



# St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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It was great to see so many of you yesterday after school at parents' evening. I look forward to seeing more of you at our next parents' evening next week.

You will have seen a lot in the media regarding school funding recently. As you are aware, Wiltshire, as a Local Authority, is one of the lowest funded Local Authorities in the country. That, along with the other increasing financial pressure that schools are facing, means that we are very mindful of ensuring we can provide the very best for our children with the tight budget we have. We currently have a 12 class structure with 289 children on roll. (The LA would expect us to have a 10 class structure with this number but due to careful budgeting, we have been able to run 12 classes this year). We anticipate that the number on role next year will be nearer 275 (looking at pupil numbers coming in to FS2 and the number leaving in Year 6). We have also been given our budget for next financial year which is approximately £58,000 less than this financial year. This means that we will be running an 11 class structure next academic year. We are already discussing various class structures as a Leadership team but need to wait for actual numbers for September in all year groups before we can finalise this and share it with you.

**Jennifer Bayne**

## Upper School Easter Egg Challenge

If you have chosen to decorate a blown egg to display in the Upper School Library for the last two weeks of term, please can you bring your entry into school on Monday morning. If parents want to help bring anything delicate in, please feel free!

You are all welcome to come and look at the eggs any day after school. I am always in awe of the creativity and ideas!



## St Sampson's Stars!



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

Kingfishers -Harper & Eleanor

Puffins - Ava & Daphne

Woodpeckers - Leo & Alfie

2L - Amelia & Travis

2S - Josh & Thomas

3/4B - Tom & Eleanor

3/4O - Indiana & Jack

3/4W - Thomas & Jack

5C - The Whole Class!

5R - Ollie & Amber

6B - Tegan & Alex

6R - Dylan & Josh



## Red Nose Day

We made a superb £608.41 for Red Nose Day from selling the noses and wearing red to school last Friday. 😊



## NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our NSPCC Number Day (delayed due to the snow)! We have raised £616.55 through sponsorship. Brilliant!



## Maths Challenge at Bradon Forest

Last Tuesday, four Year 5 pupils represented St Sampson's at the Bradon Forest Maths Challenge. They worked very hard and enthusiastically on a range of Year 5-7 activities, from a maths relay to building a dodecahedron! They achieved an overall 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 11 teams.

Congratulations to Libby G, Oliver T, James O & Libby C.

## Community Tea Party - Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March

The acts for the talent show have been confirmed - it was incredibly hard, as always to choose after so many wonderful auditions. Please do invite senior members of our community and families who would like to spend the afternoon being hosted by our Year 6 House captains and entertained by our pupils to come along at 1:30pm next Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March.

## Big Pedal - NEXT WEEK!

Sustrans Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge inspiring pupils, staff and parents to choose human power for their journey to school. For the first time, walking will be counted alongside cycling and scooting.



Sustrans Big Pedal will run for 10 days from 25 March to 5 April 2019 and is open to all schools.

### What is the challenge?

On each day, schools compete to see who can get as many of their pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking or scooting to school. Your school's best five days will determine your final position, but you can log journeys on all ten days if you wish.

### St Sampson's is taking part!

If your child walks, scoots or cycles to school during this period, their journey (and yours as a parent) can be added to our score. We would strongly encourage everyone to take part. The benefits are threefold: you can keep healthy, reduce traffic and parking issues and are helping our school with the challenge!

Please make sure that all scooters and bikes are stored in the correct shelters and are locked up. Children should also wear a cycle helmet if they are scooting or cycling to school.

## Hockey Tournament

Last Friday, St Sampson's took two teams to RWBA. With only two experienced players, we were up against some strong teams! Amazingly, one of our teams made it to the semi-final, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall. We all played to the best of our abilities and had a brilliant day.

Eleanor, Hannah T & Olivia D