



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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 @StSampsonsPri

It's been another busy week in school with lots going on in every classroom. I hope that our Twitter feed gives you a flavour of some of the activities happening in and out of the classrooms!

In Collective Worship this week, we have continued exploring our value of Wisdom and have been thinking about whether material objects are the most important things we have and if so, which ones? We have been considering what we can learn and think about from the 'Parable of the Pearl'.

Don't forget to check your child's bag tomorrow for the Parent Information Report and Attendance Certificate that they will be bringing home prior to our Zoom Parents' Evenings next week.

Jennifer Bayne

Harvest Festival Celebrations - Wednesday, 14th October

I sincerely apologise as I put the wrong date in last weeks' newsletter. We are actually celebrating Harvest next Wednesday on 14th October. Thank you for any donations that have already come in - we will keep hold of them in school if your child has taken them out of their bag. If you feel able to send in a contribution for Cricklade Foodbank, it would be greatly appreciated but please don't feel obliged - we know that this is a challenging time for lots of people.

The foodbank are particularly looking for a small number of items that are really needed at this time. These include:

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



St Sampson's Stars!



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

Kingfishers - Coco & Tabitha

Puffins - Beatrice & Bodhi

Woodpeckers - Emma & Zico

2/3C - Liam & Olivia

2/3L - Alex & William

2/3S - Aston & Roman

4/3O - Archie & Eloise

4/5R - Esme & Elliot

4/5W - Isabelle & Michael

6B - Florence & Fraser

6J - Phoebe & James



Cauliflower Cards



A big thank you to Miss Cox and the FSSA for organising this, this year.

All orders need to be placed online and all designs need to be returned to the school office by **Wednesday, 14th October** please.

Reporting Attendance

Please can we issue a few reminders about attendance: If your child is unwell or can't come to school for any other reason please telephone the office on the first days of absence. When they return to school they need to bring in an absence note. In line with our attendance policy, if an absence note is not received by the class teacher the absence must be recorded as unauthorised and persistent absences may be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.

It would be very helpful if you can advise the office or class teacher in advance of any medical appointments that your child will need to attend, particularly if they will be collected during the school day. Finally, just be honest, as the children always tell everyone what they have been doing!

Further details can be found in the attendance booklet which is available on the school website.

Parking and Pedestrian routes

We have had several complaints about parking at drop off and collection times. Please can you make sure that, if you do need to drive to school, you park legally and with consideration to our neighbours.

We have a school taxi that is entitled to park in our bus stop.



Please can you ensure that you supervise your child as they walk in and out of school, particularly near the top of the footpath and drive, being aware of cars pulling in and out.

World Mental Health Day 10th October

Where children and young people can find help

It's World Mental Health day on Saturday 10th October so this is a good time to share again with you the details of where young people can find help and support.

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust - CAMHS

24/7 children's mental health helpline offering advice guidance and support to children, young people and carers

Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm

Tel: 01865 903777

Monday to Friday 5pm - 9am and weekends

Tel: 01865 901000

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/new-mental-health-helpline-for-children-and-young-people-in-banes-swindon-and-wiltshire/>

On Your Mind

Signposts children and young people in Wiltshire to sources of support for good mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.onyourmind.org.uk/>