

Last weekend really was the launch into the festive period as we hosted our annual Christmas Fayre. As always the Friends surpassed all expectations to make the Fayre bigger and better than ever before. A big thank you to all of them and to all of you for helping make it such a successful day, especially for the children. The choir were tuneful, Santa's Grotto was magical, the stalls were busy, the cakes tasty and the games were fun for all! We have raised the magnificent sum of £1,972.03, a record! This sum does not include any match funding from Marc Burgess at Barclays which is likely to be in the region of £700.

We also raised a fantastic sum of £200 from our door collection for Blue Skye Thinking which will sponsor two cogs at the interactive art installation at the JR hospital as well as supporting research into childhood brain tumours. One cog will be from Syresham School, the other from Friends. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Finally a 'Butler' won a raffle prize at the fayre but we are not sure who s/he is. If they are known to you please could you let Lisa Dimbleby know!

A message for the Chair – I would like to say A HUGE thank you to The Friends and parents who made the Fayre the success that it was. You are all amazing and I really appreciate your support and enormous effort to make it happen.

On Wednesday evening Year 5 and 6 competed in the Sports Hall Athletics cluster competition. The children have been working hard all term for this event coached by Mrs Allee and Kyle Ennis. Kyle is a British athlete who competes in the 200 and 100m sprints. Coached by Mrs Allee, he has had great success and finished his season last year with a personal best for the 200m of 20.9 and among the top 15 fastest sprinters in the country. Unfortunately Mrs Allee wasn't able to take the children so Kyle and I were lucky enough to see all of their hard work pay off. The children all competed at a high level, but with all of the heats being timed, it was difficult to judge how well we were doing until the end! I am very pleased to report that the children again had great success coming a magnificent 3rd place. Well done to James, Daniel, Sam, Luca, Elliot, Ethan, Harry, Poppy, Lola, Laura and Jessica!

I had a meeting a couple of weeks ago with the Parish Council and a member from the Northamptonshire County Council about concerns regarding the speed at which some people drive through the village. There is an increased concern for the safety of the children not only when they are walking to and from school but while they are out and about with their family and friends. It is now up to the Parish Council if they would like to pursue the cause to bring the High Street to a 20mph limit, but it felt to me that this would not be something that would be granted easily. Consequently I went back to school and talked to the children about my meeting and they voiced their opinions and concerns about cars and vehicles that pass through the village. I have set the children a task to design a warning sign to motorists, reminding them that children are in the village and to take care. The Parish Council will be given the best design and hopefully this will be made into a sign to be put up in the village. Year 5 and 6 have taken this a step further and are writing to our local MPs to explain our concerns and ask for their support. I am really proud of the children for taking a stand and will keep you posted.

I am afraid that we have had an increased number of children in the school who have had nits. Please can I urge you to check your child's hair regularly and if any member of your family does catch them that all are treated to try and stop the spread! I know that this is a thankless task, but the staff and I would really appreciate your help with this!!!

The choir will be singing at the Church Christmas Fayre on Saturday at 3pm (children meet at 2.45pm please!) it would be lovely to see some of you there to support them and the Church.

Mrs Clough

Headteacher Awards	In the Spotlight
Reception : Amelia Year 1&2 : Jack, Jensen and Abigail Year 3&4 : Sonny Year 5&6 : Will and Millie Presentation :	<p data-bbox="938 136 1134 170">Adeline – year 5</p> <p data-bbox="715 174 1193 241"><i>If you could travel to a country and stay for a month, where would it be?</i></p> <p data-bbox="715 246 799 280">France</p> <p data-bbox="715 284 788 318"><i>Why?</i></p> <p data-bbox="715 322 1142 423">Because I love the French accent and all the wine, cheese, bread and croissants</p> <p data-bbox="715 427 1066 461"><i>What is your favourite drink?</i></p> <p data-bbox="715 465 895 499">Orange squash</p> <p data-bbox="715 504 1153 571"><i>If you could be amazing at one thing what would it be? Art</i></p>
Friday Cake Bakers	
Tina, Kelly and Nic	
Letters Home	

