



# St Mary's CEVA Primary

## Academy Newsletter

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*"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14*



## Friday 29th April 2022



Welcome back. As we begin this term, we reflect on the Easter story and think about the sacrifice that Jesus made so that we can be forgiven of all the things we do wrong. Forgiveness, one of our key values, is our theme for the next few weeks. We have been going through stories from the Bible and reflecting on what this means for our lives. The story of the prodigal son and the unforgiving servant remind us of the importance to remember that we need to forgive others. We thought about the process that we need to go through, firstly to #recognise that we have done something wrong, to own up and ask for forgiveness but equally, when wrong has been done to us, to wholeheartedly forgive the other person.

The joy of forgiveness is that it allows us to start anew.

We are in the final stages of preparing for the Government tests.

Year 1 - Phonic screening

Year 2 - Reading, Writing and Maths

Year 4 - Times table test

Year 6 - Reading, Writing, Maths and Grammar, punctuation and spelling

All children will complete their Reading, Writing and Maths tests by the end of June.

We encourage you to support your children in their learning at home through Bedrock, TTS Rock stars and other homework.

Reminder: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a bank holiday school will be closed to all pupils on this day. We will welcome children back to school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

With blessings,

Diane Wright MA (Education)  
HEADTEACHER



## Upcoming Trips 2022

Fineshade Woods EYFS on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> May
West Lodge Farm EYFS 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Wicksteed Park KH Class date to be confirmed
Castle Ashby Year KSI date to be confirmed
Warning Zone Year 6 on 29 <sup>th</sup> June
Hunstanton visit for KS2 on 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Residential Year 5 and 6 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> July

I hope that you enjoyed the Easter holiday with your family and loved ones - I cannot believe we are heading for the summer! In January, I talked about the hope for the future that a new year brings and we certainly need that now, plunged as we are into such disturbing and insecure times, just as we are doing our best to cope with a post-COVID world.

Last term saw a resumption of 'normal' school life in terms of after school clubs, school trips and the like. Rock Day and World Book Day were a huge success and it was wonderful to see children and staff dress up and embrace the spirit of the events. It was also momentous to resume visits to St Mary's Church, notably when KS2 attended Mass on Ash Wednesday, many receiving the mark of the cross on their forehead to signify the start of Lent as Father James prayed especially for the people of Ukraine.



The theme of collective worship since January was the Fruits of the Spirit and many of you will have attended class assemblies focusing on these various fruits and at the end of term there was a Faith Day focusing on this theme, with a carousel of activities and spaces around school, like the relaxation area created in EYFS (see photo below) and culminating in a whole school church service.

As well as supporting school events, the Governors maintain a regular programme of oversight of various areas, such as safeguarding, health & safety, curriculum development and assessment data. I am pleased to say that we are invariably impressed by the thorough and professional approach of the school staff.

My New Year message of hope for the future has not changed, and Easter only makes that hope all the more real, as Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the new life that brings.

Mark Broughton

Chair of Governors



## Trips attended in 2021/2022

### Cadbury World, Birmingham

On 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021, the whole of Key Stage 2 visited Cadbury World in Birmingham as part of their learning about the Ancient Maya civilisation. The children learnt about how the Ancient Maya used cacao beans as well as looking around the factory.

### Royal Festival Hall, London

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, musicians from Key Stage 2 went to the Royal Festival Hall, London to watch a concert performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. Before the concert, the children ate their packed lunches underneath the London Eye and they also got a chance to see the Tower of London from the coach.

### Beauty and the Beast

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021, members of the drama club went to watch a performance of Beauty and the Beast at The Castle Theatre in Wellingborough. The story of Sleeping Beauty was told perfectly (with action scenes and merry mayhem in between dramatic song and dance routines). Alice Ellen Wright who played Princess Aurora studied at top theatre school Laine's; the children remarked on her beautiful voice, dancing and acting skills. The performance was rated 5 out of 5 from our children.

### Rockingham Pleasure Park

Key Stage 1 walked to Rockingham Pleasure Park on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January. The children were looking for signs of winter and played on the play equipment whilst they were there.

### Masjid Umar and Leicester Museum & Art Gallery

As part of their RE topic, children from Key Stage 1 visited Masjid Umar in Leicester on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. They were able to ask the Imam questions about Islam and identify the parts of the mosque that they had been learning about in RE lessons. Whilst there, they also went to the Leicester Museum & Art Gallery.

### Big Sing 2022, Royal and Derngate Theatre

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 Key Stage 2 members of the singing club performed in the Royal and Derngate Theatre, Northampton alongside schools from all over Northamptonshire as part of the NMPAT Big Sing 2022.

### Northampton Museum

As part of their local history unit, Key Stage 2 children visited the shoe collection at Northampton Museum on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. They were able to see lots of different shoes from various periods of history and had a go at sketching some of them.

### Heritage Centre, Fuller Baptist Church




On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022, Key Stage 2 children visited the Heritage Centre at Fuller Baptist Church in Kettering. They learnt about key figures from Northamptonshire who played an important part in the abolition of slavery during the Transatlantic Slave Trade and watched the organ being played.

If you start reading for 20 minutes per night in EYFS, by the end of Year 6, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days. Student B will have read for 12 school days and Student C will have read for 3 school days.

## WANT TO BE A BETTER READER?

### SIMPLY READ

# Why Read **20 MINUTES** At Home?

Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 min. per school year	900 min. per school year	180 min. per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,000 words per year	8,000 words per year
		
Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests	Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests



Christ The King in association with EN-FOLD  
Supporting Isaacs Journey Fighting Batten Disease

# FAMILY FUN DAY

SATURDAY 7TH MAY  
10am – 2pm

Christ The King Church, Deeble Road, Kettering, NN15 7AA

LOCAL SUPPORT SERVICES, CHARITIES  
& SEN INFORMATION

LOCAL CRAFT & FOOD STALLS

Bouncy Castle & Outdoor Activities

GAMES, TOMBOLA & RAFFLE



Raffle prize donations very gratefully received, please contact  
Aimee on 07792314679 to donate. Thank you



Many of our staff attend Christ the King where this event will take place, the proceeds of which will go to the family of Isaac to purchase items to help their son who has Batten disease. We would love you to come and help us support this fundraising event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

This is what Aimee Isaac's Mum has to say:

*Back in August 2021 our hearts were broken & our lives were turned upside down when Isaac was diagnosed with CLN2 Batten Disease. Batten disease is a neurodegenerative terminal illness which means overtime Isaac will lose the ability to walk, talk, eat and see, eventually we lose our happy, thrill seeking, funny and loving boy. We are currently raising money to be able to give Isaac the life he deserves, we want him to experience every thing a child of his age should and more. So far we have managed to buy him a walker and a trike, a climbing frame and physio equipment to keep him strong, among other things to improve the quality of his life. We are saving for more equipment, life experiences, house adaptations and possible sight (or even life) saving treatment abroad one day.*





20TH-22ND APRIL  
2022

Zuzanna  
&  
Taylee

Year 1

Whole  
Class

Year 1-2

Dray

Year 3-4

Whole  
Class

Year 4-5

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Lukas

Year 2

Kevin

Year 3

Annabelle  
L

EYFS

Ella

Year 5-6

Whole  
Class

Year 6



25TH-29TH APRIL  
2022

Lenny

Year 1

Adnan

Year 1-2

Livia

Year 3-4

Tawhid

Year 4-5

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Samir

Year 2

Whole  
class

Year 3

Harnoor

EYFS

Whole  
Class

Year 5-6

Ondrej

Year 6