



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School



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We've had a brilliant start to our Sports Week. It has been so lovely to see the children trying new things and enjoying lots of opportunities. There has been a fantastic buzz around school. Alex Lewis, a quadriplegic amputee, who spoke to the Upper School on Monday, was inspirational and was amazing to listen to. There have also been new things, such as Archery Tag and a visit to Cricklade Bowls Club, as well as old favourites, like speed stacks.



I have had to move many Sports Days over the years but never so far in advance and never because the weather looked to be too hot and sunny! Thank you for all your messages of support over this. I appreciate that it is frustrating for those who are trying to juggle work, which is why we made the call as early as we could.

Further details about the logistics of Sports Day are later in this newsletter.

We have had an update from Wiltshire council that the closure of Bath Road tomorrow will now take place after school hours in the evening.

Jennifer Bayne

Class Structure 2022-2023

I am really pleased to tell you that we will be able to remain at 13 classes next year, continuing with the same structure that we have now. This is very positive news as our predicted number on roll in September is 305, which means that the LA would fund us for 11 classes. Running the 2 additional classes is a huge bonus. To this end, I am delighted to tell you that we have appointed Mr Brad Robinson as the new teacher in September, as Mrs Read is leaving. Mr Robinson spent some time on placement in 2T before Easter. We are looking forward to welcoming him to our team.

St Sampson's Stars!

A big well done to all our stars of the week - Lighting up Life and Learning ☺

Bees - Cerys & Jaafar

Butterflies - Viv & Everly



1A - Rhiley-Mae & Isla

1CS - Joe & Ollie



2H - Lily & Emma

2T - Maurice-Lee & Eloise

3/4C - All of Year 4!

3/4L - George B & Annalise

3/4R - Alice & Toby



5O - Isla & Casey

5S - Margaret-Mary & Freddie

6B - Aurora & Cherliese

6J - Zach & Archie



Guinea Pigs Names - After a lot of suggestions and a democratic process, the names are:



Sports day - MONDAY!



Sports day will be cancelled if it is raining or if the grass is too wet for the running races and therefore, dangerous. If the weather means that we have to cancel, a decision will be made as early as possible and a text message will be sent out via our parentmail service. If you do not receive a text message, please **do not** call the office as the event will be on!

In order for it to run as smoothly as possible, here are some reminders for us all:

- Lower school Sports Morning runs from 9.30am - 11.30am
Parents can follow the carousel of sports action around the outside of the events.
- Upper school Sports Afternoon runs from 1.00pm-3.00pm
Parents to sit on the far side of the track please. The children will sit in their House Team on the school side of the track and will be supervised by staff. Please can parents NOT cross the track. Access to the field is across the middle playground only for the afternoon.
- We recommend that you bring a chair or a picnic blanket to sit on.
- CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR HOUSE COLOURS TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY AND REMINDED TO BRING A WATER BOTTLE AND HAT AS WELL AS WEAR SUN CREAM.
- The whole of the school site, including the field, is no smoking/vaping and no dogs are allowed on site.
- Following the presentations at the end of the afternoon, Upper school children are free to go with their parents providing they have a parent present. Those children who do not have a parent present will be dismissed from school in the normal way by their class teacher.
- Children in the Lower school will be dismissed by their class teacher as normal. If you are on your way up from the field, don't worry - we will look after any siblings until we see you.

Polite child supervision reminders

- Please do not let your child ride their scooter on the drive. We have had 2 reported near misses this week where a child nearly went in to a car and a member of staff was nearly knocked over.
- Please supervise all younger children and ensure that they don't inadvertently. Access the building at the start and end of the school day, including the kitchen area.