

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a great start back to the new term and the children have begun their new topics across the curriculum. In Year 5 they are going to be exploring Sikh stories in RE, in Year 2 they are going to be starting their WW1 and remembrance unit in History, and in Reception they are going to be looking at the festival of Diwali and of course, Christmas!

Today you will receive your child's interim report. This is a snapshot of where your child is in the core curriculum areas in order to prepare you for your discussions at parents evenings next week. If you haven't already, don't forget to book yours online. If you haven't managed to secure an appointment online, please see your child's class teacher to book a time.

Next Thursday we will be marking Remembrance Day with a wear something red muffin day with a suggested donation of £1 for the Royal British Legion.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Term 2 Christian Value: Peace

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)



Star of the week

Acorn class	Lola Jake
Ash class	Cordelia
Birch class	Kobe
Chestnut class	Jack
Elm class	Elliott
Holly class	Rex
Hazel class	Belle
Maple class	Fabien
Oak class	Tyler
Pine class	Meghan
Rowan class	Quinn
Sycamore class	Kenzie
Willow class	Jennifer

Dates for your diary

8-12th November - Parents Evening consultations

11th November - Remembrance Day. Wear something red muffin. Donations to the British Legion.

15th November - Nursery photos with school siblings

19th November - World Diabetes Day. Wear something blue muffin.

Harvest Celebration assembly

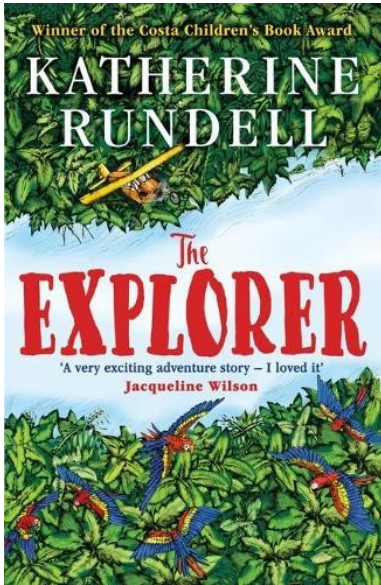
During the last week of term pupils enjoyed our Harvest Festival in St John's Church when Reception were welcomed into the St John's community with the presentation of their Bibles. We were delighted to share this occasion with Year 6 as well as some family members.



Year 5 Learning

Last term in English we finished writing our own version of The Explorer text by Katherine Rundell. The children worked so hard to plan, write and edit their work and have produced some fantastic pieces of writing.

In art we have finished our finale piece of artwork using different techniques that the pupils have learned over the term including perspective, shade, tone, cross hatching and scale.



In Forest School we have been nature detectives and have worked in pairs to identify different leaves and twigs around the forest.



School Sports Competitions

At the end of last term St John's took part in a KS2 Cross Country and Multi Sports event competing against other local schools at Odd Down Sports Ground.

Year 4 also took part in Quad kids. The team came joint 2nd place out of 14 schools with a total score of 888 points! Well done to Ronnie in Maple Class who came first place out of all the schools!



Healthy Eating

Please ensure that your child brings a healthy snack of either fruit or vegetables with them each day to eat at break time. There are some great healthy snack ideas available on the change4life website. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>

Although we are not a nut free school, please be conscious that we do have pupils in the school who have nut allergies when making food choices.

School Office Hours

The school office is open from 8am-4pm Monday to Friday. Outside of these times you can leave a message on the answerphone or email office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk and we will respond as soon as possible.

Maths Homework

This term we will be introducing the children to Doodle Maths which is an online programme which will allow pupils to complete activities for their maths homework each week. Next week you will receive your child's logon details and a parent letter. Pupils will be introduced to Doodle Maths as part of their ICT lessons so that they are familiar with how to use it.

Flu Immunisations

Virgin Care will be visiting our school on Thursday 25th November to administer flu immunisations to pupils from Reception to Year 6. We will shortly be sending out further information and a link to a website where parents must give or refuse consent for their child to have the vaccination. No child whose parent has not consented will be given the vaccination .

Out of School Achievement



Well done to Jessica in Pine class for passing her Stage 8 swimming certificate this week.



Also congratulations to Annabelle from Hazel class for passing her Little Puma level 4 (yellow belt) grading in Taekwondo last weekend with a credit for her great effort.