



# St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 - Number 1

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope that you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed some quality family time. It is lovely to welcome the children back and I have enjoyed hearing all about their holidays. Thank you for all your help ensuring that all the children have come back looking very smart. I have been delighted that all the children are so eager to work with their new teachers and get on with their learning. It is also a great pleasure to welcome all the new children and parents in FS2 and across our school to our school community.

Congratulations to Mrs James (Miss Rumsey) on her wedding in the summer. We are all doing very well remembering her new name! We also welcome a new student teacher who will be with us this year. Mrs Bayram will be working alongside Mr Sexton in 2/3C. I have included a staff list at the end of this newsletter so you can see where everyone is working this year.

I will do my best to try to keep you up to date in my weekly newsletters which I will send out every Thursday. There will also be information on our website. Key dates for events throughout the year are already on the school calendar on the website. In addition, do follow our Twitter feed to find out what we have been up to! This also appears on our website and only children who have permission from you will have their photograph on this feed.

Finally, we have made a really good start to the year in terms of attendance and punctuality. We had absolutely no late arrivals yesterday which was fantastic! I don't need to remind everyone just how important both of these are and the negative impact on learning that there can be if either slip. Please let's keep it up! Remember, that the doors open from 8:45-8:50 off either the bottom or middle playground.

Here's to a fantastic year! ☺

**Jennifer Bayne**

## Parent Information Sessions

Each class team will be hosting an information session which will allow you to meet the teaching team and receive key information for their specific year group about the curriculum and homework etc. For Years 1-5, these information sessions will be held straight after school we will provide childcare for pupils and their siblings. (Children in the upper school can walk down to the lower school for the Year 1 & 2 meetings). The FS2 information session will be held at 1:15pm next Wednesday, 11th September and we will also look after any FS2 children whose parent is attending this.

The Year 6 information session will be held in the early evening. At this time I will also be talking with parents about applying for secondary schools, the SATs and the school residential.

## 10p Toast (Whole School) & Healthy Tuck Shop (Upper School) - STARTING MONDAY 9th!

As in previous years, the school council in Years 3-6 will run a fruit tuck shop for the Upper School. Unfortunately, the government do not provide funding for free fruit for the older children but we would encourage children in year 3-6 to have a healthy snack at playtime. Children are welcome to bring in their own fruit or they can buy a piece first thing in the morning, or at break time, for 20p.

I am also delighted to announce the return of 10p toast. This was enormously popular last year. Children can get a piece of toast for 10p (or 50p for the week) from either hall as they come in to school in the morning.

**CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR PUPIL PREMIUM WILL BE OFFERED FREE TOAST AND FRUIT.**

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### Parentmail, Text Messages and the Weekly Newsletter

You will have received this newsletter via email. Please note that we are unable to update your contact details on Parentmail.pmx so you need to log on and update your mobile number and email address, if these details change, in order to receive text messages and emails.

I will send out a weekly newsletter every Thursday. If your child has something that we can celebrate, such as an achievement in sport or music outside of school, please do let me know (by the end of the school day on Wednesday as I write the newsletter on a Wednesday evening), and I will add it to the newsletter so we can share their success!

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### Jeans for Genes Day

On **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September**, children are allowed to wear denim (or their own clothes) rather than uniform in exchange for a donation for this charity.



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### New Playtrail

We are thrilled with our new playtrail on the bottom playground. The children have a rota to use it in school under the supervision of a member of staff.

**Please note that if you let your child use it before or after school, then you must supervise them.** It is appropriate for children aged 4-11 only and the school does not accept liability for accidents or damages that occur outside school hours.

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## Our value that we are exploring this term is 'Perseverance'

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### Notice from Cricklade Rugby Club

Cricklade Rugby Club is starting their Minis for the 2019/2020 season as is keen for new members!

We welcome all children Boys and Girls and cover children aged 5 through to Under 11's, our first session is this Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of September held at Cricklade Manor Prep School details below as follows:

Saturday Mornings at Manor Prep (behind the Sports Hall or in the Sports Hall for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session)  
Under 9's, 10's and 11's - 09.30am - 10.45am (Contact)  
Under 6's, 7's and 8's - 10.45am - 11.45am (Tag Rugby Non-Contact)

## Key Dates

I have included some of the key dates for this term **as they are at the minute!** The most comprehensive list and up to date information is on our website. Please check there for up to date timings and possible additional information.

Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Education Sunday - All welcome to join worship at St Sampson's Church
Monday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception (FS2) children in until 1:10pm
Tuesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4/5 Parent Information meeting at 3:15pm
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September	FS2 Parent Information Meeting at 1:15pm (please come in to school via the main office)
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2/3 Parent Information meeting at 3:15pm
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Parent Information meeting at 3:15pm
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Parent Information meeting at 6:00pm
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> September	FS2 children in full time. (Please collect at 3:05pm from the lower playground)
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes day <i>Children can wear their jeans to school in return for a donation to this charity</i>
Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Clubs start this week
Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photographs
Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photographs
Tuesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's Evening (No Clubs running today)
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent's Evening (No Clubs running today)
Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival in St Sampson's Church at 10:00am
Friday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October	4/5W Class Assembly @ 9:10am in the Main Hall
Wednesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Break up at 3:05pm / 3:10pm - END OF TERM 1
Monday, 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of term 2
Thursday, 7 <sup>th</sup> November	OPEN MORNING
Friday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need 'Spotacular' <i>Children can wear something spotty to school in exchange for a donation</i>
Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	4/5R Class Assembly @ 9:10am, in the Main Hall
Monday, 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations FS2-Y6
Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> November	6J Class Assembly @ 9:10am in the Main Hall
Monday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Evening performance of Lower School Nativity at 6:00pm
Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4/5 Christmas Party in the afternoon
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Matinee performance of Lower School Nativity at 1:30pm
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y6 Christmas Party in the afternoon
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day!
Friday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2/3 Christmas Party in the afternoon
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	FS2/Year 1 Christmas Party in the afternoon
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert in St Sampson's Church @ 6:30pm
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower School Christmas Dinner
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Upper School Christmas Dinner
Friday, 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Carol singing on the middle playground at 1:45pm Break up at 2:00pm
Term 3	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> January - Thursday, 13 <sup>th</sup> February (Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> February is a TD DAY)
Term 4	Monday, 24 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Term 5	Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> May (Friday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May is a BANK HOLIDAY)
Term 6	Monday, 1 <sup>st</sup> June - Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> July (Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> & Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> July are TD DAYS)

## Staff

We are fortunate to have a fantastic team of staff in our school! We look forward to meeting you all and working with you throughout the year.

As I have already said, please do not hesitate to speak to any one of us if you have a query.

Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants *(Please note that some TAs also run interventions across the school).*

Kingfishers	Mrs Ayres & Mrs Abu-Ebid	Mrs Alford Mrs Bray Mrs Chivers Mrs Genet Mrs Hayward-Browne
Puffins	Miss Baker	Mrs Craig Mr Meacock Mrs Young
Woodpeckers	Mrs Turner (Maths Subject Leader)	
2/3S	Mr Sexton (Lower School Leader)	Mrs Alford Mrs Dixon Miss Hargreaves Mrs Kuipers Mrs Otter Mrs Young
2/3L	Mr Lossin	
2/3C	Mrs Cantillon & Miss Cox	
4/5O	Mrs Ollerenshaw	Mrs Brennan Mrs Craig Mr Meacock Mrs Otter Mrs Sawford Miss Smith Mrs Young
4/5W	Mrs Wood (English Subject Leader)	
4/5R	Mrs Read (Upper School Leader)	
6J	Mrs James	Mrs Bray Mrs Kirk Mr Meacock Mrs Taylor-Hoad
6B	Mr Ball	
PPA Cover PPA Cover Specialist PE Teacher Specialist Music Teacher		Mrs Dye Mr Hill Mr Smith Mrs Lee

## Other Staff:

<b>Headteacher:</b> Mrs Bayne	<b>Deputy Headteacher &amp; SENCo:</b> Mr Hill
<b>ELSA:</b> Mrs Batten	<b>Site Manager:</b> Mr Moulton
<b>Admin Team:</b> Mrs Morrison Mrs Frank (School Business Manager) Mrs Macdonald	<b>MDSAs:</b> Miss Smith                  Mrs Blanthorn Mrs Finch                  Mrs Simpkins Miss Brookes              Mrs Dodson Mrs Fletcher              Mrs Hayward-Browne
<b>Cleaners:</b> Mrs Fletcher              Mrs Le Cras Ms Atkinson              Miss Chandler Mrs Dodson	