



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter

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"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14



Friday 14th January 2022

This week we begin our series on the 'Fruits of the Spirit'. We will be exploring this further through collective worship, reflection spaces and within our classrooms. We were thrilled to have Mrs Streatfield (a minister in a local church and one of our school parent's) join us for worship this week. The first fruit we have looked at is LOVE, which is brilliantly placed as it is in line with our school vision: "Do everything in love". The children were able to give me many excellent examples where we have recently demonstrated love including:

- Sending gift boxes to Moldova
- Lyla Caddick gifting her hair to The Little Princess Trust
- Making cards to share with residents in care homes and the KG Hospital

The children were able to give lots of examples of how they show love to themselves by being the best that they can be, doing their best in their learning and developing a heart of care and love for others.

This week KS1 enjoyed a wonderful walk to the Pleasure Park where they enjoyed outdoor learning looking at seasonal change. I am sure like me; you are enjoying how the days are a little lighter for longer. KS2 are enjoying their topic on Local History. We are finding out lots of fascinating facts about our town. The children have enjoyed spotting places from the past and identifying what they look like now. Why not enjoy this clip together, see link below:

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

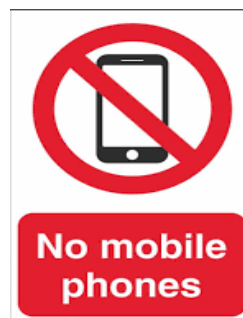


Click the link below for the fruits of the spirit song for kids:

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

In the next few pages of this newsletter, you will find pictures from our “Rock star day”. The staff and children have had the most wonderful day so far and we would like to thank you all for your amazing efforts.

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.



REMINDER OF SCHOOL COLLECTION TIMES:

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 - 3:15pm

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 3:20pm

Covid-19 Guidance

If you have a positive case in the household children over five years old are asked to do a LFT test daily and CAN attend school if they have a negative result.

If a child has any covid symptoms, they should go for a PCR test.

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

With blessings,

Diane Wright MA (Education)
HEADTEACHER



What is phonics and how can I help my child?

Synthetic phonics is a way of teaching reading. Your child will be taught two crucial things when they are learning to read using synthetic phonics:

1. How sounds are represented by written letters. For example, they will be taught that the letter 'm' represents an mmm sound.
2. How sounds can be blended together to make words. For example, they will be taught that the sounds of the letters 'c-a-t' blend together to make the word 'cat'.

Your child will be taught to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sound (or sounds) they represent. For example, they will be taught that the letter 'L' sounds like LLLL when we say it. Your child will then start reading by blending the sounds together to make words. Another word for this kind of blending is synthesising.

At school, you will probably hear teachers talking about blending, but you might also hear them talk about sounding out or Fred Talk. All these terms refer to the same idea: synthesising sounds.

Your child will be taught phonics sounds in sets. You can ask your child's teacher what set they are currently working on and use the resources on our website to support them at home. Ask your child to use "Fred Talk," to sound out and say the green words. Your child will also be learning red words. Red words are what we call words the children cannot sound out as they do not follow the phonics language patterns.

Parent video: How to say the sounds: <https://video.link/w/poLbc>

Please see the phonics section of our school website for more information:

www.stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk

Phonics

Phonics is the foundation for writing and reading,

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free," (Frederick Douglass).

At St Mary's we believe that effective Synthetic Phonics teaching is essential to developing reading and writing skills that children need.

We use a programme called Read Write Inc. for our phonics and early literacy provision. *Read Write Inc.* Phonics teaches children to read accurately and fluently with good comprehension. They learn to spell correctly and compose their ideas step-by-step.



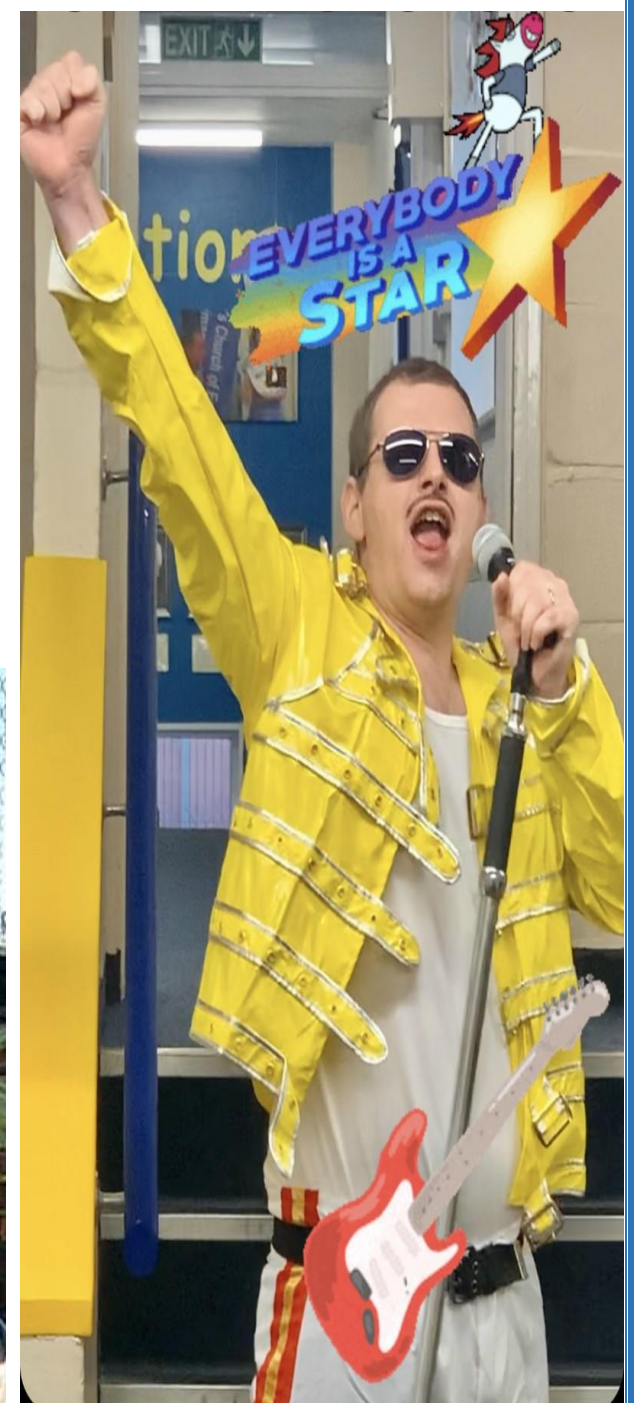


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10TH-14TH
JANUARY 2022

STAR OF THE WEEK

Samuel

Year 1

Adrian

Year 1-2

Layla-
Rose

Year 3-4

Whole
Class

Year 4-5

Nathan

Year 2

Samir

Year 3

Kyran

EYFS

Freya B

Year 5-6

Whole
Class

Year 6

love is patient,
love is kind.

IT DOES NOT ENVY,
IT DOES NOT BOAST,
IT IS NOT PROUD.
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS,
IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING,
IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED,
IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS.
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH.
IT ALWAYS PROTECTS,
ALWAYS TRUSTS, ALWAYS HOPES,
ALWAYS PERSEVERES.

love never fails.

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:

Email: covid@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk

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.