



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter

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"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

Friday 4th March 2022

Our vision resonates in our hearts as we consider how we can support those who are living within the horror of the current situation in Ukraine. Thank you so much for the amazing and incredible donations that you have all provided to support those who have lost so much. This week, we have been focusing on the fruit of the spirit – goodness. The story of the Good Samaritan is a perfect parable to help us to think about how we should respond at this time.

Mrs Heaney wanted to give a heart-felt thank you to all those who contributed to the collection for those displaced from Ukraine. (See page 3)

For the first time in nearly two years, we attended Mass at St Mary's church to focus on Ash Wednesday; a call to consider how we focus on helping others and doing all we can for others. Father James wore his ash cross for those suffering in Ukraine. We continue to think and pray for all those who are suffering in the current conflict.

PFA NEWS: Don't forget anyone is welcome to come and join us for a coffee today at 2:45pm.

Please keep praying for peace,

Diane Wright MA (Education) HEADTEACHER

KEEP CALM
AND
JOIN THE PFA

*Come join our fun and
Friendly Team*

*Help us create long lasting
Memories for your children*

Come join us for a Coffee on
Friday 4th March at 2.45pm

New and current Covid Guidance

As you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced his 'Living with Covid' plan, and the Department for Education has followed up with guidance to schools. As you would expect, there is a lot of detail, but we thought it would be helpful to share with you the main points.

Self-isolation and Testing

- The Government has now removed the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Those with symptoms should take a PCR test. If they test positive, they are still advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least five full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received two negative test results on consecutive days (beginning on days 5 and 6).
- If a parent or carer insists on a student attending school with confirmed or suspected Covid, schools can take the decision to refuse attendance, if in their reasonable judgement, this is necessary to protect other students and staff.
- Routine contact tracing will end, close contacts who are not fully vaccinated or under the age of 18 will no longer be required to self-isolate or to test for 7 days.

Remote education

- The regulations requiring school to provide remote learning to students isolating for Covid-related reasons end on 24 March.

The school will be following the government guidance living with COVID-19 Plan, which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-living-with-covid-19>

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.

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

WE STAND WITH UKRAINE



A personal message from Mrs Heaney our Year Six Teacher

I would like to say a HUGE THANKYOU to each and every one of our school family for helping support the people of Ukraine. As some of you may know, I was born in Ukraine moving to the UK 23 years ago. As you can imagine I am concerned for the future of my country and for my parents, friends and family that remain in Ukraine.

The response to our appeal for those in need has been absolutely incredible, so much so that I am completely overwhelmed with emotion from the kindness and generosity of our school community, I simply cannot put into words how thankful I am.

Below is a picture of all of your donations, we cannot thank you enough for your kindness.



Faith M- Miss Perkins Class

Ride of Passage is an animation that is being used by Miss Perkin's class as inspiration for their writing. This extract is written by Faith (Year 4.)

Next to a majestic rainforest there stood the tribe's chief, who everybody was loyal to, talking to a small young lad. "Go inside the rainforest and find the largest head possible, make me proud!" demanded the chief.

"I'm sure to make you proud", the young lad (called Toki) muffled.

Nervously, Toki entered the highly questionable forest scared of what he might encounter. Suddenly, Toki spotted a mysterious figure. Slowly he shuffled towards it and realised it was a frog! He put it on his head and it turned out to be surprisingly small. Swiftly, a mysterious chuckling figure swooped by, it was a monkey dancing.



Our Trip to the Gurdwara

At the end of last term, Miss Welch and Mrs Brown's Year 3 & 4 children visited Kettering's Gurdwara on King Street. It was a great opportunity to see for themselves the Sikhi elements of worship they had been studying. We were very fortunate that some year 5 and 6 Sikhi children came with us and prepared us for the experience.

When they entered the Gurdwara, the children prepared themselves by covering their heads with a very colourful collection of their teachers and parents' scarves, taking off their shoes and washing their hands. In the main hall, we were greeted by some of the people who worship there. One gentleman read from the Guru Gran Sahib, not only a book of Holy scripture and collection of the words of the 10 Gurus, but also the embodiment of the 11th Guru, the eternal Guru. We were shown the small bedroom where the living Guru is put to bed every night. Our guides then played on very special instruments: a kirtan harmonium and a jori (twin drums). They sung the scripture and explained that the Guru Gran Sahib is written in verse, so it is made for singing! We were very impressed!

After the worship, we were offered a treat, as is tradition. We did not have time for a proper dinner! So instead, we had a snack of biscuits and chocolates. There was even a special Sikh traditional treat called kada prashad, a mix of wheat flour, ghee and sugar that was quite tasty.

We were very well received by our new friends at the Gurdwara and we look forward to coming again!



Mrs Hollingshurst's Class Writing

Monday 31st January 2022

In class, we have been writing Daddy Bear's diary. The children will now write Baby Bear's diary independently.

Dear diary what a
wonderful day it has
been we were climbing
trees in the pretty forest.
we went home because there
was a storm! I took the
smallest bowl but
someone had eaten
all my porridge
scrumptious porridge!
I felt heart broken
and cheerless.
After that we went
upstairs because
we were egg zapped.
I tried to get into
the smallest bed

Monday 31st January 2022

In class, we have been writing Daddy Bear's diary. The children will now write Baby Bear's diary independently.

Dear diary,
What a silly day it has been! We were
climbing, eating porridge in the
wonderful woods. We went home
because we were very sleepy. I took
the smallest bowl but someone had
eaten my fantastic porridge. I felt
very heart broken. After work we
went home because we were very
sleepy. I tried to get into the
smallest bed but someone was
sleeping in Baby Bear's bed and
again!! She had a red hat, shoes,
purple and black, a black hair
and funny shoes. When she saw
the three bears she ran away
and she was terrified!

Fabian

but someone was
sleeping in it she
had gold hair, rosy
red cheeks, red
lips and rainbow
flowerly sparkly dress
when she saw us she
jumped out of the
bed and screamed
and ran all the way
home!

Sophia P



21ST-25TH MARCH
2022

Lenny

Year 1

Mia C

Year 1-2

Izzy &
Macauley

Year 3-4

Simrah &
Midhunagrace

Year 4-5

STAR OF THE WEEK

Benjy

Year 2

Bella

Year 3

Lola C

EYFS

Kristian

Year 5-6

Komal

Year 6

Term Dates 2022/23

September 2022							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35				1	2	3	4
36	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
37	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
38	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
39	26	27	28	29	30		

October 2022							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
39						1	2
40	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
41	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
42	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
43	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
44	31						

November 2022							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44		1	2	3	4	5	6
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December 2022							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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January 2023							
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5	30	31					

February 2023							
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March 2023							
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April 2023							
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13						1	2
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May 2023							
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18	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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June 2023							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22				1	2	3	4
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July 2023							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26						1	2
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28	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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31	31						

August 2023							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31		1	2	3	4	5	6
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35	28	29	30	31			

	Pupil Days		Training days		School holidays		Bank holidays
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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.