

September 2024

Welcome back



Welcome back to school, and to all our new families, a very warm welcome. It has been a busy, but exciting few weeks and the children have all settled into the school routine well. I look forward to working with you over the next year and beyond to ensure our children have the very best year, full of love and learning.

For those new to the school, I write this newsletter every three weeks to keep you up to date on everything that is happening in school.

Collective Worship and our new value

Our value for the first half of the Autumn term is Friendship. We have discussed what being a good friend is and looked at the meaning in Proverbs 17:17 'A friend loves at all times.' We have looked to the bible for stories about Friendship and so far we have talked about Ruth, Jacob and Esau and Daniel and Fiery Furnace. The children have also had time to reflect on how they can be a good friend to all. The hymn we have been learning is 'What a Friend we have in Jesus.'



British Values

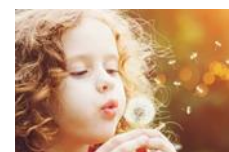
The British value we are learning about for this half term is Mutual respect. The children have looked to sport to see good examples of mutual respect as well as looking at how mutual respect is shown in school.



Spirituality

We have now introduced what school believes Spirituality is to our children, using the same analogy that we have written to you about before:

- Mirror Moments: Thinking about myself
- Door Moments: Thinking about others
- Window Moments: Thinking about the beauty of the world
- Candle Moments: Thinking beyond the things we can see



The children have been asked that when they have one of these moments, to share it in our spirituality book (outside the hall). We will also look at this in different lessons throughout the year.

Values crew

I am recruiting children who would like to be a part of the values crew. They would help to plan, deliver and monitor collective worship as well as working to help make the school a place that values worship and religion of any kind. If your child is interested, ask them to come and talk to me.



Homework

This week we have sent out the homework passports, please speak to the school office if your child hasn't brought one home. Please read them with your child and they should record each half term's work inside. They are to be handed in to the class teacher(s) by the dates below:

Autumn 1 Homework. Passports handed to teacher by end Tuesday 22nd October

Autumn 2 Homework. Passports handed to teacher by end Monday 16th December

Spring 1 Homework. Passports handed to teacher by end Monday 10th February

Spring 2 Homework. Passports handed to teacher by end Monday 31st March

Summer 1 Homework. Passports handed to teacher by end Monday 19th May

Summer 2 Homework. Passports handed to teacher by end Friday 11th July



Safeguarding

Each newsletter, I will try to give you advice and support to help safeguard your children. This week, I thought it would be good to tell you about the safeguarding team in school. The safeguarding and pastoral team meet once a week to discuss the wellbeing of the children and take action where necessary. It comprises of:

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Sarah Reynolds (Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Abbie Price (SEND/CO, Inclusion Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Tracy Molsher (Family Support Worker and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Emma Campbell (Learning Mentor and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please reach out to one of the above people.

If you were concerned about a safeguarding matter outside of school, then you could refer this to MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub) by calling 0300 126 7000

I also wanted to give you some support/advice about travelling to and from school safely. As we have such busy roads near us, it would benefit for you to think about the following:



- Map out with your children a safe way for them to walk to school or to the bus stop. Avoid busy roads and junctions Do a trial run with them to point out places they should avoid along the way, such as empty buildings, construction areas, and parks where there aren't many people.
- Teach children to follow traffic signals and rules when walking or biking. Stress that they should cross the street at crosswalks or intersections with crossing guards when they can.
- Encourage children to walk to school or the bus stop with a sibling or friend, and to wait at bus stops with other children.
- Teach children not to talk to strangers, go anywhere with them, or accept gifts from them without your permission. Tell them that if they see a suspicious stranger hanging around or in their school, they should tell an adult.
- Help children memorize their phone number and full address, including area code and post code. Write down other important phone numbers such as your work and cell phone on a card for your children to carry with them.

Sport and PE

PE Kit

As you are aware we are in the process of changing our PE uniform (from September 2025 it will consist of the school logo navy PE T-shirt, school logo navy PE jumper, navy shorts, navy joggers/leggings and plimsolls/ trainers). However please note the old PE uniform is still permitted to be worn this academic year (white PE t-shirt, royal blue shorts or joggers, sky blue PE jumper and plimsolls/trainers).



Earrings must be removed for PE, and long hair tied back, children need to be able to do this themselves or arrive at school prepared. We are not allowed to put tape over the children's ears.

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.



If you are unsure which days your child will be completing their PE lessons, please contact their class teacher.

Healthy School Ethos

This term we will be recruiting our new year 6 Sports Leaders, who will begin leadership training with Mrs Patrick to equip them in planning and delivering active lunchtime games/ activities to their younger peers. If your child would like to take part, then ask them to let Mrs Patrick know.



School Sports Competitions and Festivals

Our aim is to attend a wide variety of inter school competitions and festivals (minimum of 5 events each term) to allow opportunities for as many pupils as possible to attend and experience a variety of sports in both competitive and non-competitive environments.



We cannot deny that winning always provides a great feeling and sense of achievement, however more importantly we hope children who attend gain a sense of pride, awareness of varying sports and the benefit physical activity provides, increased self-esteem and a desire to continue participating in sport.

We promote our schools and school games values at these events which include Respect, Determination, Honesty, Passion, Self-Belief and Teamwork, our motto is "win, draw or lose we always show our values."

We have begun preparations for forthcoming competitions: Cross Country, Indoor Athletics, Gymnastics, Boccia Net and Wall Festival and Invasion Festival.

All children have been asked to sign up to any competitions that they would like to take part in (this is in the hall on the PE board).

Sports Clubs

Children should attend the clubs in sports clothing and wear suitable footwear, they should also have a water bottle with them.

Earrings must be removed (the same as for PE) and long hair tied back, children need to be able to do this themselves or arrive at school prepared. We are not allowed to put tape over the children's ears.



This half term the following clubs are taking place:

Day / Time	Sports Club	Year Groups
Monday AM - 8:00-8:45am	Archery	All Years
Tuesday PM - 3:15-4:15pm	Dodgeball	Years 4-6
Wednesday AM - 8:00-8:45am	Gymnastics	EYFS & Year 1/2
Wednesday PM - 3:15-4:15pm	Karate	Years 1-6
Thursday AM - 8:00-8:45am	Gymnastics	Years 3-6
Thursday PM - 3:15-4:15pm	Dodgeball	Years 1-3
Friday AM - 8:00-8:45am	Indoor Athletics	Years 3-6
Friday PM - 3:15-4:15pm	Football	EYFS & Year 1/2

Morning clubs are £3.50 per session and after school clubs are £4.00 per session. Clubs are available on ParentMail to book.

Lunches

We have some children who say they don't like the lunches that are ordered for them and therefore don't eat a lot. Please can you check with your child that they are happy with the choices made, or please ask them to choose their lunches with you.



Wellbeing at school

This term we are excited to be participating in lots of events in school to help us think about, and take care of, our wellbeing.

These include:

★ **30th September - 4th October - NSPCC Kindness Challenge Week**

★ **10th October - World Mental Health day (#helloyellow)**

★ **15th October - School of Kindness Workshops**

★ **11th November - 15th November - Anti-Bullying week**

★ **12th November - Odd socks day**

★ **13th November - World Kindness day**

★ **As well as all this, our Kindness Ambassadors will be working on a project for their School of Kindness assignment.**



PTFA News

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

Email: stmarys.ptfa@yahoo.co.uk



- ❖ **Lending library**
- ❖ Located in the year 5/6 area
- ❖ More donations are welcome of children and adult books

- ❖ **Wreath making workshop**
- ❖ Come and join us for some festive cheer, making your own Christmas Wreath – 24th November
- ❖ Booking details to be released soon

- ❖ **Coin challenge winners**
- ❖ Congratulations to **Trust** class for the heaviest weight collected and **Forgiveness** class for the winning picture
- ❖ **We raised an amazing £342!!!!**
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who participated, some of the pictures are below.

Next Meeting – 2nd October 7pm

We love to welcome new people, just come to reception.



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)

Welcome Back!

I just wanted to start by welcoming you all back to the new academic year. I also wanted to thank you for your patience with me responding to emails and booking in meetings, due to my absence at the beginning of term. I am working my way through booking meetings with those of you who have requested them, which will be easier once I am back to school full time. If you have any queries or concerns in the meantime, please do speak with your child's class teacher, or pass a message to me through the school office. *Miss Price.*

Individual Support Plans



Before the end of 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. These are the targets that were set in June and have followed the children through to the new academic year. Your child's class teacher will be in contact with you in the coming weeks to book these in. As always, we will offer these meetings face-to-face or over the phone and will accommodate discussing siblings during one meeting, if preferred. Thank you for your continued support and engagement with these meetings. We hope you find them as helpful as we do!

These reviews will then inform your child's next ISP which will be sent home the week commencing **Monday 25th November 2024.**

Spotlight

At St. Mary's, we have children with a wealth of different needs. This section of the newsletter will highlight a particular area of need and explore how you can help to support your child at home. Each newsletter, we will explore a different area of need. If you have a specific [area](#) you would like us to cover, please send your suggestions into the school office.

Spotlight on...Local Services

There are a number of services in the local area that some of you may not be aware of. These are free services which can support the families of children with additional needs, which do not require a diagnosis to access.

SEND Support Service

The SEND Support Service offers advice and support to children, young people, families, carers and a range of educational establishments for children with a wide range of special educational needs and/or autism, aged 0 to 19 years. You can request consultation support or access courses and workshops without a [referral](#) or diagnosis. Anyone seeking advice for an individual child can request a consultation. Consultations for parents or carers are usually held by telephone and take around an hour. To request a consultation, email sss.ncc@northnorthants.gov.uk, providing the child's name, address, date of birth, setting, contact number. You should also include a brief background of the child's Special Educational Need (SEN) and what you hope would be the outcome of a consultation.



SEND IASS

North Northamptonshire's **SEND Information Advice Support (IAS)** service provides free, impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families about education, health and social care. North Northamptonshire SEND IAS covers Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough areas. Please see the flyer below for more information.

0-19 Universal Services

We provide the Healthy Child Programme, a planned series of contacts (face to face or virtual via video call) with children and young people up to 19 years old and their families. We aim to support families across Northamptonshire providing a universal service for all, whilst also identifying those who might need specific help. To contact the **Children's Admin Hub** to contact the team or find out any other information call: 0800 170 7055 (Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm) Email: CUSadminhub.nhft@nhs.net or **0-19 Live Chat** - To start 0-19 Live Chat click the orange button on the bottom right-hand side of the page on <https://www.nhft.nhs.uk/0-19/>. Via Live Chat you can book appointments for development **appointments and school aged** immunisation appointments, change or cancel appointments with the 0-19 service, ask for advice, information or signpost to local resources and services. You can ask general queries regarding the 0-19 service and also request a call back from a duty health visitor or school nurse regarding your child's health, wellbeing or behaviour. All live chats are secure with end-to-end encryptions provided by a digital certificate and NHS information governance standards.

WE OFFER SUPPORT WITH:

- Preparing for and attending meetings
- Writing letters
- Understanding reports
- The EHCP process and reviews
- Appeals and Tribunals
- Admissions and Exclusions
- POST 16 provision
- Working in partnership with schools and the Local Authority to develop positive relationships



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