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## **November newsletter**

### **Collective Worship**

Our value for this term is respect. We looked at the definition of the word - summarised by the words of Jesus – 'Do to others as you would have them do to you.' We looked at the story of Jesus and the Roman Centurion (Matthew Chapter 8, Verses 5-13). We talked about respect for ourselves as well as respecting others (even if we disagree with them).

We also celebrated odd socks day where we celebrated the qualities that make us special.

During collective worship, we also talked about Bonfire Night; its symbolism and how we can stay safe. We also learnt about Remembrance Day, how we show respect for those who have fought and died for us to have the life we have today.

We also took part in the 2 minutes silence.

### **We will remember them**

Two children from Year 6 represented the school in the laying of the wreath at the cenotaph in town. We were very proud of Sophia and John who undertook this task with great dignity and respect.



### **Odd socks day**



It was lovely to see so many odd socks being worn on Monday, as we launched the start of Anti-Bullying Week in school. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors decided to get involved with the organisation of Odd Socks Day to help remind everyone that we are all different and unique, and that we should be kind to each other and respect people's individuality. Thank you to everyone who took part! Activities focussing on anti-bullying continued throughout the week, including a whole school art project that all children are participated in. And it doesn't end there... our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are busy planning more exciting projects across the year! Watch this space!

### **Police visit**

We were lucky enough to have a police officer visit our school last week. He brought with him a police car and uniform for the children to try on. The police officer, who is a parent of our school, talked to EYFS and Key Stage One about the different roles within the police force. He talked to them about stranger danger and 'safe strangers.' He also answered their many questions. Key Stage Two were lucky enough to also have a visit from a Detective Constable (again a parent of our school). The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and learnt a lot! Thank you to our two wonderful parents for giving this opportunity to the children.



### **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.

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With the weather turning colder please also ensure your child has gloves, a jumper and a jacket as PE lessons take place outside throughout the year.

Earrings must be removed, and long hair tied back.

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

### **Healthy School Ethos**

Year 6 leaders had expressed their pride at being provided the opportunity to lead activities and are doing a fantastic job!

They will also be delivering personal best stations, setting their peers active challenges for them to persevere and try to improve upon their own score with rewards given out termly.

### **Move it 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 would like to create a daily mile track on the field to be utilised throughout the year, we would be very grateful for volunteers who are able to assist with creating and funding this.

### **School Sports Competitions**

Last week 35 children participated in a year 3/4 and year 5/6 inter school indoor athletics competition. The children represented St Marys in various track and field events scoring points for our team, we had numerous 1st place finishes, particularly in relay and sprint races.

Overall, we finished 8th and 7th & 12th, more importantly the children demonstrated our school values and made us proud.

This week Evalyn and George will again be representing St Marys in the district cross country competition, after qualifying at the county competition last term.

8 pupils in years 3-6 will also be representing St Marys in an inter school Gymnastics competition, they will be competing in body management, floor and vault disciplines.

Best of luck to all, but most importantly we hope you enjoy these fantastic experiences.

### **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 Parent Mail.

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

Archery - Mondays - 8.00-8.45am - Open to all years

Gymnastics – Tuesdays – 8.00-8.45am – Open to years Reception-2

Dodgeball – Tuesdays – 3.15-4.15pm – Open to years 3-6

Kickboxing – Wednesday – 8.00-8.45am – Open to all years

Gymnastics – Thursdays – 8.00-8.45am – Open to years 3-6

Tag Rugby – Thursdays – 3.15-4.15pm – Open to years 2-6

Dance – Fridays – 8.00-8.45am – Open to years Reception- 6

Football- Fridays- 3.15-4.15- Open to 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.

### **Holiday Sports Clubs**

We will be working with PR Sports Coaching again over the Christmas holidays to provide sports clubs, these will also be HAF funded for families that are eligible.

Please look out for details on parent mail.

### **Walk In Wednesday**

The next one will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 3:15pm, in the classrooms. This will be a chance to look at the children's books and talk to the class teachers. If you have multiple children, please start with the eldest child.

### **Children in Need**

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our mufti day for CIN. We are proud to tell you that we made **£241.22** for this charity.

### **Farewell**

Last week we said goodbye to Mrs. Thompson who was a part of our Lunchtime and Bright sparks team. At the end of term, we will also say goodbye to Mrs. Owens part of our office team who will be working at another school in the trust. We will miss them both and wish them well for the future.

### **Harvest Foodbank donations**

Kettering and District foodbank have sent us a lovely letter thanking us for our generous donations from our Harvest Festival. They explained that they have helped over 7000 people in food poverty last year alone and expect it to increase as we get closer to Christmas. We thank them for their hard work as volunteers and hope to be able to help again in the future.

### **Baby boom**

Congratulations to Mrs. Baker who has given birth to a baby boy, Harrison Luke Baker. He was 9lb 6oz and mum and baby are doing well.

We also send our congratulations to Miss Johnson who is expecting her third baby in March.

### **Music lessons**

We have spaces in all of our music lessons at present – strings, woodwind and recorder. If your child would like to try, please contact the school office.

## **PTFA News**



Please like, share and keep an eye on our [Facebook Page](#)

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



### **❖ Raffle DRAW – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Come along and see if you have win! Take away your prize!

Children there will be part of the draw.

Please buy your raffle tickets as soon as possible. More available from reception and the full list of prizes is available on our facebook group, including 4 Echo Dots, Dr Martin Boots, Sweet and Food Hampers, a giant Elf, and much, much more!!

### **❖ Christmas Light Switch on – 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Please join us Friday night from 5pm for reindeer food making, biscuit decorating, hook a duck, train rides, hot drinks including mulled wine and Bailey's hot chocolate, tombolas, and so much more!!**

### **❖ Rags2Riches**

Drop of any unwanted clothing to school gates, school hall, Monday to Thursday next week. Not only will good quality donations be sent to Ukraine, but we get paid a small amount per kilo meaning we can fund something important at

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school. Please only send quality items that you would wear, and no logo uniform or Christmas jumpers (see below). Use the bags that were provided, or any bag is fine!!

### ❖ Uniform Sales – C&C

Please continue to donate good quality school uniform, please do not donate dirty or bad condition clothing, or shoes! We are particularly in need of PE jumpers and t-shirts and other logo items.

Email [stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk) or pop into reception and fill in an order form and we'll be in touch with what we have available.

### ❖ Discos

Can you help if we hold discos on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February??? Please come to the next meeting or let us know that you can!

### ❖ 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 Crackers
- ❖ Christmas Jumpers
- ❖ Unwanted gifts
- ❖ Logo Uniform

### ❖ Next Meeting

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7pm**

Please pop along to the last meeting of the year. Hear how our fundraising has gone, and what we are planning for next year!



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US IN THE WARM FOR LOTS OF FUN  
AND GAMES FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

5PM - 8PM

MAKE REINDEER FOOD &  
DECORATE BISCUITS WITH OUR ELVES,  
FACE PAINTING, GAMES, SNOW MACHINE,  
RAFFLE, HOT DRINKS, & TRAIN RIDES



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ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, BURTON LATIMER

# Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



## Start collecting now!



**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,  
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,  
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags        |

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website  
[www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk](http://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk)

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT**

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS  
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED  
CLOTHES.**

**PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,  
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

If you are unsure what to put in the bags

**STOP AND THINK  
WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided.  
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

# 28 Nov - 1st Dec

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

