

Tuesday 15th March 2022

When I was preparing the worship last week on being faithful, it got me thinking about the way in which friends describe the faithfulness of their pets. The story of Hachiko, a dog living in Japan who waiting daily for his master to return. In the New Testament, Jesus tells the story of a man who gives his servants different amounts of talents. Those that invest time and effort multiply their talents but the servant who buries the talent and reaps no reward does not win the favour of the master. What are you doing with your talents? Are you sharing them with others and multiplying their impact?

Over the next few weeks, you are invited to come and see your children during worship. We are so excited about welcoming you into our school so you too can enjoy the series we have been covering in worship on the Fruits of the Spirit. Children completed assessments last week and are meeting one to one with their teachers to go through their MAJ. This is a brilliant opportunity to support the children in the ownership of their own learning journey.

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

 \cdot 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

 \cdot 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.



Email: covid@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk





World Book Day 2022

Thank you to our wonderful St Mary's family for making World Book Day 2022 such a success. Our love of reading was definitely shared in a fun and creative way. Seeing our children dressed as their favourite book characters or with unusual hairstyles was wonderful to see.

During the day all classes completed a number of book related activities including completing a book title emoji quiz, sharing the beautiful story "Lucy's Blue Day" and decorating their classroom doors inspired by books or book characters.

The winning classroom doors, as judged by our chair of governors, were:





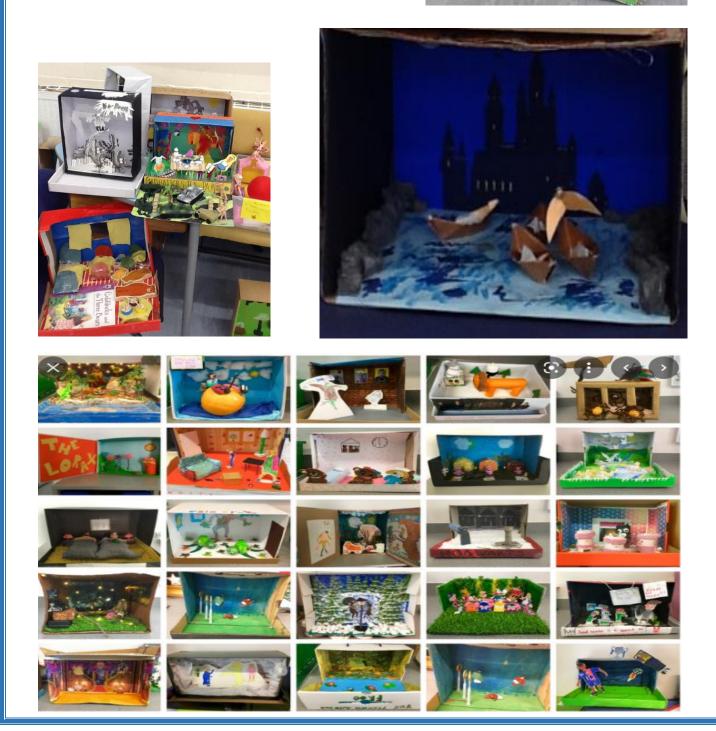
Thank you to those children who entered the "Book in a Box" competition. The imagination and creativity that was shown in all the entries was outstanding. All entries were rewarded with a chocolate treat for their effort.











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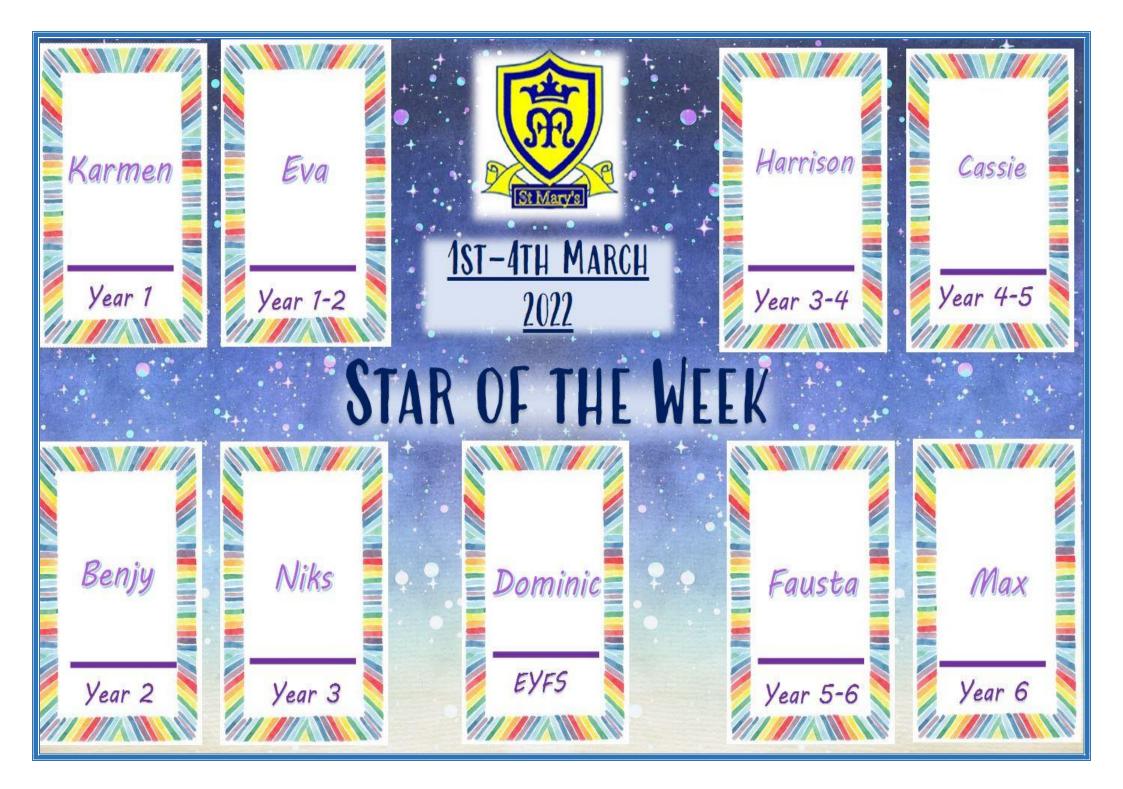
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Pupil Days

Training days

School holidays Bank holidays



Coronavirus (COVID-19)



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 <u>01536 485500</u> or email <u>office@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk</u>

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.