



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS JOHNSON ON THE BIRTH OF HER BABY DAUGHTER, MATILDA!

I am very sorry that I had to take the decision to close the school last Friday. As I am sure you can appreciate, it is not a decision I want to make or one that is taken lightly. I hope that you all managed to enjoy the snow - thank you very much to everyone who tweeted me their photos!

We had a good turnout at the NSPCC parents 'Online Safety' workshop last week. Thank you to all the parents that attended. Following this, the whole school spent some time in class looking at online safety as it was 'Online safety' day on Tuesday.

Because of the snow, we have postponed supporting the NSPCC Number day until Friday, 1st March. If you have already collected in any sponsor money, then it is fine to bring it to the office.

We have welcomed a team of reviewers from Challenge Partners in to our school today and tomorrow. They are working with Mr Hill and myself to help us clarify areas of school improvement so that we can continually work to move St Sampson's forward. I will be part of a review team visiting a school in London in March.

Finally, we are really looking forward to our Creative Arts week next week. Mr Lossin and all the staff have worked very hard to make sure that the children will have lots of exciting activities during the week. Please can you make sure that they have a change of older clothes and suitable footwear in case they are outside and an art apron (an old shirt works very well) with them. PE kits should also be in school as there are some activities where the children will need to wear these too.

This is my last newsletter of this term as we break up this time next week. Friday, 15th February is a TD day. We come back to school on Monday, 25th February.

Jennifer Bayne



St Sampson's Stars!



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

Kingfishers - Connor & Freddie

Puffins - Oscar & Shane

Woodpeckers - Jack & Owen

2L - Benjie & Colin

2S - Isobel & Toby

3/4B - The Whole Class

3/4O - Olly & Sienna

3/4W - Issy & Lucy B



5C - Jack & Harriet

5R - James & Daisy



6B - Thomas & Brooke

6R - Harvey & Jasper

Spelling Superstars!

As you will remember last week, I told you that our Spelling Bee team qualified for the finals at Bradon Forest. This took place yesterday and I am delighted to announce that they came 4th out of 12 teams overall! Well done!

Thank you to Mrs Taylor-Hoad for taking our team again.

Team: Gabby, Charlotte, Hannah & Lucy



FSSA - Date for your diary

The next FSSA event is a disco for the children on Thursday, 28th February. (The first Thursday back after half term). There will be no clubs this day.



Fairtrade Fortnight - First two weeks back after half term!

Cocoa Loco! Hot chocolate for everyone :-)



On the first day back after half term (Monday 25th February), the annual Fairtrade Fortnight begins. This year, we are looking at the cocoa and chocolate trade and how Fairtrade makes the lives of cocoa producers and their families and communities better in the Dominican Republic.

To celebrate coming back to school and all things fairly traded, we're going to have a cup of warm hot chocolate to welcome the children (and staff!) back from 08:30 on the Monday morning, either on the playgrounds or in both the Upper and Lower school halls (weather dependant)! The hot chocolate is guaranteed to be made with Fairtrade and nut-free ingredients: cocoa, cane sugar and semi-skimmed milk, plus a dairy-free option of oat milk for those that would prefer it. Volunteers from St. Sampson's Church are helping to organise this, along with our annual Fairtrade competition and Open the Book assembly during the Fortnight.

Thank you so much to Annabel Wallis and St Sampson's Church for organising this. What a wonderful way to start term 4!

Cricklade Band - Press Release

Please see, attached to this newsletter, the recent press release from Cricklade Band.

