




St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Summer Fete last Friday evening despite the weather. We have raised approximately £1600, but this will be confirmed once we have a final total.

A big thank you from me to all the FSSA for all their hard work leading up to the event and at the fete itself. Thank you also to the Red Lion for the brilliant BBQ, to the staff, Cricklade Band Academy and Cricklade Fire Station who went the extra mile to make it a great event. A special thank you too to Jenny Summers, Treasurer of the FSSA, who is stepping down from this role after 3 years.

Sports week has been brilliant so far, again, despite the weather! Drumba and Mike from the BMX Academy have been particular highlights! If you haven't yet seen the videos, please have a look on twitter. The weather hasn't stopped children from trying lots of different sports and challenging activities. Well done to the teachers who have been so flexible and have planned around the rain. I hope that your children have been coming home talking about all the activities that they have tried and enjoyed. We really hope that Sports Day will happen tomorrow (please see the end of this newsletter).

I am sure that you are aware that this weekend is Cricklade Festival. As always, the children in our school have made some of the flags so please do look out for them in the High Street.

Finally, we are saying goodbye to Miss Jefferies, student teacher in 6B, tomorrow. We wish her all the best of luck as she begins her career in teaching and thank her for all she has done, not just in 6B, but in joining in with other activities and entering in to the spirit of our school.

Jennifer Bayne

Sports House Captains

Well done to the following Year 6 children who have been chosen as Sports House Captains this week to help coordinate the points and support Mr Smith and the staff in the organisation of events.

St George - Darcey St Andrew - Kieran St David - Freya St Patrick - Samuel



St Sampson's Stars!



A big well done to all our stars of the week ☺

Kingfishers - Lilly & Florence

Puffins - Eddie & Joseph

Woodpeckers - Leo & Arthur

2L - Freddie & Jack

2S - Judith & Maya

3/4B - Josh & Aiden

3/4O - William & Florence

3/4W - Issy & Ben



5C - Kenzie & Harriet

5R - Tomas & Owain



6B - Maxim & Hannah

6R - All stars!

3/4O Class Assembly - Friday, 21st June

Parents of children in 3/4O are warmly invited to their class assembly at 9:10am on Friday, 21st June in the Main Hall. After the assembly, refreshments will be served and then you are welcome to stay until morning playtime to join the children for a learning experience in their classroom.

Class Structure 2019 - 2020

We have had 42 children apply to join us as a first choice preference for FS2 in September and the vast majority of these have accepted their places. We will have a predicted total of 292 children on roll in September. As you are already aware, we will be running 11 classes in September as opposed to 10 classes which, with this total, the Local Authority would suggest we should. This is due to careful budgeting and planning going forward. However, as I have also already said, unless school budgets increase or our numbers go up significantly, we will be running 10 classes in the year 2020-2021.

The school structure for September will be as follows:

Predicted number on roll:

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
42	36	34	50	35	46	49

Class structure:

FS2/Y1	FS2/Y1	FS2/Y1	Y2/3	Y2/3	Y2/3	Y4/5	Y4/5	Y4/5	Y6	Y6
26	26	26	28	28	28	27	27	27	24	25

As you can imagine, a lot of thought and time with Leadership, governors and teaching staff goes in to determining this structure. We have carefully considered the pros and cons of various structures in detail. We wanted to avoid a 'few' children from a year group going in to classes with a different make up from their peers. We wanted, as much as possible, for children to have equal class sizes so that they had a similar teacher: pupil ratio across the school. We are also mindful of the legislation that states that Key stage 1 classes must be less than 30 at the start of the year.

We have some logistical arrangements to sort out with the 2/3 mix with regards to start and finish times and which classrooms we will use but these are all in hand and I will write to parents in these year groups once they are finalised. We still have 6 weeks of this term before the end of this academic year. As a start though, there are no SATs in Year 2 next academic year (these will no longer be happening nationally) and Year 2 will still have the main parts in our Christmas nativity.

We are committed to making this work for all the children and to maintaining as many classes as financially possible going forward next year, subject to funding and numbers.



Sports day - TOMORROW...we hope!



We have been following the weather forecast avidly for tomorrow all week. If there is any way that Sports Day can take place, it will run (no pun intended). This includes if we can only partially run it for either the Lower or Upper School if the weather changes during the day.

Sports day will be cancelled if it is raining or if the grass is too wet for the running races and therefore, dangerous. If the weather means that we have to cancel, a decision will be made as early as possible and a text message will be sent out via our parentmail service. If you do not receive a text message, please **do not** call the office as the event will be on!

In order for it to run as smoothly as possible, here are some reminders for us all:

- **Lower school Sports Morning runs from 9.30am - 11.30am**
Parents can follow the carousel of sports action around the outside of the events.
- **Upper school Sports Afternoon runs from 1.00pm-3.00pm**
Parents to sit on the far side of the track please. The children will sit in their House Team on the school side of the track and will be supervised by staff. Please can parents NOT cross the track. *Access to the field is across the middle playground only for the afternoon.*
- We recommend that you bring a chair or a picnic blanket to sit on.
- **CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR HOUSE COLOURS TO SCHOOL TOMORROW AND REMINDED TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE AND HAT AS WELL AS WEAR SUN CREAM.**
- **The whole of the school site, including the field, is no smoking/vaping and no dogs are allowed on site.**
- Following the presentations at the end of the afternoon, Upper school children are free to go with their parents providing they have a parent present. Those children who do not have a parent present will be dismissed from school in the normal way by their class teacher.
- Children in the Lower school will be dismissed by their class teacher as normal. If you are on your way up from the field, don't worry - we will look after any siblings until we see you.

Netball Result

Finally, all the league results have been sent in and we can announce that although the netball team had a fantastic season and only lost one game, they lost out on winning the league by a goal difference of just 4 goals! It was very close in the end as 3 teams had lost one game each. The League was won by Noremarsh Junior School. Well done to all the children who played in the league matches: **Alex M, Ruby A, Billy A, Freya B, Gabby M, Hannah T, James H, Josh S & Ellie H.** Also, well done to the rest of the children who took part in friendly matches and managed to remain unbeaten. A huge thank you to Helen Lidbury for all her help this year!

After 16 years, I have decided to step down from running the netball club but it will continue next year. I would like to thank all the staff in supporting the teams and especially to Mrs Bayne and Mr Smith for their encouragement. It has been fantastic for me to see all the siblings from different families taking part over the years and carrying on the tradition. Thank you to all the parents who have supported their children and provided transport. Lastly, but most importantly thank you to all the children; for their commitment, enthusiasm and their enjoyment in representing their school and taking part in competitive sport.

Mrs Bray

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Bray for 16 wonderful years of netball at St Sampson's. You have done a tremendous job and we are very grateful for all your time and commitment. Thank you 😊