



st. Andrew's Primary School

Newsletter October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great sadness that I have to tell you that our vice chair of Governors, chaplain and friend **Morey Gompertz** died yesterday. Children and staff were told this morning and some have written cards and letters to thank Morey for all the joy she brought to the school. We'll let parents know details about the funeral when we know. Our thoughts are with Peter her husband and family and this very sad time.

Many thanks for your support with our Reading Open Morning and our MacMillan Coffee morning last week—record numbers of you turned up and was great to see so many of you in school! I've put some photos of the events around this newsletter. We raised over £500 for MacMillan—another record for us!

On Monday we started our new value of the month—**resilience** and we had a GB Olympic speed skater Farrell Treacy in to introduce the value!



Following his visit all children should have set themselves a **resilience challenge** in their Values Passport in class. To earn their resilience badge they must complete their challenge at home! Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Next week we have two whole school events. On Wednesday and Thursday we will be hosting our in school **Growth Mindset Resilience challenge!** On both days we will have a climbing wall, baby boulder (small climbing wall) and archery on the playground to develop children's resilience skills!

Next week we are also starting our annual **harvest appeal**. For the next two weeks before we break up please bring in any tins, biscuits, packets—any food that has a long life to give to the Kettering Food Bank. Thanks again for your support with this.

Ben Arnell (headteacher)



RESILIENCE is our value of the month. We've defined it as 'keeping going when things are hard. Not giving up.'

To earn their 'resilience badge' children are asked to complete their Growth Mindset challenge they have set themselves at home .

This month's values badge has been designed by **Ruby Lane** in Year 2. It's a picture of a girl learning to swim without armbands.

