

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



...the roots to grow and the wings to fly."

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Amelia (Ash) Hazel (Oak)
Maxime (Hawthorn) Roman (Poplar)
Jasper (Beech) Bobby (Fir)
Ethan (Rowan) Oliver & Lilly (Willow)
Shannon (Maple) Tyler (Sycamore)
Skye (Acorns)

TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

1. Rio - Maple
2. Wilf - Beech
3. Gabriel - Maple
4. Logan - Rowan
5. Rowan - Maple

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

1. Maple
2. Y4 Green Group
3. Beech
4. Rowan
5. Y4 Purple Group

FROM MRS MARSLAND

Headteacher Awards

14.40 on a Friday afternoons is one of the most favourite parts of the week, and not just because we have the weekend ahead of us; Headteacher Awards is always a highlight for me! I am always delighted to hear about all of the fantastic learning children have been doing. This week, I particularly asked staff to look for acts of kindness and children making a difference to someone else, and it was lovely to hear about those acts of kindness this afternoon. I was delighted also to award two Headteacher Awards to two people whose acts of kindness I witnessed first-hand: Ella, seeing a friend struggling with shoe laces, immediately bent down and helped without being asked and Mrs Banks offered to do my lunch duty today – both small acts of kindness that made a big difference to the people on the receiving end. It is so important that we instil kindness in all of our children and help them to understand that even the smallest act of kindness can make a huge difference.

Christmas

I am not going to write lots here, as I have already written a separate Christmas letter with all of the information that we have available at this moment in time. However, I do need to let you know that Christmas has arrived at St John's, with every year group practising their Christmas carols and songs for the Nativity. It is lovely to hear them singing, and is certainly giving me more highlights to my week, spending time with them in the hall. I have my Christmas jumpers and Leo has his Christmas bandanas at the ready for the 1st December!

Friends of St John's

As outlined on the separate Christmas letter that has also gone out today, the Friends have organised a raffle and a Christmas fundraising event, which will run during the final week of term. For the fundraising event to run, they will need some willing volunteers to help each day. We will send out details on how you can communicate your offer to volunteer your time next week.

House Captains

I am absolutely not going to steal their thunder, as Betty and Rowan have worked so hard on putting their communication together. However, I do want to say thank you and well done to them. They have given up their own time counting the Children In Need collection, meeting with me on Wednesday, working on the Newsletter and coming up with designs for the playground. I am super proud of them; they really are a fantastic group of children.

Front Playground

Again, I am not going to steal their thunder – please read the House Captain's section. However, if you are an artistic person or if you know an artistic person who has some skills with a spray can, I am sure Mr Bowman and Mr Coombs would be grateful for some help! Please do email in, if you think you could help with this project, which is absolutely being led by the children.

Finally...

I don't think the weather forecast is too great this weekend, but nonetheless, have a good one!

FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

RAFFLE

by Rowan, Goldfinches House Captain

The School Council and Mrs Marsland have got some exciting news to announce about the raffle this year. The news is that the Christmas Raffle is still on!

Fantastic prizes knitted beautifully again by a friend of Mrs Marsland's and two even come with spare clothes!

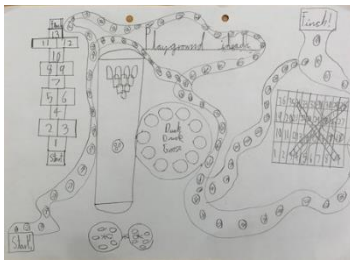


PLAYGROUNDS

by Betty, Robins House Captain

Mrs Marsland and the House Captains have some exciting news for the playground! Mr Coombs and Mr Bowman are spray painting some lovely games on the playground surface.

We would like there to be mazes; snakes and ladders; hopscotch; duck, duck, goose and maybe a number square. We have got some money already and we are also hoping to get table tops with chessboards. We hope to paint a target board with some bean bags. This will make the playground much more fun and colourful.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Children in Need appeal. The total raised was just short of £300, so Mrs Marsland made it up to the exact amount. Thank you!

LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Respect

Year R

In Maths we are learning about shape and spatial awareness. We will be drawing and labelling pictures of the Nativity, decorating our classrooms and making lots of Christmas cards and crafts.

Year 1

Maths - Numbers to 20.
English - Introducing 'Lost in the Toy Museum'.

Year 2

Maths - Recognising and counting money.
English - Writing penguin fact files.

Year 3

Maths - Finishing addition and subtraction.
Beginning multiplication.
English - Mary Anning

Year 4

Maths - Multiplication and division.
English - Howard Carter and the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun.

DIARY DATES

Weds 1 Dec	Christmas lunch order deadline
1 - 10 Dec	Christmas card posting dates
Weds 8 Dec	Flu Vaccinations
Fri 10 Dec	Bag 2 School Recycling Collection
Mon 13 Dec	Christmas singing and Friends of St J craft events Y4
Tues 14 Dec	Non-uniform and Christmas celebration for Years R, 1 and 2
	Christmas lunch for Years R, 1 and 2
	Christmas singing and Friends of SJ craft events - Year 3
	Deadline to purchase House Captains' knitted toy raffle tickets
Weds 15 Dec	Non-uniform and Christmas celebration for Years 3 and 4
	Christmas lunch for Years 3 and 4
	Christmas singing and Friends of SJ craft events - Year 2
	Deadline to purchase Friends' raffle tickets
Thurs 16 Dec	House Captains' raffle prize draw
	Christmas singing and Friends of SJ craft events - Year 1
	Friends of SJ raffle prize draw
Fri 17 Dec	Christmas cards handed out
	Christmas singing and Friends of SJ craft events - Year R
	End of term
Tues 4 Jan	INSET day - school closed
Weds 5 Jan	First day of term

At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.