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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your child has had an enjoyable first half term. I can hardly believe we have been back for eight weeks! It has been an incredibly busy and exciting term with a great deal of enjoying, achieving and learning taking place. I have been impressed by the children and all the staff who work tirelessly on their behalf. What a wonderful St Gregory's Community! Next half term is always a favourite for me and I am of no doubt will be one of great celebration and reflection! Have a wonderful half term break.

Mrs Yuen
Executive Headteacher

Head Boy and Head Girl Appointments

Congratulations to Christy who was appointed Head Boy and Maame who was appointed Head Girl, at our end of term assembly on Friday. They will be supported in their duties by the newly appointed Deputy Head Boy Atipa and Deputy Head Girl Salma.

Well done to everyone who applied for the posts, there were some very strong applications and excellent presentations.

Harvest Offerings

Thank you for your Harvest Offerings and support for Northampton Hope Centre. This really does make a difference to the support and care that can be provided for those in need locally.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Your child has been sent home with a Christmas card they created at school this week and details of how to order cards or other items printed with this design. If you wish to place an order, please return the form to school by 6th November. Our school community receives commission for every item purchased.

Northamptonshire Library Reading Challenge

From 7 October 2019 to 30 September 2020, [Northamptonshire Libraries are challenging you](#) to read, or listen to, 25 books; with an aim to discover new authors, rediscover your love of reading through small challenges and then to share your progress online.

If your child is taking part and you choose to share their progress online, with Northampton Libraries, please keep us updated on Instagram:

[@stgregorysschool_northampton](#) or Twitter: [@stgregoryscps](#)



Upcoming Events

November 1

All Saints' Day

November 2

All Souls' Day

November 4

School and Nursery re-open to pupils

Assembly – All Saints and All Souls

November 5

School Nurses – Nasal Flu Vaccine

November 6

Deadline to return Cauliflower Christmas Cards form

November 7

Year 6 Trip – Rushden Lakes Cinema

9:30-11:30am Open Morning for parents of prospective pupils

3:30-4:45pm FS and KS1 Disco

5:00-6:15pm KS2 Disco

November 8

School Photo Day

November 10

Remembrance Sunday

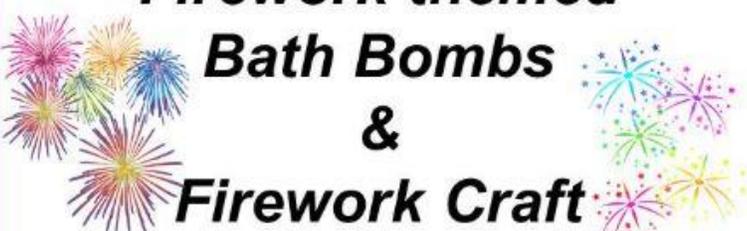
**Weston Favell Library in
Partnership with
Family Learning
Presents**

***Firework themed
Bath Bombs
&
Firework Craft
Pictures***

**Friday 1st November
10:00am-12:00pm**

Suitable for children 4-11 years
All children will need to be supervised by a
parent/carer.

Spaces are limited so please book by email
westlib@firstforwellbeing.co.uk,
via our Facebook page @westonfavelllibrary
or at the Counter







Half Term Events in Northamptonshire Libraries

There are lots of events and activities taking place at Northamptonshire Libraries this half term, many are free or have a small charge, for more information see the [County Council website](#).

Events in the local parks and country parks

For more information on free and low cost activities in the Northamptonshire Country Parks visit the dedicated page on [the County Council website](#).

Enjoy the newly developed Tree Trail around the Hunsbury Hill Fort and Country Park. It's a free activity suitable for all ages.

The trail was developed by the Friends of West Hunsbury Parks and funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, supported by Northampton Museums & Art Gallery.

Details are available in the Drovers Return café in the Country Park and [online](#).

[Buddies of Becketts Park](#) also host a free Health Walk along the river and through local parks every Sunday between 10:00-11:00am, see their website for more details.

Stanwick Lakes have a variety of free events including an opportunity to meet reptiles up close or feathered friends including owls and birds of prey, see [their website](#) for details.

Events in Northampton Museums

This half term Abington Park Museum host a range of activities from veggie sushi to music workshops, please see the [Northampton Borough Council website](#).

Seasonal Safety Information

Whilst we don't celebrate Halloween we would like to share some safety information with you in case you choose to take your child trick or treating. Please see below for a special Halloween and Bonfire Night edition of the Safety Matters newsletter produced by Northamptonshire Police and [Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service](#). Although from 2018, it contains some important safety messages on topics ranging from fireworks to considerations around trick or treating.





Northamptonshire Safety matters

Working together to keep you safe
Safety – Prevention – Protection

Bonfire and Halloween edition 2018



Don't let fire be the fright this Halloween night!

We want people to have plenty of fun this Halloween, but staying safe when trick or treating, dressing up and using lit decorations is vital. Here are some of our dos and don'ts.



Please do...

- Keep clear of all flames such as candles and lit pumpkins, which could cause costumes to catch fire or cause burns.
- Be careful how you dress on Halloween. Homemade costumes and some costumes bought in shops or from the internet can be flammable.
- Plan your trick or treat route beforehand. Only go to houses where you or your friends know the residents. Always go in groups.
- Be cautious about eating what people give you when out trick or treating. Check with an adult when you get home.
- Be visible – stay in areas that are well lit with street-lights. Take a torch just in case.
- Leave the eggs and flour at home. Don't cause damage to property.
- Keep decorations away from all naked flames.



Please don't...

- Wear masks that restrict your vision. You need to be able to see when crossing roads.
- Enter any house when trick or treating, stay on the doorstep.
- Go trick or treating without an adult. Never go alone.
- Knock on doors where you see a 'No trick or treat' sign.
- Use your costumes to genuinely frighten people – particularly those who may be elderly or vulnerable.
- Leave children alone with candles.
- Use real candles in lanterns and pumpkins, use battery operated lights.
- Make lanterns from plastic bottles/containers. This would be dangerous and could result in burns and cause a fire.



Some homes may display a 'no trick or treat' sign like this one. Please be respectful of those that do not want to have callers on Halloween. If you are going trick or treating, it is always best to go in a group, with an adult and only to houses where you know the residents.



NO trick or treat callers please

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 For non-emergencies call **101**
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Stop, drop and roll

If the worst does happen and the clothing of either you or a friend catches fire, remember the phrase 'STOP, DROP and ROLL'.

STOP where you are. Don't run, it'll only make the fire worse. Protect your face.



DROP to the ground and lie down flat



ROLL over and over on the ground, with your arms above your head, until the flames are out.

Remember to practise **STOP-DROP-ROLL** so you don't panic if your clothes ever catch fire

Give children a firework night to remember... ...not one they will want to forget.

- Sparklers burn furiously and are not suitable for children under the age of five
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pocket
- Only buy fireworks which are CE marked
- Keep a bucket of water handy
- Make sure everyone stands clear of fireworks
- Never return to a lit firework
- Fireworks cannot be purchased by under 18s
- Light fireworks at arm's length, using a safety firework lighter or fuse wick
- Always read and follow fireworks instructions

Don't let safety go up in smoke this Bonfire Night!

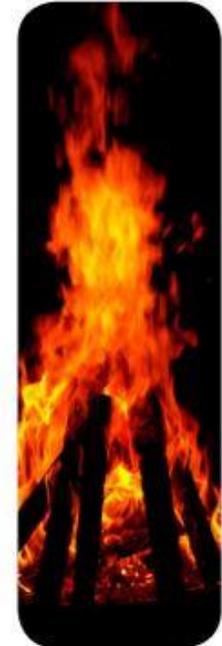
November 5 may be celebrated with fireworks, but bonfires also feature heavily in celebrations. Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service has put together some safety advice to help guide those planning to light their own bonfire.

Bonfire safety tips:

- Position a bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees.
- Before lighting a bonfire, check the structure is sound and does not have small children or animals hiding inside it.
- Never use petrol or paraffin to light a fire. A safer way to light it is to use paper and solid firelighters in two or three places to ensure an even burn.
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as foam-filled furniture, rubber, aerosols, tins of paint, pressurised gas cylinders, tyres and bottles.
- Materials producing light ash which could blow about, such as corrugated cardboard, are unsuitable for burning.
- Have one person responsible for lighting the fire. That person, and any helpers, should wear suitable clothing such as a substantial outer garment made of wool or other low flammable material and strong boots or shoes.
- Remember to 'stop, drop and roll' if clothing catches fire. Have a fire blanket ready in the bonfire area.

To find out more about firework legislation, please see www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law

Everyone at Northamptonshire Police and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service wishes you a happy Halloween and Bonfire Night. Stay safe!



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Prevention

Protection