

## Message from the Headteacher

Today in collective worship we have presented our new House Captains and School Council with their badges. This year they will have a particular focus on lunchtime play, receive training to become anti bullying ambassadors and be overseeing some of our charity work.



Key stage 2 House Captains and School Council

Last week we launched our 'Citizenship and Character Award' and it has been lovely to hear that some of the children have begun completing the tasks already. Pupils should bring in any photos or work to me so that I can stamp their passport and we can display their work for others to see.

Next week is another busy one. We have our PTA September bounce on Monday and it is also Bath Literature Festival week and Bike to School week - lots of exciting cross curricular activities for the children to take part in.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs West-Gaul

## Term 1 Christian Value: Love

Love those in need



Matthew 22:38 Love your neighbour as yourself.

Luke 10:26-37 The Good Samaritan

## Star of the week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week.

Ash class	Evie
Birch class	Daisy
Chestnut class	Blake
Elm class	Charlie
Holly class	Ella
Hazel class	Molly
Maple class	Jayden-Lee
Oak class	Beau
Pine class	Dillon
Rowan class	Lillie
Sycamore class	William
Willow class	Nathan

## Dates for your diary

**1st October** - Reception parents coffee morning @ 8.30am in the school hall

**21st October** - Mufti day. Donation to the PTA

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

**19th November** - World Diabetes Day. Wear something blue mufti.

## Year 5 Reading

For the past two weeks Year 5 have been reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell.

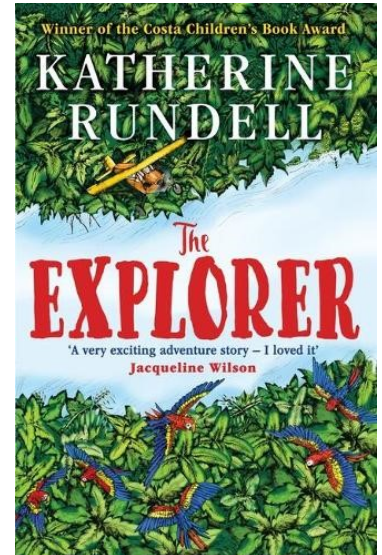
The book links with our Geography topic of The Rainforest and we have all really enjoyed it so far. The story is about a group of children who are involved in an aeroplane accident and get stranded in the Amazon rainforest.

Here are some quotes from children in Year 5:

*'The book is fantastic, we totally recommend it'*

*'The author made the book sound very realistic'*

*'It is exciting, adventurous and the suspense makes us want to keep reading!'*



## Year 4 Reading

We love reading in year 4! Here are some of the reasons why.

*"I love reading because i get to spend time with my grandmother"* Nikita

*"I like reading because I get to learn about people."* Fabien

*"Reading is calm and relaxing, it is quiet."* Taylor

Darragh likes reading because *"It takes me to a whole new world."*

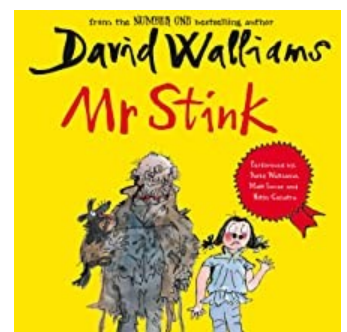
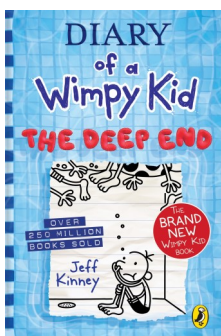
Our recommendations include:

Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
Kid series by Jeff Kinney

The Worst Witch  
by Jill Murphy

The Witches  
by Roald Dahl

Mr Stink  
by David Walliams



## Change to School Menu

Please note the following changes to the school menu for w/c 4th October:

Tuesday 5th - the main meal will now be BBQ chicken and Ginger cake for dessert

Thursday 7th - the main meal will now be cheese and tomato pizza and an iced chocolate and beetroot sponge for dessert.





## Year 1 Learning

We have been inspired this week by our arrival of the chicks last week. As a result we have been reading the story 'The Odd Egg' By Emily Gravett. We began the week by looking at other eggs and predicting what might be inside.

The children have loved caring for and holding the chicks. Today we have said goodbye to the chicks as they are being adopted and moving to a new home where they can be looked after as they grow.



## School photos

School photo proofs will be sent home next week. Please return these via your child's class teacher by 13th October 2021. If you require two copies of photo proofs, please let us know by emailing the school office on [office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk) by Monday 27th September 2021.

## Out of School Achievements

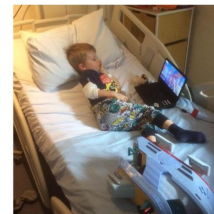
In 2019 Henry from Chesnut class spent over 2 weeks in the RUH. Because he was unable to get out of bed he was loaned a DVD player by the charity Time is Precious.

Time is Precious is a voluntary run charity which has been running since 2011. It was set up by Neil and Nicky Halford in memory of their son Ben who sadly died from cancer aged 5. The aim of the charity is to help create a more comfortable and relaxed atmosphere for children and their families in hospital or at home, by working alongside specialists to purchase equipment and refurbish areas to make a difference to children with an illness or disability.

To say thank you, Henry and his Mum is walking 10k as part of the charity's Big 10 event. If you would like to sponsor Henry please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kelly-hall27>

For more information on the charity please visit [www.timeisprecious.org](http://www.timeisprecious.org)

Raising funds for Time is Precious



**HENRY'S**

big 10k!



## Website

This week we have launched our new school website which can be viewed at [www.stjoshmsn.co.uk](http://www.stjoshmsn.co.uk)

Here you will find lots of information about our school, forms, class information and dates for your diary.



## 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.

## School gates

We take safeguarding at our school very seriously and as such we have measures in place to ensure that no unauthorised people are allowed on site. At the end of the day staff will open the school gates onto zone 3/4 and zone 1 at 2.55pm and these will be closed again shortly afterwards.

Nursery parents who have been entrusted with the gate code should only open the gate outside of school pick up times. Please do not enter zone 3/4 until a member of staff has opened the gate. Please can we also ask that parents and children leave the school site as quickly as possible and do not play in zone 5, the field or the play equipment after school. This is to ensure that the site is safely secured at the end of the day and to ensure the safety of any pupils remaining in school for after school clubs.

## Pupil medication

If your child requires us to administer medication to them during the school day please come to the school office to complete the required forms. We are only able to administer medication that has been prescribed by a doctor and which has a pharmacy named prescription label.

## Bike to School week

Bike to school week is a week-long event taking place across the UK to encourage families to cycle or scoot to school. It's a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings. This year it takes place from **27th September to 1st October**.



We would love to see as many of our pupils coming to school on two wheels and making use of the scooter and bike rack facilities that we have on site. We would also love for you to share your photos with us to share with our school community.

