

## **Newsletter January 2023**

### ***Collective worship***

Our value for this term is Honesty. We have discussed what the term 'Honesty is the best policy' means and asked the big question 'Is there a time when lying or not telling the truth is ok?'

We looked at Genesis 27 (which is the story of Esau and Jacob) and linked this story back to our big question. We also looked at Ephesians 6 and talked about putting on the armour of God, in particular the belt of truth.

### ***Contacting teachers***

If you need to contact a member of staff, please do this via the school office either by popping in, phoning 01536 722757 or emailing [office@stmaryscebl.info](mailto:office@stmaryscebl.info) Teachers don't always check their emails during the day as they are teaching and so the office is the best way to ensure someone answers you. Please do not email teachers directly unless they have emailed you first.

### ***A plea***

We are in desperate need of games and jigsaws to use across school. We would also like to create our own lending and need books for both children and adults. Any donations would be gratefully received via the school office.

### ***Reading volunteers***

We would like to have a parent reading crew who could come in and read with our children. Full training on how to read with a child would be offered. If you are interested, please let Mrs. Reynolds know.



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Email: [stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk)

## ❖ Christmas

Thank you for all of the support with donations, helping, and attending all of our events in the run up to Christmas.

- 136kg of clothes donations
- 925 raffle tickets sold
- 45 stunning wreaths made
- 211 tombola prizes won
- 10 litres of fake snow liquid
- lots of volunteer hours!!

💙 Thank you to all of the families and children for supporting fundraising activity, events, and fundraising.

💙 Thank you to the volunteers, and staff, that take time out of their lives to help and make all of this happen.

💙 Thank you to the amazing businesses that donate and support our efforts.

💙 Thank you to the children that help and get involved in everything!



Thank you to Cirrus Trading for making a donation – this paid for Christmas Crackers for all of the children!

Thank you to the amazing businesses that supported our fundraising with donations, we are lucky to have this meaning we spend more money on the children and less on prizes!

## ❖ Disco

The next disco will be Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February. Details on how to book a space and times to follow.

## ❖ Donation Appeal

We would love to receive your donations of the following throughout January!

- Please leave with class teachers, PTFA helpers, or school reception.
- Christmas Jumpers
- Unwanted gifts
- Logo Uniform

## ❖ Next Meeting

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 7pm**

Please pop along to the first meeting of the year. Help us plan for the coming year. Everyone welcome. Just turn up to reception to join us.

### ***Walk in Wednesday***

Our next Walk in Wednesday is on 1/2/23. This will have a maths focus. Parents are welcomed to come to the information meeting at 2:45pm in the school hall. There will then be an opportunity to visit your child's class and look at their maths books. Please enter school via the main reception for this meeting.

### ***Parent Forum***

We would love more parents to come and join our parent forum. We meet once a term with tea and biscuits and talk about ideas on how to keep moving the school forward. If you are interested, please talk to Mrs. Reynolds who can give you more details. Your voice is important to us and working in partnership is the best way to support our children.

### ***Mystery parents***

We are looking for some parents who wouldn't mind coming into school on World Book Day (2<sup>nd</sup> March) to read a story to our children. The children would be given clues as to who is reading their story for them to try and guess and at the end of the story, we will reveal who was reading to them. If you are interested and free on that date, then please let Mrs. Reynolds know.

### ***Parking***

Parking on Latimer Close has become very dangerous and we have daily phone calls from parents and the residents of Latimer Close about this. We have asked many times that you do not drive down Latimer Close and instead park in one of the many car parks near school.

Our school council are currently writing a letter to the town council about the situation in the hope that something can be done. If you feel you would like to express your concerns, please do email the Town Clerk on [townclerk@burtonlatimertowncouncil.org.uk](mailto:townclerk@burtonlatimertowncouncil.org.uk)

### ***PE Kit***

A reminder to please ensure pupils have their full PE kit in school every day, this includes plimsolls/trainers, blue shorts and joggers/leggings, white t-shirt and a sky-blue PE jumper. PE lessons will be both inside and outside so please ensure your child has gloves, a jumper and a waterproof jacket.

Earrings must be removed, and long hair tied back, children need to be able to do this themselves or arrive at school prepared.

PE is a valued part of our Pupil's education; we thank you for your support in ensuring they are suitably prepared for their physical education.

### ***Healthy School Ethos***

Year 6's leaders have been doing a fantastic job at promoting physical activity within school by delivering active games at lunchtime.

This term they will also be launching personal best challenges.

There will be five challenges: Skipping, Agility Runs, Bat and Ball, Football Dribble and Clap Catch.

Pupils will record how many repetitions they can successfully complete in 60 seconds.

All challenges use minimal equipment and space to encourage pupils to practice at home and on the playground.

Each time a pupil participates they will be entered into a draw to win a prize at the end of the term, thus celebrating participation, persistence and practice rather than who achieves the best score.

### ***School Sports Competitions***

Since our last update we have attended another 4 competitions involving 19 children.

#### Cross Country

Evalyn and George attended their district cross country competition, after qualifying at the county competition last term.

Both did a fantastic job running in heavy rain in muddy and wet conditions, but they showed great perseverance to continue.

Evalyn finished in the top 10 for year 5 girls and has now qualified for the County finals only the second St Marys pupil (first female) to ever get this far.

George did not qualify on this occasion but did extremely well especially as he was competing against year 7 boys also.

#### Year 3/4 Gymnastics

4 children represented St Marys in an inter school Gymnastics competition. They had been practicing at home and during school time to learn and perfect routine over three disciplines (floor, vault and body management).

They handled their nerves brilliantly and won the competition convincingly, progressing to the county finals after Christmas.

#### KS2 Archery Competition

This week we took two teams (12 pupils) to Kettering leisure village for an inter school Archery competition.

The children enjoyed the experience and tried a variety of Archery challenges.

We are awaiting the results of where we came.

### ***Forthcoming Competitions and Festivals***

We look forward to attending more competitions later this term including KS1 New Age Kurling, KS2 New Age Kurling, KS1 Cricket, Dodgeball and Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Finals.

Selected Pupils will begin preparations in school, please look out for invitations and further information via ParentMail.

## ***Sports Clubs***

Extra-curricular sports clubs are continuing again this term.

These clubs are great to allow children to be active, socialise and advance their PE education by inputting their skills into sport specific scenarios.

There are still spaces available on most clubs, please book via ParentMail.

Mini Sports – Mondays – 3.15-4.15pm – Years EYFS-2

Archery - Mondays - 8.00-8.45am - All years

Gymnastics – Tuesdays – 8.00-8.45am – Years Reception-2

Dodgeball – Tuesdays – 3.15-4.15pm – Years 3-6

Kickboxing – Wednesday – 8.00-8.45am - All years

Gymnastics – Thursdays – 8.00-8.45am – Years 3-6

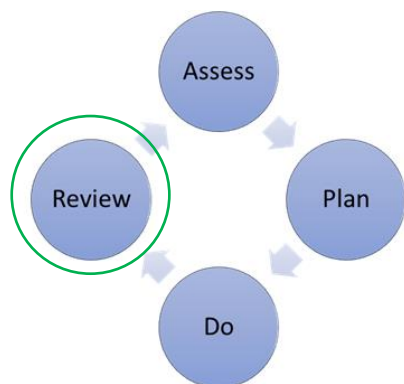
Dance – Fridays – 8.00-8.45am – Years Reception- 6

Football- Fridays- 3.15-4.15- Years Reception - 6

If your child is enjoying their club and you wish to find a community club to progress to, please contact Mrs Patrick for advice on club links.

**We are an Inclusive school, so everyone is always welcome to read, attend or access anything listed in this section of the newsletter.**

## **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**



This term, we will be holding review meetings for your children who have Individual Support Plans (ISPs). These meetings focus on what is going well and any further support we feel needs to be put in place. They also give you an opportunity to discuss with myself and your child's class teacher, the progress that your child is making towards their targets. We have continued to have excellent engagement with these meetings and we hope you find them as useful as we do!

These review meetings will take place in the weeks beginning **30<sup>th</sup> January** and **6<sup>th</sup> February** and your child's class teacher will book these in with you in due course.

These reviews will then inform your child's next ISP which will be sent home on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

Thank you to those parents who have replied to our parent questionnaire sent out at the beginning of this academic year. We really value your responses and will be using these to inform and shape our approach to SEND. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please access it through the link emailed to you. If you are having difficulty accessing this, please contact the school office.

## **SEND in the Community**

As well as providing support for our children at St. Mary's with SEND, there are also services available to support the parents, carers and families around those children with SEND.

## SEND Support Services

Consultations can be made from anyone seeking advice for an individual child. This is an opportunity to seek advice and support from one of our practitioners. Consultations are usually for about an hour through telephone conversation for parents or carers.

To request a consultation please email using the email address below

[SSS.NCC@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:SSS.NCC@northnorthants.gov.uk)

It would be helpful if you could give us the following details: Name, address and date of birth of the child or young person and a brief background and what you hope would be the outcome of a consultation. You will then be contacted with dates available.

For more help and support, explore the range of courses and workshops that SSS run using the link below

<https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/specialist-support-for-send/Pages/courses-for-parents.aspx>

To have your voice heard, SSS are also offering a workshops for you to have your voice heard and discuss SEND services across the local area. This workshop series is run in partnership with North Northamptonshire Council, NPFG: Northants Parent Forum Group, Northamptonshire Children's Trust, Health and Social Care colleagues about the existing Special Educational Needs and

Disabilities (SEND) services across the local area. If you would be interested in attending, please use the following link to book your place:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/north-northants-send-workshops-january-2023-1423769?just\\_published=true&fbclid=IwAR0e82pbqJ2rPdgp9nCmuJOvIcMCW9Qx12m8fyEeISl2Qjy7eARWwBxzMnc](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/north-northants-send-workshops-january-2023-1423769?just_published=true&fbclid=IwAR0e82pbqJ2rPdgp9nCmuJOvIcMCW9Qx12m8fyEeISl2Qjy7eARWwBxzMnc)

**Kettering 24th January 2023 10:15-12:56 Kettering Council Chamber, Bowling Green Road, NN15 7QW**

**Wellingborough 27th January 2023 10:15am-12:45pm Croyland Children's center, Croyland road, NN8 2AX**