# Vewsletter

"Together, we will give our children...

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

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## **TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL**

- 1. Wilf Beech
- 2. Rafe Beech
- 3. Gabriel Sycamore

**SPELLERS** 

- 4. Rio Maple
- 5. Logan Rowan

#### **TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS**

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

William (Hawthorn) Isabella (Poplar) Wilfred (Beech) Jasmine (Fir) Johnny (Rowan) Kylie (Willow) Leo (Maple) Archie (Sycamore)

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS** 

Maximus (Ash) Oscar & Mabel (Oak)

### FROM MRS MARSLAND

#### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who remembered their non-uniform today and made a donation to Children In Need and new playground toys and games for St John's children. The House Captains are very grateful and have great plans for improving playtimes on the front playground; take a look at their section on the Newsletter. Children In Need is a worthy fund raising event, and the donation there will also be gratefully received.

#### Goodbye for now...

This week, we will be saying 'goodbye for now' to Mrs Savage, as she takes an extended leave from school to welcome her daughter's half-sister, aged 3, into their home. We wish them all well. Mrs Llewellyn has kindly agreed to teach Fir Class full time.

#### Anti-Bullying Week

I know children and teachers have been talking a lot this week about being kind, the impact being unkind and bullying can have, and the importance of telling a trusted adult immediately if they themselves are being bullied or if they know someone else is being bullied. Sadly, I am aware that there has been some unkindness and bullying by some individuals and very small groups of children in Years 3 and 4. I want to reassure parents, and more importantly children, that just because Anti-Bullying Week is coming to an end, we are not going to stop talking about and addressing this important issue. I am always grateful to parents when they do bring this to our attention, and please continue to do so, but I also ask you to please encourage your children to tell us straightaway if someone is unkind to them or hurts them. With very young children it is much easier for us to deal with on the same day, and has a greater impact if our response and actions are immediate. We will continue to discuss respect, anti-bullying and kindness throughout the year during our PSHE Jigsaw sessions, as well as regular reminders of our 5 school rules — The Five Bes: Be kind and gentle, Be respectful, Be careful, Be responsible and Be the best you can - all of which promote the kindness we expect from our whole school community.

#### School Website

Mrs Conway has been busy doing some work on the school website; this is work in progress, but I wanted to share this news with you now as there are some additions and updates, which I hope you will find particularly useful. Under the Parents Tab, you will now find a link to 'Letters to Parents'. This means that all important information letters sent out to the whole school or individual year groups can be found here. You will no longer need to search back through your emails to find a letter to refer to; each letter will be uploaded here for you.

We have also added a copy of our Diary Dates to the website. You can find these in the 'Events' section at the bottom of the home page or by going to the 'News and Events' tab. Our aim is to keep this updated for you.

Under the Key Information tab, if you click on Curriculum and then scroll down to Curriculum Overview, you can find an overview of every subject taught each term in each year from Years 1 to 4. You can see what Topics they are doing and what texts we plan to use in our English lessons. Not every subject is linked to the topic every term; we have only made cross-curricular links where the connection is meaningful and real. We hope you will find this overview interesting and helpful. A Reception Overview is being drafted and will be published very soon.

Thank you to Mrs Conway for a great job so far and also to Mrs Alexander who uploads the Newsletter and other various items for us! We will continue to inform you as we make further changes, additions and updates.

#### Busy! Busy!

School is extremely busy! Year 1 are enjoying their Football sessions on Mondays, Year 2 have a Sports Festival on Wednesday, and we are holding tours for prospective parents most days. I am so proud of the children when I take any visitors on a tour, as I know that I can go into any classroom and I will find children busy working and engaging with their learning with enthusiasm. The term is only going to get busier, as it always does at this time of the year, and we are putting together our plans for Christmas celebrations, which I hope to share with you next week!

#### **ANTI-BULLYING WEEK**

Throughout the week, children and staff have been discussing how we can use 'one kind word' to make a real difference to somebody's day. Lots of displays of kind words have popped up around the school and it has been wonderful to hear the children using these words to give each other compliments.





#### **ODD SOCKS DAY**

On Monday we wore odd socks to celebrate our differences and that we are all unique. There were lots of colourful combinations of socks and the children also enjoyed designing their own!



#### LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value this half term is Respect

#### Year R

Next week we are learning how to blend the sounds m,a,s,d,t,I,n,p,g,o.
In Maths we are looking at the composition of the numbers from 1-3.
We will continue to invent and share our stories about 'Supertato and the Evil Pea'!

#### Year 1

Maths - Shape.

English - Continuing with 'Dogger'.

#### Year 2

Maths - 2 digit addition with exchanging. English - Reading and researching emperor penguin facts.

#### Year 3

Maths - Column addition and subtraction. English - Continuing 'Pebble in my Pocket'.

#### Year 4

Maths - Length.

English - Non-chronological report writing.

#### FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone for their donations today for Children In Need and new playground toys for St John's. We love a non-uniform day and we really do appreciate your support. Thank you!





On Wednesday, we met with Mrs Marsland and we had a lively discussion about the Home School Agreement. We noticed that some of our core values were missing because we did only have three and we now have six. Once those have been added, we agreed that the Home School Agreement is fair and reasonable for people to sign to ensure our school is happy and everyone can learn.

We have also made some plans for the front playground. We are going to research some ideas from catalogues and then design our own playground markings to include a variety of large games, trails and mazes. We know Mr Bowman and Mr Coombs enjoyed spray painting the footprints on the playground to mark out social distancing, so we are hoping they will help recreate our designs on the playground. We are also going to look at catalogues to choose some new games, toys and equipment to use on the front playground and we hope to replace the table tops in the quiet area with chess / draughts, snakes and ladders and a road map for toy cars.

#### FROM FROME'S LIGHT THE NIGHT

Dear St John's School

Thank you so much to Maple class for taking part in our zoom lantern making sessions this year.

The parade is on November 26th. Anyone with lanterns please meet at Rook Lane Chapel 5.45-6pm. Dress up warmly and bring your lanterns lit up with small battery torches/lights/fairy lights inside. They are going to look beautiful! The parade will take around 30 mins. Once we get into town, keep going until the swan tricycle in front stops. Then there will be great music and the Christmas lights switch-on to enjoy.

There is plenty else to do in town that evening with the Little Night Market in the Car park by the Library from 4.30-8.30, food and drink stalls and of course the Christmas lights!

#### **DIARY DATES**

Weds 24 Nov Sports Festival - Year 2
Weds 8 Dec Flu Vaccinations

Fri 10 Dec Bag 2 School Recycling Collection
Tues 14 Dec Christmas Lunch Reception and KS1

Weds 15 Dec Christmas Lunch KS2 Fri 17 Dec Last Day of Term

Sat 15 Jan Deadline - Admissions & Transfers 2022 April 6, 7, 8 Kilve Court Residential Trip - Year 4