



Your Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Fennelly

If you have a worry you can talk to your teacher or an adult you trust.

We also have other important people in school who know what to do if you have a serious worry – their pictures are below:



Mrs Fennelly
Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs De Board
Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Richards
Gruffalo Class Teacher

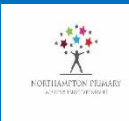


Mrs Holland
Inclusion Leader



Miss Garrard
Nurture Lead

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Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Event
15th December	Whole School	Dolce Christmas lunch
16th December	Whole School	The Friends Christmas Raffle Draw
17th December	Whole School	Christmas Party Day- more information to come



KS 2 Christmas Performance Dates for your Diary

Date	Year group	Time
Tuesday December 7th	The Players and Year 4	10:00-11:00 in the school hall
Tuesday December 7th	The Players and Year 3	1:30-2:30 in the school hall
Wednesday December 8th	The Players and Year 5	1:30-2:30 at St Benedicts Church
Thursday December 9th	The Players and Year 6	1:30-2:30 at St Benedicts Church



KS 1 Christmas Performance

Date	Year group	Time
Monday December 13th	Reception	1:30-2:00 in the school hall
Monday December 13th	Year 2	2:00-2:30 in the school hall
Monday December 13th	Year 1	2:30-3:00 in the school hall
Tuesday December 14th	Reception	9:30-10:00 in the school hall
Tuesday December 14th	Year 2	10:00-10:30 in the school hall
Tuesday December 14th	Year 1	10:30-11:00 in the school hall



Tickets for all performances must be booked prior to attending.

Please go to: **ParentMail- payments- shop** to do this



Simon de Senlis Primary Weekly Update – 3rd December 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive spirit is clearly starting to appear across the school and the local community with lights and baubles decorating trees and windows. The sight of these bright lights brings hope and happiness to many and are always a wonderful welcome as the weather becomes cold and frosty.

At school we are continuing with our dedication to learning along with enjoying the wonder of this magical time of year. The school is filled with children singing, reciting lines, preparing costumes and props, with excitement and joy palpable for all.

Next week we will begin our festive performances with Year 3, 4, 5, 6 and the SU joining 'The Players' to deliver their outstanding performance of Creepy Crawly Christmas. During our final week of term, we then turn to Reception, Year 1 and 2 to showcase their performances. Please do book your ticket for the performances to celebrate your child's achievements and to join us in spreading joy at this time of year.

As always, I am so proud of every child in school as they continue their learning journeys with such drive, dedication and enjoyment.

Please wrap up warm over the weekend, enjoy the frosty weather and I look forward to seeing you all next week. Mrs Fennelly



**Well Done
Everyone, Keep
Going!**

Each Friday the classes have a poster that is shared within the Star of the Week celebration.

This week we discussed being resilient and having a positive growth-mindset. We agreed that we should be proud of all of our achievements so far this term and be excited about the great learning that will continue to take place over the coming weeks.

Christmas Crafts Workshop at Northampton Museum Saturday December 11th.



Christmas crafts workshop



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Celebrate the festive season by making a Christmas wreath, card or a pudding decoration in our new studio space. Drop in – no booking required. Suitable for children aged 3-8 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Saturday 11 December

11am-3pm

£3 per child

Great ideas to try at home.....

Use your popper to practise your phonics and spelling!



Use an ice cube tray to freeze your own natural hanging baubles for the garden!





Every Christmas, instead of children sending cards to each other at school, we hold a collection for others who are less fortunate than ourselves. This year, we will be supporting Re:Store Northampton.

Re:Store are a food bank charity who support many families within our local community and across Northampton. Although they have enough food to donate to families at this time, they don't have enough toiletries and sundries such as: shampoo, shower gel, shaving foam, toothpaste, toothbrushes, plus any baby toiletries.

Our Christmas Collection will be for the above and in doing so we will be sending our help and support to families for the same price as a box of Christmas cards.

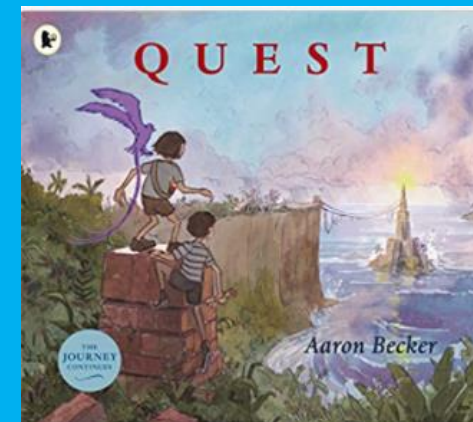
Please bring any donations to school from Monday.

Many thanks

The Quest



We are so proud that the writing from Simon de Senlis, based on the whole school reading and writing unit, The Quest, is being showcased at Hunsbury library. We hope you can visit the library to see the amazing work by the children.





Miss Garrard says...

THANK YOU!



I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who have signed up for the online triple p course and who attended this weeks support group.

It was so great for everyone to get together and share their own personal experiences and challenges in a safe space.

I hope that the one thing that can be taken away from the support group is that you are not alone!

If you feel you would benefit from accessing the online course or attending the support group please get in contact with me directly or email 'triple p' to info@simondesenlis.org

I will be running the group every Thursday for the next 8 weeks from 9-10am.

Next week I will be providing croissants with our tea and coffee.

- Cope with difficulties and emotional stress
- Encourage good behaviour
- Prevent tantrums & manage misbehaviour
- Take the stress out of shopping
- Manage problems calmly and without yelling
- Get your child to co-operate and follow instructions
- Strengthen your relationship as you teach them new skills



Northamptonshire Specialist SEND Support Services

Specialist SEND Support Services provide early intervention to assist in identifying a child's special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) at an early stage and may provide advice on relevant support.

The SEND Support Service offers advice and support to children, young people, families, carers and a range of educational establishments for children with a wide range of special educational needs and / or autism, aged 0 to 19 years.

Parent Consultations

Consultations can be made from anyone seeking advice for an individual child. This is an opportunity to seek advice and support from one of our practitioners. Consultations are usually for about an hour and are for parents or carers to attend without the child or young person.

Support and advice can be accessed by requesting a telephone consultation with one of our practitioners and this can be arranged by emailing sss@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk with your name, preferred contact number, the area you live in Northamptonshire, the child's age and a brief description of what you would like to discuss.

In line with the latest government policy the SEND Support Service is only offering face to face meetings where the work cannot be carried out virtually.



Parent Workshops

There are also a range of free courses and workshops available for parents to access from the service. Your child does not need a formal diagnosis for you to access these courses or workshops.

These include:

- Reflections courses - A course for parents or carers to enhance understanding of social communication difficulties (including autism) in children aged up to 7 years old.
- Spectrum courses - A course for parents or carers to enhance understanding of social communication difficulties (including autism) in children or young people aged 8 to 19.
- A range of other courses including; anger and emotions, anxiety, eating and food, sensory, toileting and puberty.

For more information or to book onto a course please visit:

https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/SEND/specialist-support-for-send/Pages/SEND_support_service.aspx

Ms Holland (Inclusion Leader)



La Multi Ani!



This is the greeting for National Romanian Day. The day is celebrated on Wednesday the 1st of December.

[National Day in Romania in 2021](#)

Read about National Day in Romania in 2021. This public holiday is always celebrated on December 1st. It is the National day of Romania and celebrates the Union of Transylvania with Romania in 1918.

<https://www.officeholidays.com/holidays/romania/romania-national-day>



#BECYBERSMART

Barefoot Computing is a fantastic website with lots of resources and Scratch projects you can do at home! It also has lots of child-friendly online safety information and has a range of resources and games for children of various ages to use which helps them to understand how to stay safe on the internet.

The Phiserman is one of the games available for children to play at home:

By accepting a challenge from a cyber security expert, the children consider how a criminal might try and discover a secret code for a padlock. Through exploration of a programme they then go on to learn about the use of variables and conditional loops in code, and how to create stronger, more secure pins and passwords.

Using The Phisherman game children explore an underwater village, they learn how to recognise the signs of phishing and help the residents stay safe as they come under attack from the Phisherman.

<https://barefootgames.org/the-phisherman?ref=https://www.barefootcomputing.org/>



Turtle

Hi, I'm Turtle the new head of the Cyber Security team in our underwater village, Kelpy Deepes. Today I am here to help you learn about phishing.



Great advice for parents from National Online Safety regarding age-appropriate content online



Maths

Here are twenty-four maths activities, one for each day in December during the run-up to Christmas.
We hope you enjoy working on them!

[Advent Calendar 2021 - Primary \(maths.org\)](http://maths.org)



Mrs Phelps and Miss McGarrity

English - December Book Recommendations!

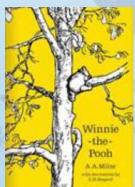
If you are looking for Christmas present ideas, or just simply a new book to read, take a look at this amazing round up of the 100 most recommended books for different age groups. With everything from classics to new authors, there is bound to be something that you will enjoy!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>

Here are just some of the suggestions:

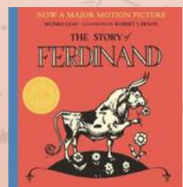
Winnie-the-Pooh

Author: A A Milne
Illustrator: E H Shepard
Interest level: 4+
Reading age: 7+



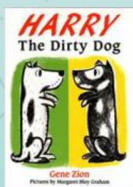
The Story of Ferdinand

Author: Munro Leaf
Illustrator: Robert Lawson
Interest level: 4-5



Harry the Dirty Dog

Author: Gene Zion
Illustrator: Margaret Bloy Graham
Interest level: 3-5



The Magic Faraway Tree

Author: Enid Blyton
Interest level: 7+
Reading age: 7+



Pippi Longstocking

Author: Astrid Lindgren
Translator: Tiina Nunnally
Illustrator: Lauren Child
Interest level: 6+
Reading age: 8+



Dog Man

Author: Dav Pilkey
Interest level: 6-8
Reading age: 6+



Millions

Author: Frank Cottrell Boyce
Illustrator: Steven Lenton
Interest level: 9+
Reading age: 9+



Once

Author: Morris Gleitzman
Interest level: 10+
Reading age: 9+



Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet

Author: Zanyb Mian
Illustrator: Nasaya Mafaridik
Interest level: 8-11
Reading age: 8+



0 – 5 years

6 – 8 years

9 – 11 years

Mrs Parker and Miss Gedney

How to play



TV TRIATHLON

1

As you are watching TV, take part in an indoor triathlon – swim, bike, run.

2. Swim

Stand up or sit on the sofa. Pretend to swim using breaststroke. Keep going for 60 seconds.

3. Bike

Lie on your back on the floor. Raise your legs and pretend to cycle. Keep going for 60 seconds.

4. Run

Stand up and march or run on the spot. Keep going for 60 seconds.

5

Repeat the whole sequence. See if you can keep going for 10 minutes.

Variations

- Change the order of swim, bike and run.
- Change how you do each movement, e.g. crawl instead of breaststroke, high knees for run.
- Make up your own movements for these or other sports.

Challenge yourself

- Can you move faster?
- Can you make the movements bigger?
- Can you last longer than 60 seconds for each part of the triathlon?

Have you been watching TV lately? Then why not try this active TV Triathlon. Enjoy

Miss Bland



Christmas Colour Raffle

Books...

...Chocolate

Christmas treats...

The draw will take place on
Friday 17th December

Wiggins/
Robinson class – **ORANGE**
Year R – **RED**
Year 1 – **BLUE**
Year 2 – **GREEN**
Year 3 – **YELLOW/GOLD**
Year 4 – **SILVER**
Year 5 – **PINK/PURPLE**
Year 6 – **WHITE**

...Stationary

Toiletries...

...Bottles

Please bring contributions into school
by **Monday 13th December**

Tickets available now on ParentMail!



Teaching Assistant School Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a reliable and committed SEN Teaching Assistant to join our hard-working team and 'make a dent in the universe'. The successful candidate will be able to work effectively as a member of the team, have excellent interpersonal skills and consistently support the school values and approaches. The successful candidate will be working 1:1 with a child in our Special Unit. The role is available to start in January 2022.

Hours of work: Monday to Friday 8.45am to 3.15pm term time only. The role is fixed term until 31st August 2022. Closing date for applications is Thursday 9th December.

For more information, please email info@simondesenlis.org or see the advert on www.teachnorthamptonshire

Why not have a go at some of these ideas for kindness through December?



Take a look at what's on in the local area in East Hunsbury Life.



EAST HUNSBUURY LIFE **What's On December**

Thursday's	Tai Chi in the Park Grangewood Park
2nd 10am - 12 noon	Cuppa with a Copper Hunsbury Library
6th	Senior Strollers a Collingtree Walk
7th 10.30am - 12.30pm	Seniors Coffee morning The Abbey Centre
7th 7pm	Resources Committee Hunsbury Library
11th time tbc	Outdoor gym taster session Penvale Park
14th 7pm	Full Council meeting Blacky More Community Centre
19th time tbc	Community Litter Pick location tbc
23rd 12 noon - 1pm	The Big Sing Hunsbury Library
30th 10am - 12 noon	Cuppa with a Copper Hunsbury Library

For more info or to sign up contact
community@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk
01604 708429



**Dolce Christmas lunch
is Wed 15 December**

A festive poster for "CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2021". The background is red with white snow at the bottom. On the left is a decorated Christmas tree. At the top left is a gingerbread man in a Santa hat. In the center, a small elf is hanging from a string of lights. At the bottom right is Santa Claus holding a sack. The menu is listed in the center-right. The "dolce schools catering" logo is in a red sack at the bottom right.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2021

- MAINS -
 - Roast Turkey
 - Roasted Vegetable & Stuffing Tart
- SIDES -
 - Carrots
 - Peas
 - Optional Brussel Sprouts
 - Chipolata, Gravy
 - Roast Potatoes
- DESSERTS -
 - Chocolate & Orange Pudding
 - Fruit
 - Yoghurt

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15 January 2022

A NEWSPAPER FOR OUR CHILDREN ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

3RD DECEMBER 2021





Lost Egyptian Sun Temple Unearthed

Archaeologists in Egypt have unearthed ancient remains in Abu Gorab, south of Cairo. They say it is one of the most important discoveries made in decades! The ancient remains are one of the four lost sun temples, which were built by Egyptian pharaohs about 4500 years ago in an attempt to turn themselves into living gods. Pyramids, on the other hand, were built to ensure a pharaoh's status as a god in the afterlife. The ruins were found buried underneath another sun temple made by Nyusera, sixth king of the Fifth Dynasty, who ruled Egypt from 2400 to 2370 BC. Dr Massimiliano Nuzzolo, assistant professor of Egyptology at the Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Poland, said: 'We knew that there was something below the stone temple of Nyuserre, but we [didn't] know if it is just another building phase

of the same temple or if it is a new temple...I have now many proofs that what we are excavating here is one of the lost sun temples.' There were six sun temples in total with two of the temples having already been found. That leaves just three more to be discovered!



Pictured: The lost 4500-year-old sun temple

Source: @_qbhatti Twitter

Sharks In The Thames?

In 1957, the river Thames in London was declared biologically dead, but a recent study has found that seals, seahorses and even sharks have been



Pictured: The river Thames

Source: @PixiedustJtT Twitter

living in it! Scientists from the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) compiled 'The State of the Thames' report, which noted an improvement in water quality since the 1960s and an increase in the number of birds, mammals and fish, including three species of shark: Tope, Starry Smoothhound and Spurdog. Alison Debney, Conservation Programme Manager at ZSL, said: 'This report has enabled us to really look at how far the Thames has come on its journey to recovery since it was declared biologically dead, and, in some cases set baselines to build from in the future.' The report also found that climate change is increasing the water temperature by 0.2°C annually and pollution from sewage spills are on the rise as well.



IPad Eye Tracking

Eye tracking has been used for years to enable people with paralysis or conditions such as cerebral palsy to use computers. However, a new iPad accessory can now do the same for Apple's tablets! TD Pilot, created by Swedish eye-tracking company Tobii Dynavox, is an iPad case that adds assistive eye tracking and a wheelchair mount. The TD Pilot works using eye tracking interactions such as looking around instantly moves the large circular cursor, and holding your gaze in any place acts like a click to press a button or open an app. Tobii Dynavox CEO, Frederik Rubin, said: 'We already make iPad-based solutions where they basically control with joysticks and fingers, but up until very recently, eye tracking was not something you could do with an iPad or iPadOS.' The TD Pilot is a prescription-only device that is ready to order now.



*Pictured: Apple iPads
Source: Canva*

Your thoughts on last week's news...

No, we do not need to undertake danger to learn how to be safe. We can slowly learn how to be safe by ourselves. If we learn too slowly then we must be taught. But we certainly do not need to be hurt in the process.

Praneel – age 7

I think yes! Think of the possibilities of not learning how to be safe.

Owen – age 10



What was your opinion on this week's news? Visit our discussion area, found here:

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss
to share your thoughts!

No you can learn from your brain not from danger we all know things to be safe of from the age of 5. Even if you experience danger you could learn from it but being placed into danger on purpose you could get hurt and then that is not a good way to learn from it.

Annie – age 10

I think...



**YOUR
COMMENTS**

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