



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter

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"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14



Friday 7th January 2022

We hope and pray that you and your family had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year has started well. This is a wonderful time to plan for the future. As we explored the scripture in Matthew where the wise man builds his house on the rock, we began to think about what you need when you build something. Firstly, to clear away. Make sure there is sufficient space to plan the outcomes for this year. Foundations are required to keep the building strong and firm, therefore we need to dig deep and ensure that our foundations are strong. The children thought about things they could do to ensure they achieve the goals they are setting for themselves these could be examples of the following:

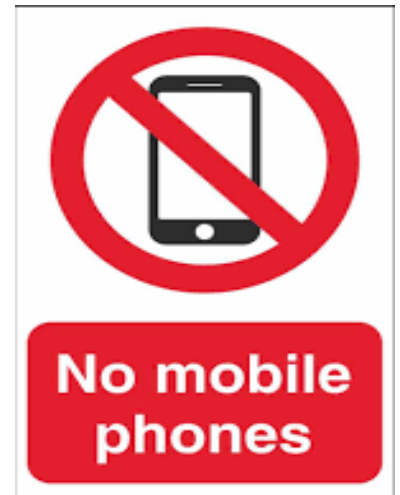
- Daily reading and completing their homework
- Helping others with their learning
- Practicing skills they want to improve themselves in such as: music, running or football
- Listening carefully to their teacher

As you set your dreams and plans for your life, your child and your family, I encourage you to read the words in Robert Frost's poem. Which path will you follow, what you will you do to achieve your dreams, what do you hope the outcomes will be. I look forward to watching the dreams, plans and prayers of your children that are realised as we travel together through this brand new year of 2022.

To safeguard our school community, please may we request that **NO MOBILE PHONES** are to be used anywhere on the school site, on the playground or inside the school.

With blessings,

Diane Wright MA (Education)
HEADTEACHER



Important date for your diary

There has been an amendment to the school calendar. An additional training day has been added on Friday 11th March 2022 therefore, the school will be closed to pupils on this day.

New Department of Education Covid-19 Guidance

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible staff, pupils and students should take an LFD each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their setting. If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting. Outside of the education setting, they should continue to follow the advice set out in the Sunday 12 December press release. This approach should also be adopted over the winter break and on return in January.

If they test positive, they should self-isolate and order a PCR test to confirm the result. If the PCR is positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days. If the PCR test is negative, they no longer need to self-isolate but should continue to carry out the remainder of the daily tests, and only need to isolate if it is positive.

For primary aged children LFD test kits are available through the usual routes (community test sites, local pharmacies or online). Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID 19 and do not need to isolate.

Please note: COVID-19 cases are high in Kettering currently, so please ensure you notify us by email of any positive Coronavirus results at any time of the day and weekend via our Covid email address. As per current guidance, we do not need immediate action on a single case to isolate individuals, as we will be notified by NHS Track and Trace.

Email: covid@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk



Happy New Year

2022

Welcome back to the new term and to a new year! I do hope that you were able to spend the holiday with those you love and that the message of the angels – joy to the world and hope for the future – impressed itself on your hearts and minds in the midst of late preparations, catering nightmares and health concerns.

It hardly seems a moment ago since we were enjoying end-of-term celebrations. The highlight for me – and for many, I expect – were the nativities in School and at St Mary's Church. It was wonderful to see the engagement and excitement all the children felt as they retold the Christmas Story for us. My thanks to all the staff and children who worked so hard to make that happen and I pray that this message of hope will carry us into the new term and through what will likely be another challenging year.

The staff marked the end of last term with their own gathering, including a well-organised Secret Santa, and we were able to say a proper farewell to Les Wilcox and thank him for all that he gave to the School community during his six years as our school governor. He was a regular visitor in school, always ready to help with events, from PTA barbecues to harvest festivals, even sourcing pigs' hearts for dissection lessons! Mr Les, as the children called him informally, will be missed by us all.

Very best wishes to all for a healthy and productive 2022!

Mr Mark Broughton

Chair of Governors



St Mary's PFA

(Parents and Friends Association)

A big thank you to our PFA who organised and ran two fantastic events just before Christmas. Firstly, the chocolate tombola and table top sale and although it was a freezing cold afternoon to take part in, they raised £147.41. The second event was the 'Santa's Grotto' this was extremely popular and I know that Father Christmas was kept very busy on that day seeing 190 of our school children and our Head Teacher, he was exhausted and needed a long rest when he got back to the North Pole. The 'Santa's Grotto' raised £190 so altogether the PFA and all of those who supported the events have raised £337.41. Some of this money had already been used for purchasing Christmas selection boxes for the whole school.

Thank you once again to the PFA and to all of those who supported the events. If you would like to join the schools PFA and help in upcoming events, then please speak to a member of the school office who will pass on your details.

Best wishes,

Mrs Amanda Brown
Year 1 Teacher
PP, EAL and First Aid Lead
St Mary's CEVA Primary School



I hope you all had a terrific Christmas Day and I pray that you enjoyed the break with your loved ones. We received a "thank you" email from the Hospital Chaplain Reverend Neil Tyrer who was given some of the superb Christmas cards we made as a whole school. So, I thought I'd share that and add my thanks to all the staff who led the "LOVE" workshop on Incarnation day and all the children who took part (that's all the children! you each did one!) As Mr Brown and I made the rounds of some of the local care homes to hand more out, the people we met were also very grateful for the cards and the special messages within. Here is the message from the hospital: "Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards, which we have received. The students put a great deal of thought, effort and love into these – a very big thank you to everyone at St. Mary's. On Christmas morning we placed the cards in the chapel – please see below two photographs. Three of my colleagues visited patients and staff and took some of the cards with them to spread a little bit of cheer and Christmas good will.

Blessings,

Mrs. Z Brown Year 3 teacher RE & MFL lead St Mary's Primary



The Road Not Taken

BY ROBERT FROST

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves, no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference*

ROCK KIDZ ON TOUR

14TH JANUARY 2022

ALL DAY

SELF-ESTEEM MESSAGES

**DRESS LIKE A ROCK N ROLL STAR BUT DON'T BUY ANYTHING -
NO NEED - JEANS AND T-SHIRTS ARE ALL GOOD!**



Kevin

Year 1

Sam B

Year 1-2



13TH-17TH
DECEMBER 2021

Layla-
Rose

Year 3-4

Whole
Class

Year 4-5

STAR OF THE WEEK

Isabella
H

Year 2

Subomi

Year 3



Whole
Class

Year 5-6

Louix

Year 6

Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Hands



Face



Space



Fresh air

Anyone in my house develops Coronavirus symptoms:

- New continuous cough
- High temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Anyone in your household has a test for Covid-19

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119

If you are reporting a positive Covid case during school hours please inform us by the usual method of communication on our telephone number 01536 485500 or email office@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk

Out of school hours evenings/weekends:

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Please notify us by email of any positive results over a weekend or an evening as per current guidance we do not need immediate action on a single case to isolate individuals, as we will be notified by NHS Track and Trace.

In order to ensure that the school remains the safest possible environment for the children and staff, and that the risk of transmission is reduced, we all need to work together to ensure that we follow the latest Government guidance.