

St. John's CE Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



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Message from Mrs Leggett

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely break. Thank you for all your kind Christmas wishes, gifts and cards, they were very much appreciated.

The children have all settled back into school and have begun their new topics. Throughout the week we have seen pirates in Year 1, emperor penguins in Year 2, budding artists in Nursery and builders in Reception. I look forward to seeing all the children's new achievements this term.

Please can we remind you to name all of your child's clothing, we have had a lot of coats and jumpers this week that have been unnamed, this makes it extremely tricky to reunite the coat with its owner.

I have attached the current guidance for Covid 19 at the end of the newsletter, please make sure you take the time to familiarise yourself with it.

Have a lovely weekend



School Value

This half term our school value is perseverance.



Perseverance

Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th.
Julie Andrews



Stars of the Week



Acorn	Ianis & Elsie
Beech	Imogen & christian
Sycamore	Miles & Aidan
Maple	Elsie & Zach
Lilac	Sienna & Luca
Willow	Bradley & Alexander
Magnolia	Ayse Sena & Florence

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you!

Attendance this week

Sycamore	97.5%
Beech	97.6%
Lilac	96.2%
Maple	97.4%
Magnolia	96.5%
Willow	97.5%



Cow book



Our Cow book celebrates extra special work achieved in school.
Well done to all these children for their fantastic work this week.

Oscar – Willow Class
Jessica L, Immy, Zachary, Henry – Maple Class

Library

We are excited that our library is now fully open. We have updated our books and have lots of new titles for the children to choose from. Each week your child will visit the library and bring a book home for you to enjoy together. The children will be expected to return their borrowed book the following week. There will be a £5 charge for lost books which can be paid for via School Gateway.



Reminders for the upcoming week

- Reception & Y3 applications closes on Saturday 15th January 2022.
- Friday - Pirate immersion Day for Year 1.

Conversation starters

Here are a few ideas of conversation starters that you can use to talk with your child about their week at school.

How have you persevered this week? Would you rather be a snowman or a fairy?

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS

If your child is in Nursery, or in Y2, You must now submit your Reception & Y3 applications. The online portal is now open and closes on 15th January 2022 (tomorrow).

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admission>

Diary Dates

New dates are indicated in red

Date	Event	Year Group
21.01.22	Pirate Immersion day	Year 1
15.01.21	Deadline to apply for a Reception place	Nursery
18.01.21	Christian Vision Day	All
31.01.22	Child mental health week	All
14.02.22	Half term	All
24.02.21	Performance from Electric Umbrella	All
03.03.22	World Book day	All
23.03.22 & 24.03.22	Parents evening	All
01.04.22	Last day of term	All
19.04.22	INSET – No children in school	All
20.04.22	First day back for children	All

Current Covid Guidance

Changes to latest Government guidance on PCR testing and reminder about close contacts and self-isolation

People self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative on both day 5 and day 6 and do not have a temperature, from Monday 17th January.

Individuals who are still positive on their rapid lateral flow tests must stay in isolation until they have had 2 consecutive negative tests taken on separate days.

People with symptoms, even if they test negative using an LFD should still book a PCR test at: www.nhs.uk/gettested

Please remember self-isolation means stay at home. If a parent or carer, or other member of a child's household is self-isolating because they have COVID-19, they should not be dropping or collecting children at school.

From 11th January in England people, including children in Year 7 and above and children 5 and over who are testing daily as close contacts, who receive a positive lateral flow device test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. Full guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results>

Adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 should take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating. Daily testing by close contacts will continue to help to slow the spread of COVID-19. Close contacts are not asked to get a PCR test unless they have symptoms or are requested to by NHS Test and Trace.

