



## STAMFORD ST GILBERT'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

A very big thank you to St Gilbert's PTA for all the wonderful events and fundraising that have taken place over this term. The discos on Tuesday were very well attended and the children had lots of fun. Today there was a cake sale and raffle and the first 100 Club winner was drawn in Celebration Worship this morning.

Looking forward to next term, the PTA will be supporting the Reading Breakfasts on the 7<sup>th</sup> March and we are very grateful for all their help with this and all they do for our school.

### DIARY DATES

<b>25/02/2019</b>	<b>Term 4 Begins</b>
<b>05/03/2019</b>	<b>Bags2School</b>
<b>07/03/2019</b>	<b>Reading Breakfast- EYFS/KS1</b> 8:30am-9:00am
<b>07/03/2019</b>	<b>Reading Breakfast- KS2</b> 9:00am-9:30am
<b>07/03/2019</b>	<b>Book Fair</b> 7th - 12th March
<b>07/03/2019</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>07/03/2019</b>	<b>Book Fair</b> 3:30pm-4:30pm daily
<b>08/03/2019</b>	<b>PTA Event- 2nd Hand Book Sale</b>

### Attendance

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS!**

Each week we announce the attendance percentages for each class, recognising improvement and the class who has achieved the best attendance!

*Congratulations to*

**SNICKETT CLASS**

*who had*

**98.71 % attendance last week**

We are so proud of the football team who continue to play well competitively and demonstrate great sportsmanship in all their games.

**I would like to say an enormous thank you to Mr Goddard who volunteers his free time during and after school to train the football team. He has done this to such a good level that, each year, they experience great success throughout the season.**

Should parents want to discuss the organisation of the football team, please can they contact Miss Jennings directly who oversees competitive sport and the selection of all teams.

### **Congratulations to Mrs Parkin who is the first winner of the PTA's 100 Club!**

So far 73 numbers have been sold and this means currently the monthly prize is £36.50 but this will go up with more numbers sold.

Numbers are still available for the next 6 months so if you would like to be included in the following month's draw, please see a member of the PTA, email them on [stgilbertspta@outlook.com](mailto:stgilbertspta@outlook.com) or see the Parentmail sent out earlier this term.

## Foundation Stage

The children in Foundation Stage have had another super week; our last week of our topic “Animals”. They have been practising using rhyme and rhythm as they learnt the song “Animal Fair”. They really enjoyed putting the words to the song, and noticing the rhymes.

In Character Education this week, the children have learnt about the **important quality of ‘friendliness’**, what it means and how we can show friendly behaviour to each other. During carpet time the children had to think of a greeting they could use with a friend, and then practise using it. There were **lots of smiles** as their friendly greetings were put into practice!

In Maths this week the children have been exploring 2D shapes, naming them and categorising them according to their properties. They have got hands on, feeling and comparing the plastic shapes, and have been on a shape hunt around the classroom to see what shapes they could find in the environment. What a busy week of **learning and exploring!**



## Key Stage 1

On Monday we had our Internet Safety Morning. We had three different sessions about internet safety taking place in Milne, Seuss and Donaldson. It was a delight to see so **many enthusiastic** parents **exploring and discussing** important issues with their children. The children enjoyed involving their adults in their learning and we always **encourage dialogue** about these important life skills.

Year 1 and 2 have had a very **inspiring visitor** in school this week. Mr Tim Oglethorpe came into school to talk to the children about his many rich and varied interests.

Tim is a journalist for the Daily Mail, a commentator for Northampton Town Football Club and a children’s author- so many interesting areas to fire their imagination! Tim was on the banks of the Zambezi river in Zimbabwe with Sir David Attenborough when he filmed his Painted Wolves Dynasty. We discovered some really interesting facts which **enriched our varied curriculum** and helped us to understand his **inspiration and passion** for nature.



## Key Stage 2

In the final week of Term 3, Years 3 and 4 have continued their learning about 'Fantastic Fractions!' The children have been learning how to add and subtract fractions with the same denominator and have started thinking about equivalent fractions. They have also started **investigating** how to find a fraction of an amount. We've been **really impressed** with the children's **perseverance and determination!**

In English, the children have continued to look at the features of persuasive writing. This week we have concentrated on persuasive letters. The children have been very excited about writing to Blue Peter to tell them about our amazing Eco School and persuade them to visit St Gilbert's. We wanted to share all of **the amazing work** that the children do at St Gilbert's and how **sustainability is important** to us as a school!

Across the school, we have introduced a 'Spelling of the Day' and the children have been coming up with **some amazing words** and finding out their definitions. We have talked to the children about the **importance of understanding** the vocabulary that they read and then applying it to their work.

To conclude our pirate topic, the children have been **creative and innovative** when designing and making their very own treasure chests. The children had to test their own cutting skills and think carefully about 'nets' when constructing their finished design. Some of the treasure chests had a traditional design, whilst others, had a more contemporary feel.

It's been such a busy term and the children have **worked extremely hard**. We hope that they will have a well-deserved rest over the half term and come back eager to learn about our new topic: India!

## Key Stage 2

The children in Y5/6 have continued to shine this week. They finished off their Science topic by producing informative posters on how to lead a healthy lifestyle – showcasing everything they have learnt this term. In our WW2 History lesson, the children imagined what life would be like as an evacuee and wrote a letter to someone back home. They were **very compassionate** and **thought carefully** about the mixed emotions an evacuee may have: the excitement of going to a new place; the anticipation of meeting new people and the worry and fear for those left behind in the city.

On Monday, the children **thoroughly enjoyed** showing parents everything they had learnt from Safer Internet Day; all three classes were **creative** in showing parents the key messages of the day. Snicket class performed their musical medley brilliantly – with one parent even commenting on copyrighting the lyrics! A drama scene was performed by Morpurgo class which demonstrated the importance of being safe online and acting your age, adhering to the age restrictions of social media accounts. Rowling Class created their own E-Safety quizzes; the parents enjoyed playing along and learning in an interactive way. We would like to thank all of the parents for their support on this morning. The children cherished the opportunity to show off **their hard work** to you all.

## Football News

What an exciting game for the Year 5/6 football team against The Bytham's School last night! They showed great sportsmanship and fantastic skill on the pitch and they scored some tough goals. Both teams played amazingly and it was a close game, up until the end. The overall score was 4-3 to St Gilbert's. Well done St Gilbert's for a great first term of football!



Next academic year we have some very exciting workshops for Years 5 and 6. Please see the letter below giving details of an information evening for parents.

Dear Parents,

We are a charity based in Stamford and currently work with 18 primary schools in the local area delivering workshops on Sex and Relationships, and Protective Behaviours, in addition to a number of different workshops throughout local secondary schools. We have been invited into your school to work with the upper key stage two students, delivering our Sex and Relationships and Protective Behaviours programme.

We recognise that parental input in the area of healthy relationships is paramount to a good student understanding and we are wanting to involve parents more by hearing your ideas and informing you about our teaching. Consequently, we warmly invite you to join us at our upcoming open evening.

This will be taking place at **Christchurch, Green Lane, Stamford, PE9 1HE** from **7.30-9.00pm** on **Tuesday 26th February** .

Within the evening we will present our programme, explaining what we teach and why, in relation to the new statutory government guidelines which come into force in 2020.

Following our presentation there will be an open time for questions and further discussion. We would love for you to join us. If you are able to attend then please sign up via our Facebook event - find us at "The Conversation - by ASET". Or alternatively follow this link below to confirm your attendance - <http://signup.com/go/meVqPmE>

We look forward to welcoming you,

Gemma Holbird and Sarah Jane Sauntson  
(Education Managers of "The Conversation" by Alternatives Stamford)

## PTA

The PTA would to say a massive thank you for supporting the PTA by buying disco tickets, raffle tickets, 100 Club numbers, joining us at our swishing event and donating and buying cakes and 2nd hand uniform. Every penny goes towards supporting our children at school. Please watch out for our PTA newsletter early next term. We are excited to be able to tell you all where the PTA funds will be spent this year!

### PTA Events next term:

Bags4School - Tuesday 5th March

Reading Breakfasts - Thursday 7th March

2nd Hand Book Sale - Friday 8th March - if you're having a clear out over half term, we would love to receive your 2nd hand books

Family Bingo Night - Friday 22nd March

Mother's Day Gifting - letters will be coming home next term about purchasing a personalised (by your children) Mother's Day gift

Easter Egg Raffle - Friday 5th April

## St Gilbert's School Race for Life

April 2019

A whole school event over 2 mornings incorporating a cake sale, dress down day and lots more activities.

We hope to raise lots of money and, just as importantly, awareness for Cancer Research UK which is such a worthy cause.

A big 'Thank You' to Miss Denne & Mrs Desborough who are organising this event.

**Further details to follow next term.....**

We hope you have a very restful, peaceful and happy  
half term break.

We look forward to seeing you all for Term 4 on  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February



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