




# St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 - Number 7

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 @StSampsonsPri



Thank you so much for your generous Harvest Gifts. I hope that you have been able to see our Harvest display in the Main Hall as you come down the school drive. Each class has made a letter and we know that Cricklade Foodbank will be very grateful to collect your donations on Monday next week. In addition, the whole school have had a 'virtual Harvest Festival Service'. Although we couldn't go to St Sampson's Church for this, we have given thanks, celebrated through music and looked at the meaning of Harvest here and around the world.

Thank you for your participation in our online Parents' Evenings this week. I know that there are a few more appointments this evening but your patience as we have used digital technology as opposed to face-to-face meetings has been much appreciated. We have also appreciated the positive feedback about the information that was sent home before the meeting in order to make it easier.

This time next week, we will be on our half term holiday. I know that I will see most of you before then but I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support this term. It has been a huge effort on everyone's part to get all the children in and learning in a safe and 'normal' way. Whilst we very much miss whole school and cross class activities, as well as staff working with other groups of children and colleagues, your support, the children's enthusiasm and resilience and the hard work from the team here have made sure that school has felt great. Thank you.

Obviously, I really hope that everyone has a safe half term and that we are able to come back to school in the same way we are working now. However, included in this newsletter are important contact details should the situation change for you, us or nationally over the break, Please make sure you keep them to hand.

Jennifer Bayne



## St Sampson's Stars!



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

Kingfishers - Daisy-Sofia & Isla    Puffins - Harriet & Mason    Woodpeckers - Harrison & Milly

2/3C - Annalise & Jorden

2/3L - Eleanor & Emily

2/3S - Lily & Corey

4/5O - Tom & Felicity

4/5R - Joshua & Bessie

4/5W - Ellias & Lola



6B - Abigail & Emily

6J - Brandon & Josh



## **Polite Reminder - Reducing the number of adults / overcrowding on site**

In line with our Risk Assessment for opening the school during the COVID pandemic, we would appreciate it if parents could ensure that, where possible, only one adult drops off and collects their child(ren) before and after school. Thank you.

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### **Contacting the school to report a positive case of COVID over half term and weekends**

If a pupil at St Sampson's tests positive for COVID, it is essential that you contact the school as soon as possible. Obviously, this would normally be via the school office.

Over half term, or at the weekend, please contact me directly via email at [jbayne@st-sampsons.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:jbayne@st-sampsons.wilts.sch.uk). *(Please do not use this email address for any other correspondence out of school hours).*

In the case of a positive test for a family member, please follow instructions on self-isolation but the school does not need to know until the first day of pupil absence from school.

In the case of a positive test for a St Sampson's pupil or staff member, I will contact the Local Authority, the DfE and Public Health England and they will issue instructions about contacting 'close contacts'. In our case, we anticipate that we will be instructed that 'close contacts' will be the class bubble that your child is working in. It is therefore vital that your contact details that we hold on our school systems are up to date, including mobile 'phone numbers. Please note that only you can update your contact details (email and mobile number) on Parentmailpmx.

As well as contacting 'close contacts' to advise self-isolation, please be assured that the rest of the school community would be made aware of a positive case within the school too.

If you need to contact the school for any other reason over half term or during the weekend, please use the [admin@st-sampsons.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-sampsons.wilts.sch.uk) email address.

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### **Bradon Forest - A day in the life of Year 7**

We have been sent the following from Bradon Forest to share with our Year 4, 5 & 6 families.

This video was made by one of their new Year 7 students who helped to create a short video about a typical day for Year 7 at Bradon Forest.

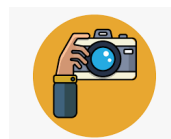
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H53WNeeS8L4&t=9s>

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### **Notice from Cotswold Water Park Trust**

#### **Photography Competition**

The CWPT are currently running an online photography competition which includes a **junior category** (U18's).



We would welcome entries from your school pupils and they are able to submit any image/s relating to wildlife, landscape or people & leisure so long as the image has been taken within the Cotswold Water Park. We are aiming this at amateur photographers and will accept images taken by camera or smartphone. Winning photos will also feature in our first ever CWPT calendar 2021.

Full details and entry information can be found via our website <https://waterpark.org/photography-competition/>