



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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I can't believe that we are already in October. The first month of this school year has flown by and we are heading towards the wetter and colder months. Please make sure that your child has a named coat in school as we will try to get outside as much as possible.

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for a 'Zoom' parents' evening appointment. The last day to do this is tomorrow please. You will receive your Zoom login via parentmail and the class teachers will send out the Parent Information Report and Attendance Certificate as paper copies - these will come home with your child on 9th October.

Well done to everyone who has made the effort to cycle or scoot to school this week as part of the national 'Bike to School Week'. Thank you for the pictures that you have sent in that we have shared on Twitter.

Finally, it has been great to start using our two halls for lunchtimes. The children have been fantastic with the new routines in place as our picnicking outside days are over! **Jennifer Bayne**

Handwashing

In line with Government and Public Health England guidance, regular handwashing (for 20 seconds) is a very important part of our safety plan in school. Again, the children have been excellent with this routine. However, unfortunately, some of the children are getting sore hands which is obviously upsetting for them and us. We are making sure that the children are having the time and the supervision to dry their hands carefully. In addition, if any parents wish to provide their own soap and / or hand cream, then that is absolutely fine. We cannot routinely provide hand cream as, rather like sun cream, parents need to know what their child is using and know about allergens.



Any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher.



St Sampson's Stars!



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

Kingfishers - Kayden & George

Puffins - Darcy & Alice

Woodpeckers - Aston & Jasper

2/3C - Daphne & Eddie

2/3L - Joshua & Alice

2/3S - George & Ryan

4/5O - Wilf & Eliza

4/5R - Alex & Isla

4/5W - Nicole & Jacob

6B - Alfie & Ben

6J - Jack & Summer



Harvest Festival

We won't be having our Harvest Festival in the Church this year. However, we will still be celebrating Harvest as a school. Each class will be looking at what Harvest means and how Christians traditionally celebrate this time of year as a chance to give thanks to those who work to provide food for us, to celebrate creation and to think of those less fortunate than ourselves. We hope to share with you some of the things that we do in school.

As a school, we will be supporting and collecting for the Malmesbury & District Foodbank who do a fantastic job within our local community and who run the Cricklade Foodbank.

We are asking that, if you feel able to, your child brings in a donation on **Wednesday, 7th October**. We will have a remote 'Harvest Festival' in school on that day and there will be an opportunity for the different classes to bring their donations to a central place.

The Foodbank recognise that things are tricky for a lot of people so we really don't want anyone to feel obliged to bring in something but to focus on a small number of items that are really needed at this time. These include:

- Tinned Potatoes
- Custard
- Toothbrushes
- Rice Pudding
- Toothpaste
- Washing Up Liquid



Just one item from this list from anyone who feels able to contribute would make an enormous difference to the foodbank's ability to provide local people with a supply of nutritionally balanced food and a few essential items. Thank you

POLITE REMINDER -

PARENTS, PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE OR PARK DOWN THE SCHOOL DRIVE AT THE BEGINNING AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY. Thank you

School Council

We are delighted to announce our School Council Class Representatives for 2020-2021! Each class has run an election process and these children have been democratically voted in to the role by their peers. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for election - this is commendable in itself. I am looking forward to working with this years' school council, which Miss Baker will be running, in further improving our school. Like all meetings at the moment, the school council reps. will be meeting over Zoom!

Kingfishers - Finley

2/3C - Sam

4/5O - Lucy

6B - Toby

Puffins - Amber

2/3L Mia

4/5R - Arya

6J - Poppy

Woodpeckers - Ola

2/3S - Isabel

4/5W - Madeleine