



friendship
aspiration
forgiveness
justice
hope



"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Friday 1st March 2024

This week has been a busy one. Monitoring of teaching and learning took place with governors and our school improvement consultant, as always, we strive to provide the best outcomes for your children.

This weekend is the fundraiser in memory of Sebastian Nunney, it's sure to be a show stopper of an event. Thank you to those who will be supporting this fundraising event.

Rise theatre provided a whole day of theatre for us yesterday, reminding us of our role in loving the world. (pictures from the event on the next page). This is the topic that we are focusing on this term and will be running an event on Saturday 20th April called: Loving the world.

We were very pleased to receive £500 from Tesco for the project and a further £200 from Love Wildlife (KBC).

This year we celebrate the 125 year of the foundation of St Mary's school. We are currently applying for funding to support this project further.

Have a wonderful weekend, blessings to you all.

With blessings,

Diane Wright
Headteacher

NEW MONTH.
new beginning.
NEW MINDSET.
new focus.
NEW START.
new intentions.
NEW RESULTS.



Diary Dates

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 7th March- World Book Day- Come to school dressed as your favourite book character |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 15th March- Brain Blaster Activity Day |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 18th March- KSI walk to the Pleasure Park (seasonal changes) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 21st March- Class Photos |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25th 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. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 25th March- stay and play session for under 5's• Parent consultations |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 26th March- KS2 visit to Christ the King Church for Faith day.• Parent Consultations |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27th 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](#)



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

 **SCHOLASTIC**

"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

26th Feb-1st March 2024

EYFS

MASON AND RILEY



YEAR 3

NARCIS



YEAR 1

JOSEPH



YEAR 1/2

EZMIN



YEAR 2

FAITHFUL



YEAR 5/6

AGATA



YEAR 3/4

REBECCA



YEAR 4/5

RIO



YEAR 6

DARIA

