



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter

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"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14



Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome to the year 2024. It is with great excitement that we celebrate the 125th year of the foundation of St Mary's Primary School. This year promises to be one filled with much celebration of the past and planning for the future.

MAY YOU SHINE
THE LIGHT OF
CHRIST IN THE
NEW YEAR!

As always, we continue to adapt and refine our practice to ensure seeking the best outcome for your children. In line with the latest research, we will no longer be doing weekly spelling tests; instead children will still come home with a list of words to practice but will not be tested on them. The teaching of spelling is most effective when linked to sentence level word, so this will be incorporated into the children's daily learning.

For more information read the following articles by clicking the links below:

<https://theconversation.com/why-some-kids-cant-spell-and-why-spelling-tests-wont-help-20497>

[UKLA Viewpoints: Spelling - UKLA](#)

What should you focus on at home...? Reading, reading, reading.

There is nothing more valuable to your child's education than reading. Please read with your child every day. Bedrock is the most effective way to help your child develop their vocabulary. Children must complete the Bedrock sessions each week.

These facts speak for themselves:

- If children read for an additional 6 minutes every day, their reading performance could increase by 100%.
- 80% of children have increases in specific areas of the brain when they are read to daily.
- Kids that read 20 minutes every day learn over 2000,000 words a year
- Children that take part in reading for 20 minutes a day or more have a greater chance of doing better on tests than 90% of their classmates.
- Showing children eBooks can raise their reading levels by 8.4 months ahead of the abilities of their peers.

With best wishes,

Diane Wright MA (Education)

HEADTEACHER



It is not long since our children were re-enacting the Christmas story for us all, the greatest ever told, and here we are, already in the middle of January.

The message of the angels – peace on earth and good will to all people – has never been more needed or urgent in our unstable and insecure world. There are many challenges that we face, here at home and in the wider world. At the very least, we must try to create stability and security for our children and give them the chance to fulfil their potential and have a positive impact on society. This is what we aim to do at St Mary's, both staff and governors.

As governors, we are very proud of the opportunities offered to all the children to develop their learning and experience in the classroom, through collective worship and a whole range of clubs and activities. The staff work tirelessly to help the children be the best they can and the governors continue to monitor this work.

I hope that we can all play our part in meeting the challenges of the coming year and I wish you and your families a Brave New Year.

With best wishes,

Mark Broughton

Chair of Governors



THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA



9th January 2024- Mrs Hollingshurst's and Mrs Brown's class are learning about the Tiger Who Came to Tea. The children wrote party invitations and invited each other's and Mr Savage's class to a tea party. At the tea party there was dancing, singing and story time. There was also lots of yummy food to eat (which we had to eat quickly just incase the tiger came!!).



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE TRAINING



St Mary's Primary School, Fuller Street
Kettering, is holding a BSL training course
that will take place every
Thursday 4pm-7pm

The course will run for 20 week starting
on

Thursday 29th February

The cost of this training is **£460** in total
which includes the exam

An additional one off cost of £10 is
required for refreshments

If you would like further information
please contact our school office on 01536
485500 and ask for Hannah.

Alternatively, please email
office@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk





ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!



We are currently
looking for reading
volunteers to come to
school once a week
in the afternoon.
If you, or if you know
anyone who would
be able to help,
please contact the
school office
01536 485500





St Mary's Primary School



Star of the Week

8th-12th January 2024

EYFS

RILEY & FRANKIE



YEAR 3

KERSIA



YEAR 1

SCARLETT



YEAR 1/2

PEMISIRE



YEAR 2

AVA M



YEAR 5/6

EMILIA



YEAR 3/4

NELLY



YEAR 4/5

EVA



YEAR 6

DENAS

