



"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Friday 16th February 2024

What a wonderful week we have had. Children shared stories of all the delicious pancakes that they had enjoyed on Shrove Tuesday. On Valentine's day we also talked about Ash Wednesday and lent. Many children have decided to do something that shows love during this period of lent. Tidying their room, writing messages of encouragement and helping others are a few of the things that they have talked about.



Matilda in Eagle's class has certainly demonstrated an incredible act of kindness and courageous advocacy by donating her hair to The Princess Trust. She had a total of over 11 inches cut from her hair and will be donated to the Little Princess Trust which will help children with the loss of their own hair. A total of over £600 has been raised for the charity. Well done Matilda for living out our school vision, do everything in love. (see pictures on page 7).

The children thoroughly enjoyed the 'Do everything in love' disco last night. Thank you so much to all the staff and parents who volunteered to ensure that the disco was a whopping success. The children certainly enjoyed dancing with their teachers.

Next week is half term, enjoy the time with your family - hopefully it will be a week filled with sunshine. Please remember, reading every day makes a huge difference to your child's progress.

Watch this link about Ash Wednesday and Lent in Lego!

<https://video.link/w/beWSVFNPwOs>

EYFS had a lovely visit from two police officers today as part of our topic "People who help us".

They told us how they keep people safe and they even showed us around their van- letting us see the tools they have. We were even allowed to sit in the van and pretended to be officers. We set the sirens off and arrested Mr Middleton and Mrs Dauncey!

A big thank you to the officers Rob and Christine for coming to see us.

We all had so much fun!

Please see page 3 and 4 for pictures of our lovely day.

Everyone at St Mary's wishes you all a wonderful and relaxing week and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 26th February.

With blessings,

Diane Wright

Headteacher

Diary Dates

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| • 29 th February- Theatre Performance (God's Planet) |
| • 7 th March- World Book Day- Come to school dressed as your favourite book character |
| • 15 th March- Brain Blaster Activity Day |
| • 18 th March- KSI walk to the Pleasure Park (seasonal changes) |
| • 21 st March- Class Photos |
| • 25 th March- A day of rugby, come to school wearing anything green, black or gold, representing the Northampton Saints Rugby Team. – Bring a chocolate for the tombola. |
| • 25 th March- stay and play session for under 5's
• Parent consultations |
| • 26 th March- KS2 visit to Christ the King Church for Faith day.
• Parent Consultations |
| • 27 th March- Craft morning (Easter bonnet making) and Church service at 2pm (all can attend) |



World Book Day on 7th March 2024

On Thursday 7th March all children are invited to come dressed as a character from a favourite book. This could be anything at all, for example, footballer (jeans and top), Tracy Beaker (trousers and t-shirt), Matilda (blue dress red ribbon in hair) or any fancy-dress costume they own.

Please note- you do not need to buy anything for this day.

This year there will be a class competition, 'Non-Fiction in a Bag' and all winners will get to choose a book as a prize. Each child will be given a bag to decorate in the first week of next term.

Step 1. Pick a non-fiction topic you are interested in. E.g. an animal, a country, a famous person, a sport, a famous landmark or something linked to a school subject.

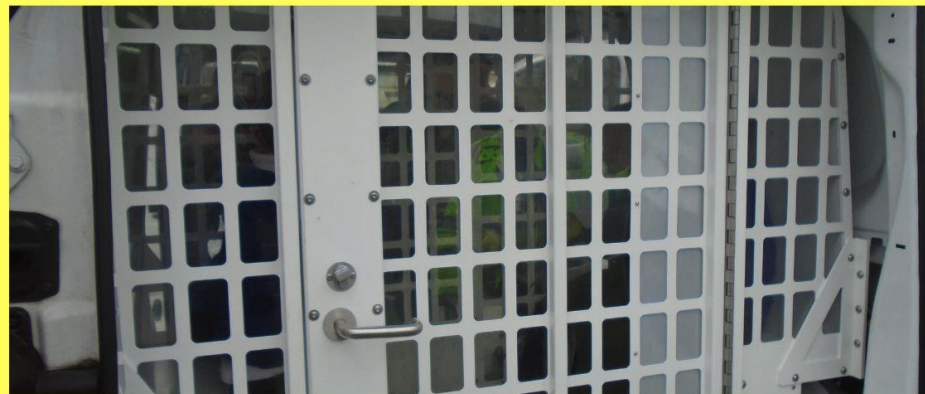
Step 2: Decorate the front of your bag and give it a title.

Step 3: Make things, draw or write about your topic. Put everything inside your bag. Make it exciting.

Bring it into school by Thursday 7th March, World Book Day.

To find out more about what World Book Day is all about, click this link: [World Book Day 2024 – Ideas and Activities | National Literacy Trust | National Literacy Trust](#)





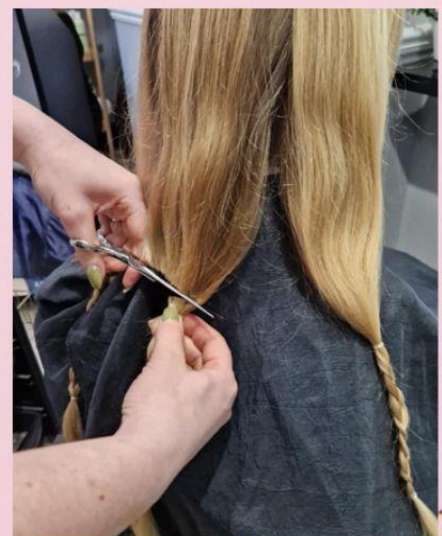


 Little
Princess
Trust

A Big Well Done
Matilda!



On February 8th, Matilda donated at least 11 inches of her beautiful long hair to the Little Princess Charity. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. Matilda has successfully raised over £600 for the charity. Congratulations Matilda, for truly living out our school vision: "Do Everything in Love".



Reading Matters!

HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads

20:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
1.8 MILLION
words per year
and can score in
90th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

5:00

minutes per day

will be exposed to
282,000
words per year
and can score in
50th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

A student who reads

1:00

minute per day

will be exposed to
8,000
words per year
and can score in
10th PERCENTILE
on standardized tests

Source: Nagy, Anderson and Herman, 1987



"Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."

Bali Rai



St Mary's Primary School



Star of the Week

12th - 16th February 2024

EYFS

SCARLETT



YEAR 3

WHOLE CLASS



YEAR 1

AVIKA



YEAR 1/2

SIRENE



YEAR 2

ISAIAH



YEAR 5/6

YEAR 3/4

ADRIAN



YEAR 4/5

RUPERT &

ELIZA



YEAR 6

WHOLE CLASS

