

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Lila (Ash) Callum & Whole Class (Oak)
Theodore (Hawthorn) Jessica (Poplar)
Anya & Oliver (Beech) Arlan (Fir)
Edward (Rowan) Endeavour (Willow)
Poppy-May & Oliver (Maple) Eleanor (Sycamore)

Miss Agnes and Mrs Whitmarsh

TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

1. Tyler - Sycamore
2. Zac - Sycamore
3. Rio - Maple
4. Logan - Rowan
5. Romilly - Rowan

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

1. Sycamore
2. Maple
3. Y4 Blue Group
4. Rowan
5. Y3 Green Group

FROM MRS MARSLAND

Yet again. I need to say a massive thank you to my team this week, who have again gone above and beyond during another week of significant staff absence. Also a huge thank you and well done to those classes who have been affected, particularly Oak Class and Fir Class who have shown great resilience and determination!

It was lovely to hear about Hector's achievements in football last weekend. As clubs and team games etc are starting up again, it would be lovely to hear about any other achievements outside school and to share them on a Friday.

PARENTS EVENINGS / SHARE MY WORK SESSIONS

Parents' evenings are approaching us very quickly, the week before and the week after half term. Dates, times and how to book are listed on the back of this newsletter. We are not in a position to hold these as 'face to face' meetings, and so will be held on Zoom. We appreciate that this means you do not get to see your children's fabulous work at this time. With this in mind, we are hoping to be able to organise class 'Share My Work' sessions in the hall after half term, risk assessments permitting!

HARVEST

We have now filmed our harvest and autumn poems, prayers and songs for a virtual harvest service. We hope to have this on the website for you early next week. The Sycamore Class poem and prayers were used last week in two church services; well done them!

BABY NEWS

We are thrilled to announce the safe arrival of our newest St John's family member. **Raffi Jean Brooks** was born on Friday 1 October and weighed 6lb 3oz.



We are all waiting excitedly, but very patiently, until it's safe to meet her in person. Until then, we all send Mrs Brooks and the rest of her family much love and many congratulations.

CHEESE HUNT WINNERS

Well done to Annabeth in Sycamore, Lily in Willow and Ella in Poplar who all won prizes in the Friends of St John's Cheese Hunt. Thank you to Hunting Raven, Ellenbray and La Strada for the prizes!

DROP OFF AND COLLECTIONS

We politely request that all parents use the one-way system around the outside of the building, unless you have a push chair or pram. The one-way system was put in place in response to the pandemic, but it is a system we intend to continue, as it is safer. The routes around our school are narrow, and not wide enough for two-way traffic.

We have had queries with regards to the staggered end to the day. As communicated earlier this term, we intend to continue with the staggered end as it is a safer way with regards to safeguarding children, as we can ensure children have left with an appropriate adult much more easily when there are less parents and children on the playground.

For safety reasons, we also remind children and parents that children should not be riding bikes or scooters on school site; this includes siblings who do not attend St John's.

HOUSE CAPTAINS

This week, we announced our new House Captains and Vice Captains, who will perform various tasks during the next year. *Very well done to:*

Goldfinches

House Captains - Callie and Rowan
Vice Captain - Harry

Kingfishers

House Captains - Juliet & Jacob
Vice Captain - Gray

Robins

House Captains - Betty & Jaina
Vice Captain - Leo

Woodpeckers

House Captains - Bella & Ruby
Vice Captain - Patrick

STAFFING UPDATE

Today we said goodbye and thank you to Mrs Lucy Keevil, one of our lunchtime supervisors, who is leaving St John's to start a brand new job. We all wish her lots of love and luck for the future.

PARENTS' EVENING ZOOMS

We will be offering Parents' Evening appointments this term via Zoom. These 10 minute appointments will take place between 3.30pm and 6pm on the days below, and you will be able to book them via Parentmail in the usual way.

Please look out for the email next week, notifying everyone when bookings will be open.

Reception

w/c Mon 8th November

Hawthorn

Weds 20th October & Thurs 4th November

Poplar

Weds 20th October & Weds 3rd November

Beech

Tues 19th October & Tues 2nd November

Fir

TBC

Rowan

Tues 19th October & Tues 2nd November

Willow

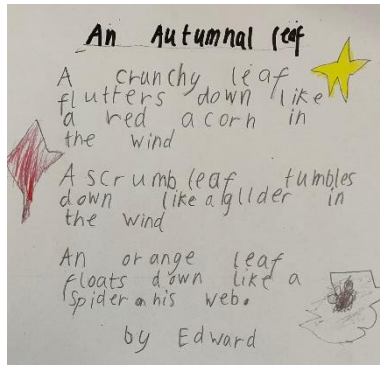
Tues 2nd & Weds 3rd November

Maple

Weds 20th October & Weds 3rd November

Sycamore

Tues 19th October & Tuesday 2nd November



THIS WEEK IN YEAR 3

Children in Year 3 have been writing and illustrating their own 'Autumnal Leaf' poems. This one earned Edward a Head Teacher's Award this week:



THIS WEEK IN YEAR 2

As part of World Space Week, children in Year 2 and Acorns have been learning about the Apollo 11 space mission, the 1969 moon landing and the 'space race'. They made astronaut helmets and did a moon walk, then wrote and illustrated newspaper reports.



LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Wisdom

Year R

Sounds f, e, l, h.

Learning how to blend the sounds we've learned this week.

Comparing and ordering quantities.

Thinking about how we've changed since we were babies.

Year 1

Maths - Addition and subtraction.

English - Identifying common British trees following our trip to Rodden Meadow.

Year 2

Maths - Addition to 50.

English - Descriptive writing.

Year 3

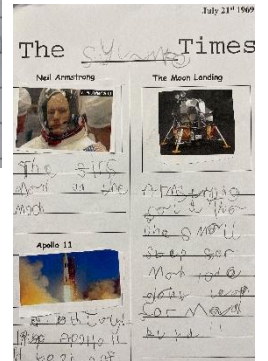
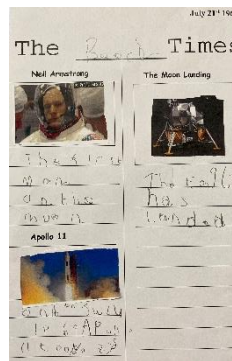
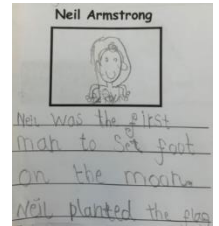
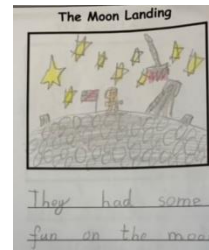
Maths - Addition and subtraction.

English - Non-chronological report writing.

Year 4

Maths - Addition and subtraction.

English - Traditional tales with a twist.



IN THE NEST

There was more space-themed learning in the Nest too - Matthew made this amazing junk-model rocket!

DIARY DATES

Thurs 21 Oct	Inset Day - school closed
Fri 22 Oct	Public Holiday - school closed
October 22 - 29	Half Term
Mon 8 Nov	Egyptian Day - Year 4
Fri 17 Dec	Last Day of Term
Sat 15 Jan	Deadline - Admissions & Transfers 2022

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.