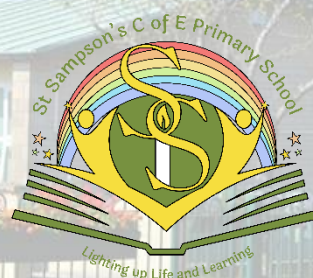




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As you will be aware, one of the main teaching unions, the NEU, have announced industrial strike action for 4 dates. Teaching staff who are in this union do not have to let me know in advance of their intention as to whether they will be striking or not. Where staff have let me know of their intention to strike, means that I have to close classes, I have written a letter to those children affected. If you have not - and do not - hear from me, school will be open for your child.

We were fortunate to have a visiting teacher from 'Encounter Christianity' delivering interactive and fun RE lessons with our Y2 and our Y6 classes yesterday. Thank you to Mr Ball for organising this.

We are only a fortnight away from half term (although Gloucestershire schools are the week after) and we have NSPCC Number day next week and then Creative Arts Week in the last week of term. More details about both are in this newsletter but, as always, please don't hesitate to ask one of us if you have any queries.

Jennifer Bayne

County Cup Football Finals



Well done to our football team who were representing our school at the County Cup Finals in Devizes yesterday! The team did phenomenally well to get to this stage in the competition. They won their first game 2-0, lost the second 1-2, lost their third game 0-1 and then won their final game 7-0. Goals were scored by Joe (including one when he was playing goalkeeper!), Freddie and Charlie. Although we didn't progress to the semi-finals and final, the team have done brilliantly. Well done to all the players and thank you to Mr Ball for coaching the team.

Team: **Corey, Leo G, Charlie, Joe, Freddie P, Joey, Benjy, Connor, Bobby & Mason**

St Sampson's Stars!

A big well done to all our stars of the week from before Christmas! ☺



Bees - Andi & Raife

Butterflies - Dotty & Elin

1A - Tullulah & Samuel

1CS - Arthur & Mickey



2H - Willow & Annabelle

2T- Milly & James

3/4C - Florence & Danny

3/4L - Daphne & Bodhi

3/4R - Bella & Annalise



5O - Finn & Leo

5S - Arthur & Oliver



6B - Thomas & Judith

6J- Kara & Archie

NSPCC Number Day - Friday, 3rd February

Number
Day 2023

We are again taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. This will take place on Friday 3rd February. As well as an exciting day of maths, there is a sponsored event that will be different in each year group. If your child would like to help raise money for the NSPCC then they will be bringing home a sponsor form. Please have a check of bags if you haven't seen this yet!

Mrs Turner

North Wiltshire Swimming Gala

Last Friday, St Sampson's took a team of children in Years 5 & 6 to the North Wiltshire Swimming Gala in Royal Wootton Bassett. Six local primary schools took part in this event, which was entered in to with great spirit and was lots of fun.

Overall, St Sampson's came 4th. Well done to all the swimmers who represented us and thank you to the parents, Mrs Dixon, Mrs Otter and Mr Smith.

Team:

Year 6: Joey, Amelia, Eliza, Abigail, Elsie, Eloise G, Isobelle & Charlotte

Year 5: Finley, Olivia, Lucy, Leo S, Toby & Harrison



Creative Arts Week 2023 - Colour and Creation

One of the most exciting weeks of the year is rapidly approaching - Creative Arts Week! Beginning on the 6th February, the children will be exploring a wonderful variety of activities, prepared by our school's teaching team.



Due to the nature of the activities, it would be helpful for your child(ren) to bring an art apron or old shirt to help protect their school clothes. It will also be essential for the children to come to school with warm and waterproof clothing every day as some of the activities (and break / lunch playtime) may take place outside.

There will also be an optional fun home-learning challenge, which is linked with an environmental cause for the children to join in with if they wish. The theme is:

Coral Reefs - Bring Back the Colour!



The children can be as creative as they wish. They could create posters, 3D models, paintings, collage, or anything else arty! The competition winners will receive some Art themed prizes! The deadline for entries will be Thursday 9th, with prizes awarded on Friday 10th.



Mr Lossin