drunk in public, you would have to wear a barrel called the Drunkard's Cloak and you were not allowed to take it off for one whole day.

After learning a bit about punishments from the past we were told about how people believed in witches and the supernatural. There were a few tests to see if you were a witch: if you have any face markings like a mole or lots of freckles; if you cursed someone's name and something happens to them; if you were caught talking to animals.

There were also some more extreme tests to see if you were a witch too. Some of the accused were thrown into a lake or thrown off a cliff. If they died, then they believed that they were innocent but if they survived they were charged with being a witch and then often hung or burnt at the stake.

After, students took part in some drama activities, the year groups were divided into groups and we all chose a different crime and punishment to act out. It was lots of fun to act out lots of different crimes and their consequences! Everyone worked well together and had a lot of fun on that day as well as learning a lot about the past and the crimes that took place.

By Lily—Year 6

IF YOU GO DOWN TO EYFS TODAY, YOU'RE SURE OF A BIG SURPRISE.

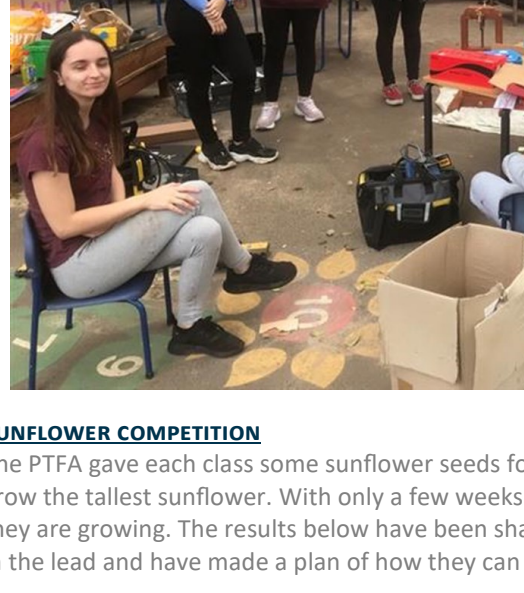
The EYFS area has been very lucky to have a bit of a makeover. Laura and Alex Hughes, parents of Elliot in EYFS gave up their time last weekend to spruce up our outdoor provision, with the help of their students and colleagues from Tresham College. Sponsored by the PTFA, the outside area looks good as new. We are so grateful to them for all their help and support with this.



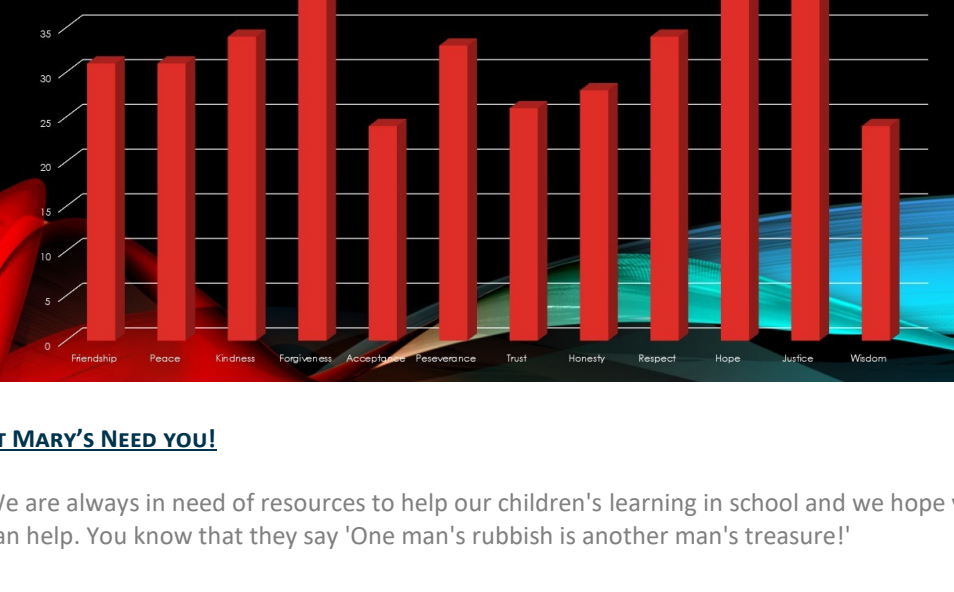
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After

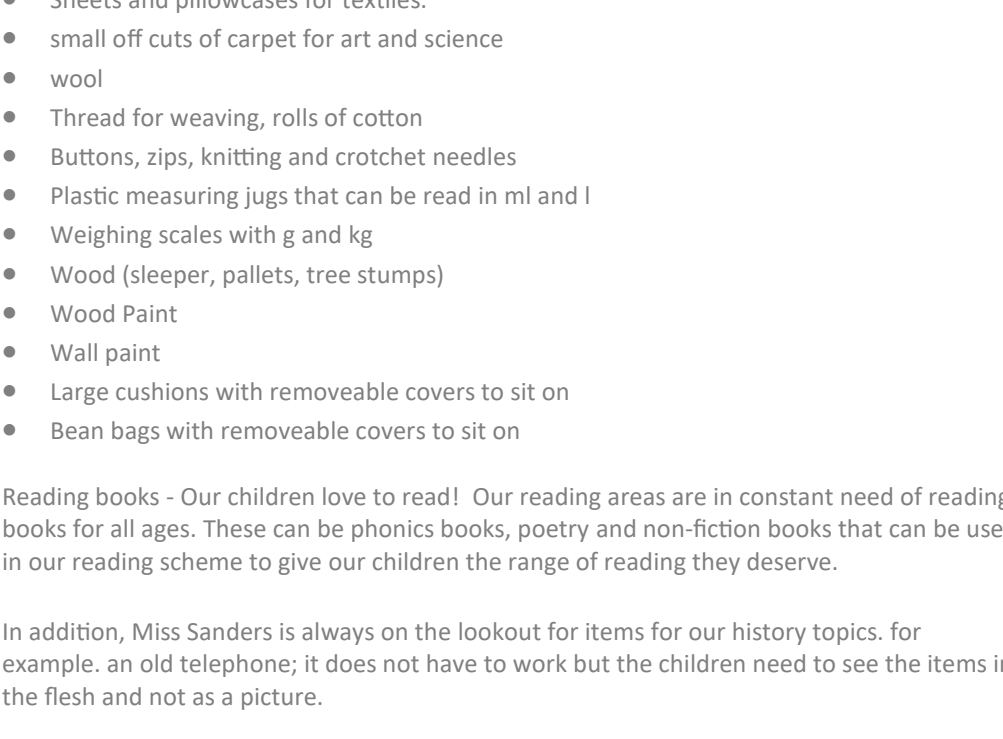


Thank you



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

The PTFA gave each class some sunflower seeds for a competition to see which class could grow the tallest sunflower. With only a few weeks to go, we decided to check in and see how they are growing. The results below have been shared with the children so they know who is in the lead and have made a plan of how they can support their sunflower to grow.



ST MARY'S NEED YOU!

We are always in need of resources to help our children's learning in school and we hope you can help. You know that they say 'One man's rubbish is another man's treasure!'

EYFS - They have a junk box modelling corner that is always in need of cardboard boxes (cereal, biscuit etc) Please help us recycle and put aside those extra boxes that would go into your recycling and let them come in for our creative kids! (We can accept eggboxes if they are microwaved for 30 seconds.)

Having a clear out? We always need:

- rolls of wallpaper
- Newspaper
- Sheets and pillowcases for textiles.
- small off cuts of carpet for art and science
- wool
- Thread for weaving, rolls of cotton
- Buttons, zips, knitting and crochet needles
- Plastic measuring jugs that can be read in ml and l
- Weighing scales with g and kg
- Wood (sleeper, pallets, tree stumps)
- Wood Paint
- Wall paint
- Large cushions with removeable covers to sit on
- Bean bags with removeable covers to sit on

Reading books - Our children love to read! Our reading areas are in constant need of reading books for all ages. These can be phonics books, poetry and non-fiction books that can be used in our reading scheme to give our children the range of reading they deserve.

In addition, Miss Sanders is always on the lookout for items for our history topics. For example, an old telephone; it does not have to work but the children need to see the items in the flesh and not as a picture.

If you think you have something and are not sure, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Sanders about history items or any of the above on: Tracey.sanders@stmarysceb1.info

Help us to make the school an exciting learning environment with ample opportunities for children to learn more skills.

UNIFORM

We are at the time of year where children's shoes become too small. We understand this and appreciate that this is not the time of year to buy new shoes or uniform. However, please remember that come September our uniform expectations will be for

School Uniform

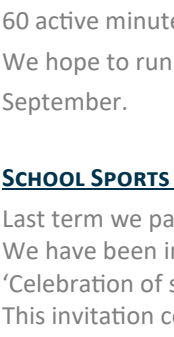
Grey Trousers
Grey Pinafore Dress
Grey Shorts
Grey Skirt
White Shirt /Polo Shirt /White Blouse
School Sweatshirt/ cardigan
Blue/white check dress (*Summer*)
Grey tights
Grey/Black socks

P.E. Uniform

Royal blue shorts/cycling shorts
White T-shirt – preferable with logo
PE Sweatshirt – pale blue
Plimssoles

It is essential that all items of clothing are clearly marked with the pupil's name.

BROWNIES ARE BACK IN BURTON!



Wednesday Evening 6.15 – 7.30pm

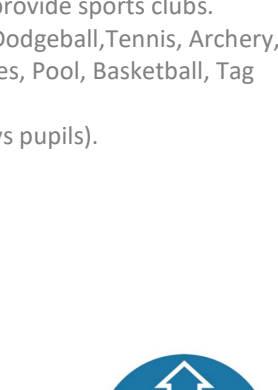
The Guide Hall, Alexandra Street, Burton Latimer

£30 per term (free for the rest of the current term).

Brownies are about getting together regularly to work on badges, learn new skills, play games and see friends. It's about trying adventurous activities and going along to special events, day trips and holidays.

They work towards interest badges in their own time, choosing topics and skills they are interested in and will earn other badges from challenges we carry out together.

Brownies can feel proud of their achievements with awards for their achievements and can work towards the Brownie Gold Award—the highest award a Brownie can get!



All girls aged 7 – 10years are welcome.

Either register on our national website <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> and select 3rd Burton Latimer Brownies, or contact me for more information.

Tricia Neal 01536 523521
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LATIMER CLOSE

Please can we remind parents that parking in Latimer Close is NOT allowed. We are very lucky to have so many carparks around us. If you need to drive to school then please use one of these carparks and walk your child into school.

We are in talks with the local traffic wardens to try and discourage parents from parking on Latimer close. I'm sure you'll agree we want to keep our children as safe as possible.

ABM CATERING

ABM have sorted out September's menus, these will be uploaded by the ???????? So please make sure that you book your children's meals for when we return on the 6th September. We will send out a hardcopy of the menu the week beginning 12th July. Please look out for this in your child's bookbag.

BRIGHT SPARKS

If you require your child to attend our wrap around provision (Bright Sparks) then please email receptionist@stmarysceb1.info. Please can you provide the dates required and what sessions. A confirmation email and invoice will be sent out upon booking and must be paid within 48 hours to guarantee your space.

SPORTS DAY

Sports days were a huge success with lots of positive feedback from staff and pupils. Pupils enjoyed a skills circuit where they demonstrated their agility, balance and co-ordination via throwing javelins, tennis serves, rolling balls, jumping, football dribbling, agility assault course and various target activities. Followed by tradition running and egg and spoon races.

Whilst there is always a natural competitive element, children were also praised for sportsmanship, friendship in encouraging their peers, trying their best and perseverance which I am pleased to confirm we saw in abundance.

We understand Parents were upset that they could not attend, but hope you were able to enjoy the many photos and videos we shared.

PE KIT

We have noticed an increase in the number of children without PE uniform or incorrect PE uniform.

Please ensure pupils have their full PE kit in school everyday, this includes plimsolls/trainers, blue or black shorts and joggers/leggings, white t-shirt and a sky blue or black PE jumper.

Please note PE lessons will take place outside throughout the year, therefore sun hats are also advised.

Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back.

Please note fitness tracker watches can only be worn if they are covered by a sweat band to avoid injury to others.

Healthy School Ethos

Lunchtimes

We have been able to utilise the field most lunchtimes allowing for more space and active play set ups. The football goals and swingballs have been firm favourites with children of all ages.

We have glad more equipment delivered this week including a variety of bats and balls, bouncy hoppers, tennis net and frisbees.

Year 6 leaders have enjoyed running activities for their year group bubble.

Daily Mile

All classes have continued to take part in the daily mile initiative each week. This initiative encourages pupils to be active for 15 minutes to contribute to the daily recommendation of 60 active minutes per day.

We hope to run a Race for Life event either by the end of term or when we return in September.

SCHOOL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Last term we participated in a number of inter and Intra School sports competitions. We have been invited to represent our school and Kettering Schools Partnership in a county 'Celebration of school sport and PE' on 8th July at Moulton College.

This invitation comes as recognition to our schools commitment to high quality and inclusive sport and PE, as well as recognition of our successes in the virtual inter school sports competitions we have entered throughout the year.

16 children have been selected to represent us in Archery and Tri Golf competitions. We have also been invited to attend PDETs Going for Gold sports competitions on 16th July in which 15 year 4s have been selected.

We are very much looking forward to attending these competitions, now that restrictions permit us to.

HOLIDAY SPORTS CLUBS

We will be working with PR Sports Coaching again this summer to provide sports clubs.

Each day will offer a variety of sports for children to enjoy such as Dodgeball, Tennis, Archery, Football, Table Tennis, Swingball, Goalball, Tri Golf, Parachute games, Pool, Basketball, Tag Rugby and more.

This club is available to all children ages 4-14years (not just St Marys pupils).

21st-23rd July

4th-6th August

19th-20th August

10am-3pm

£15 per day (childcare vouchers are accepted).

For more information visit www.prsportscoaching.co.uk

PTFA NEWS

Please like, share and keep an eye on our Facebook page

[Facebook Page](#)

Email: stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk

Football Fever

In celebration of the Euro 2020, and with the new addition of the football goals in the playground, we would like children to come to school on Tuesday 14th July wearing their favourite sports team kit or colours. We are asking for a small donation of £1.

For every extra £1 you donate, your child will have the opportunity to take 2 shots at goal to see if you can beat their teacher! If successful, they will win a Sports Relief t-shirt. Send money in to class teachers.

Preloved Uniform Sales

We will be selling donated uniform at very low prices. We are currently sorting what we have, so be sure to like our Facebook page for when we start selling it.

All washed and in great condition.

Donations always welcome.

For those that do need help, there will still be free uniform available from Mrs. Jackson at the school.

September Farmers Market Stall – 4th Sept

Come and see us, we will have a couple of games and a uniform sale.

September Snake

Between 13th and 27th September, the PTFA are going to be encouraging children to bring any spare change into class (we are not expecting gold, bronze/silver is great!) so that each class can make a trail from their coins and see which class can make the longest snake.

Will the longest snake raise the most money towards our upcoming outdoor projects?!

Which class will have the heaviest bag?!

Please support the PTFA and start collecting your loose change in readiness over the Summer.

The Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021

Buy your tickets now!

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/st-marys-ce-primary-school-nn15>

HELP!

Over the next few months, we will be carrying some projects in the school grounds.

Can you help? Do you have time to volunteer with digging, painting, planning, making?

Do you have, or can you make? Benches, outdoor seating, plants, seeds, compost, fence, gate, bird feeders, outdoor cushion covers, wood treatment?

Do you have a mini digger we can borrow (or you can dig for us?)

Can your company help? With sponsorship, tools, time, materials, advice?

Please get in touch through our Facebook page or email if you can help or would like to be involved in our big plans over the summer!

Thank you to Dunelm Kettering for the donation of 3 bird boxes.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 28th September 2021, 7.30pm – School Hall