



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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Congratulations to Miss Smith, who not only celebrated a special birthday yesterday but also got engaged at the weekend! What lovely news 😊.



In other staffing news, we are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Abu-Ebid on Monday after her maternity leave. Mrs Abu-Ebid will be covering teachers' release time and also running some catch up interventions with the younger year groups.

We also say an enormous thank you to Mrs Dye today who is teaching her last day with 2/3L. Mrs Dye has been their class teacher for the majority of this year and has done a fantastic job. We are very grateful and I know that the children will say hello when they see her around and about in Cricklade.

Over the last year our pupil numbers have grown steadily and we have been really happy to welcome new children and families to our school. Although early indications look like we will have a small Reception intake next year (we won't have final figures until after half term), we will be in the position to run an additional class next year, making us 12 classes in September. We are pleased to say that we have appointed Mr Cliff (currently covering Mrs James' maternity leave in 6J) and Miss Dickson (who is currently teaching near Winchester) as class teachers.

Our predicted pupil numbers in all year groups are changing as we are having a lot of enquiries about places as people are moving in to Cricklade. As soon as we have our finalised class structure for September I will of course, share it with you.

Jennifer Bayne

Football Success!



We are thrilled to hear that **Olly (6C)** has had his contract renewed with Southampton FC Academy. Well done Olly - we know how hard you work for this. 😊



St Sampson's Stars!



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

Kingfishers - Theo & Jessica

Puffins - Mason & Isobella

Woodpeckers - Brooke & Sam

2/3C - Oscar & Lucy

2/3L - Eleanor & Owen

2/3S - Matilda & Ahmed

4/5O - Zach & Mary

4/5R - Archie & Jacob

4/5W - Ted & Callum

6B - Fadila & Florence

6C - Scarlett & Imogen



Star of the Week Badges

We are really short of Star of the Week badges. Please can you have a look at home and send in any that you might come across so that we can replenish our stock. Many thanks!



PE Days from next week

We are moving on to a new timetable next week which will last until the end of the summer term. Please can you ensure that your child comes in to school in clean, school PE kit on these days:

Kingfishers: Friday	Puffins: Monday	Woodpeckers: Thursday
2/3C: Tuesday & Wednesday	2/3L: Tuesday & Friday	2/3S: Monday & Friday
4/5O: Monday & Wednesday	4/5R: Monday & Thursday next week and then Fridays thereafter	
4/5W: Tuesday & Thursday	6B: Monday & Thursday	6C: Tuesday & Wednesday

Sports Week: 14th – 18th June

We will be running our Sports Week again this year. During the week, the children will have the chance to participate in a range of sporting activities, trying out new things and working as a team as well as striving for their personal best. Although class bubbles will not be mixing, the children will still compete in their Houses at a sporting competition in the morning or afternoon, and will be watched by the other classes in their year groups. As soon as the timetable for this week is finalised, we will let you know which day your child can wear their House colours to school. The rest of the week, the children can wear their school PE kit.

Heroes Stamp Design Competition



We have entered Royal Mail's Hero Stamp Design Competition. Royal Mail would like to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic with a new set of stamps designed by school children aged 4-14. The designs could be of NHS frontline workers, delivery drivers, emergency workers, volunteers, Captain Sir Tom Moore or anyone else who has worked tirelessly to keep our country moving.

Eight winning entries will be chosen, with 16 further regional winners and 96 runners up. All of these children will win vouchers of £1000 - £100 and the same amount will be awarded to the school.

Entry forms will be coming home tomorrow and should be returned to school by Friday, 21st May.

The Big Ask – Time for Children to Have a Say in Shaping the Future

As the new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza has committed to engaging with as many children as possible, to shape provision for children in England following the pandemic. This is a chance for children to have a real say in policy and decision-making at a national level.

We have shared the resources and the online questionnaire with children in Years 2-6. Younger children are encouraged to access it with their parents. In addition, it is important for parent's voices to be heard so that we can ensure that our children are given all the support they need going forward. You can access the parental survey and the survey for children aged 4-5 using the following link: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>