

Newsletter

"Together, we will give our children...



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

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HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Maximus (Ash) Oscar & Mabel (Oak)
William (Hawthorn) Isabella (Poplar)
Wilfred (Beech) Jasmine (Fir)
Johnny (Rowan) Kylie (Willow)
Leo (Maple) Archie (Sycamore)

TOP 5 INDIVIDUAL SPELLERS

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

TOP 5 SPELLING GROUPS

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

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!

