



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Wednesday 20th November—9am

Parent workshop—supporting your child with reading and writing

Friday 15th November

Children in Need

Friday 22nd November

Christmas Fayre—3.30pm

Friday 6th December

FoS Christmas Disco

Tuesday 10th December

Early Years Nativity—2.30pm

Tuesday 10th December

Year 4 Volcanoes and Earthquakes workshop

Wednesday 11th December

Y1/2 Nativity—1.45pm

Thursday 12th December

Y1/2 Nativity—10am

Friday 13th December—9.15am

Y6 Class assembly—parents welcome

Tuesday 17th December

Year 2 Moon Landing Workshop

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December

KS2 Concerts 1.45pm

Friday 20th December

End of Term 2

Dear St John's Families,

We seem to be very much into the swing of Term 2 now and with Halloween and Bonfire Night over, the topic of conversation amongst children and staff seems to very much be heading towards Christmas! This is always such a joyful time to be in school and I'm looking forward to the excitement that nativities and Christmas concerts bring!

This week has been anti-bullying week and we have been thinking about the theme 'choose respect' in our assemblies and classrooms. You can find out more about what we have done this week in this newsletter.

We also have some of the best sporting news which we think we've ever shared with you in this newsletter. If you can imagine the scene of Mr Morris and Coach Danny sprinting across the field whilst I was on lunch duty, it gives you some indication of how exciting this truly is for our school!

We have also marked remembrance this week in school and I'm so proud of the participation of our pupils in many acts of service this week. Our school council attended the schools service at the Bomber Command Centre, some of our Y5/6 pupils read beautifully at the remembrance service on Sunday at church and a group of our Year 1 and Year 6 pupils visited the memorial on Monday to lay a wreath on behalf of our school community.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

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Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	98.4%
RAS	98.6%
1T	95.9%
1HC	92.9%
2ST	93.8%
2F	95.3%
30S	95.2%
3B	95.6%
4T	95.9%
4D	98.4%
5N	89.5%
5BT	95%
6B	95.4%
6M	92.5%

Attendance for the week:

95.2%

Attendance for the year to date:

95.7%

Our aim is to try and be in the green for our overall attendance across the year!

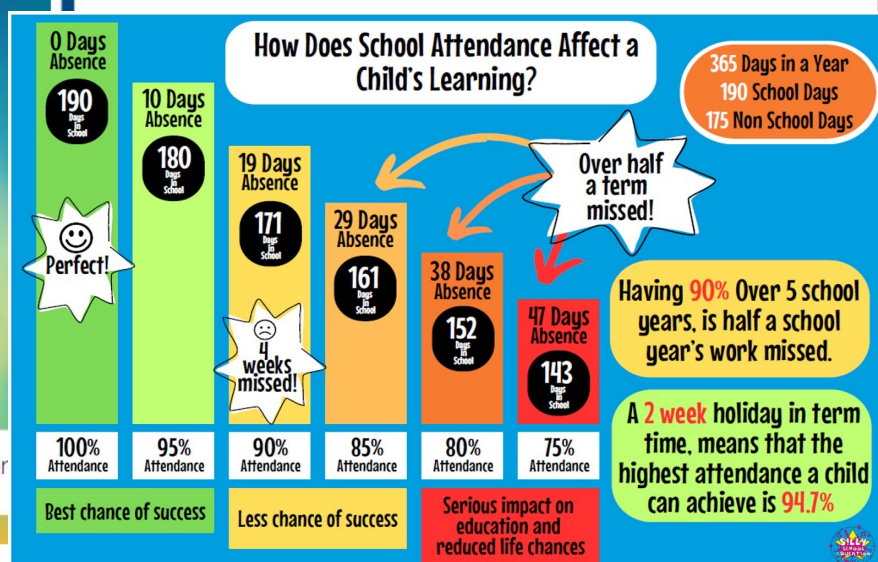
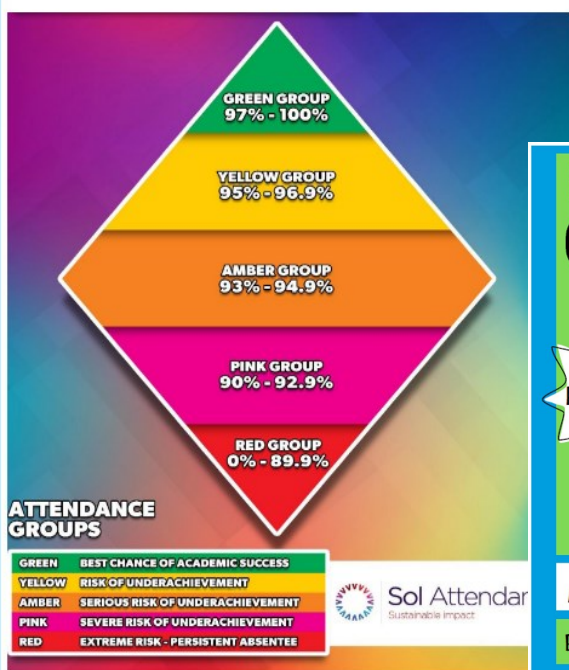
Attendance

We are entering the season of coughs, sneezes and other winter illnesses. We understand that children fall ill and need to stay at home. If you think your child is a little under the weather but able to be in school then we can give them some TLC and make sure they take things nice and steady. If your child is in need of antibiotics then we are also able to administer these in school if you fill a form out at the office. Let's hope we get through this Winter season with many bugs reaching us!

Safeguarding

The staff letting Y5/6 pupils out at the end of the long path have raised concerns about the parking of some parents on the road near the long path. It has led to children walking out between cars and not being able to see clearly whether any cars are coming. Please can we ask any parents who collect from long path to come across the road so that the children are not walking across the road to you. Could we also ask our whole school community to park considerately and in a way that doesn't make it dangerous for our pupils trying to leave school via the long path. Thank you for your support with ensuring all of our children leave school in the safest manner possible.

Attendance Ladder



Learning in Class



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Year 1

As part of their PSHE curriculum unit about "Keeping Safe," Year 1 were visited by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership who delivered a wonderful workshop for the children about road safety. The children learnt about how to stay safe when on or near roads and learnt a song to help them know to look, listen and think before crossing a road. The children then went out on to the playground to put their skills into action and practise crossing a road safely. I think from the pictures below we can all agree that they did an incredible job.



**Lincolnshire
Road
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Partnership**



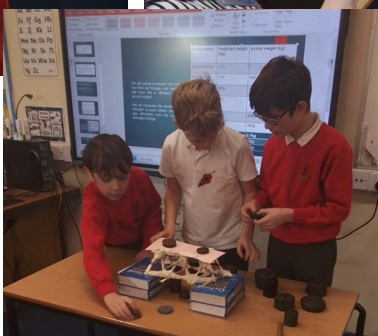
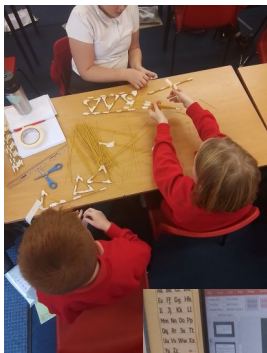
As well as this, the children in Year 1 have been making their own poppies to link with their History topic about remembrance. They will then be writing their own instructions in English for how to make a poppy. I think they look beautiful Year 1!



Finally, in their Science learning this week, Year 1 went for a walk outside to explore their senses, specifically what they could hear.

They timed it perfectly as there was a helicopter flying past just as they went outside! The children thought about whether the sounds that they could hear were quiet sounds or loud sounds. I was particularly impressed when I walked into this lesson and rather than telling me that they were doing Science, one of our wonderful children told me that this was indeed "Biology." I'm so impressed Year 1 - you have been so busy in all areas of your learning!

Year 5



Year 5 have been building truss bridges in Design and Technology. They experimented with different ways to reinforce their bridges and have tested how strong their bridges are. They then placed weights on their structures. Great designing and building Year 5 - perhaps some engineers and architects of the future are amongst you!





Remembrance

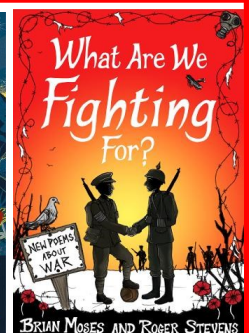
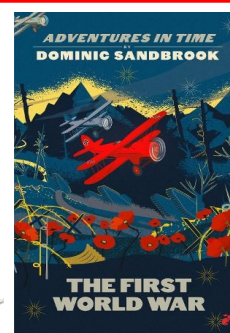
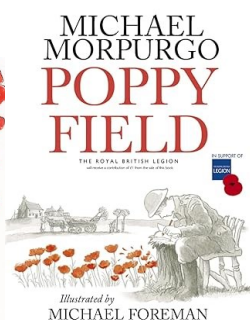
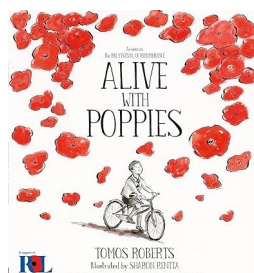
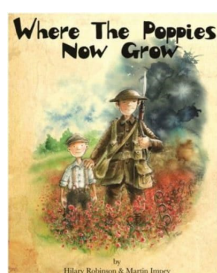
Last week, the school council visited the International Bomber Command Centre for their schools remembrance service. It was a beautifully delivered service and involved finding out about a few of the individual stories of over 58,000 people who were involved in Bomber Command operations during WW2. The children then found the names of these men on the memorial walls and put their poppies in to show their respect for the sacrifices they made.

On Sunday, Phoebe, Darcie-Bay, Riley and Lily represented St John's at the remembrance service at church reading poems and prayers. I couldn't have been more proud of their delivery, confidence and respect shown and they read their parts with a clear understanding of how significant their words were. I'd like to thank them and their families for coming to this service and representing St John's so incredibly well. It was also lovely to see other pupils there as part of their Beavers and Brownie groups!

On Monday, a group of Year 1 and Year 6 pupils visited the local memorial to lay a wreath on behalf of all the St John's Primary Academy community. The whole school participated in the 2 minute silence to remember those who gave their lives and those who continue to serve in the armed forces now.



Recommended Reads—Remembrance



In other news

Football Success!

Friday 8th November will go down in St John's Primary Academy sporting history as our mixed Year 5/6 football team were victorious in the highly sought after EFL Utilita Cup tournament at the LNER stadium in Lincoln. The prestigious event brought together teams from across Lincolnshire to compete for the coveted spot of representing Lincoln City at the Regional Championships in February. A closely fought 1-0 victory over Ling Moor Primary secured St John's their first ever championship win. They will now have a trip to Derby County where they will compete with schools from Derby, Nottingham and Leicester. A huge congratulations to all our players who performed brilliantly throughout and to Mr Morris and Coach Danny for taking them and cheering rather loudly from the sidelines! We are all so proud of you all!



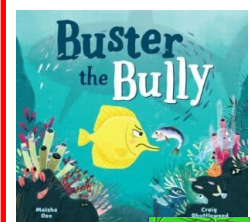
ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024 - NEW THEME ANNOUNCED



Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying week and the theme for 2024 is "choose respect." In our assemblies this week, we reminded ourselves about the definition for bullying. We use the STOP acronym—Several Times on Purpose to help us know the difference between a falling out and bullying. This year, the anti bullying week campaign wants to empower children and young people to not resort to bullying and to instead 'choose respect.' We have explored what this means in assemblies and the children have been completing activities in their classrooms. On Tuesday we all wore odd socks to show that it is OK to be different and to celebrate what makes us unique! This week, we also relaunched our playground buddies scheme. We have a new set of children who have been trained as playground buddies for this year. They take it in turns to be on 'duty' and to look out for anyone at the buddy stop who may be feeling lonely or want some help. Our playground buddies use the CALM approach—cool down, ask and tell, listen and list, make a solution. They also make sure they tell an adult if they think something has happened which they need to know about. Our playground buddies are

so keen to get started in their roles and I'm very proud of them for taking on this very important role in school to ensure no one ever feels lonely.



In the Community



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FoS Christmas Fayre



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We are really excited for our Christmas Fayre coming up on Friday 29th November between 3.30 and 5.30pm. Our amazing choir will be performing between 4pm-4.30pm and we have a whole host of exciting stalls, games, refreshments and an amazing raffle with some great prizes.

We have some outside businesses hosting stalls which will be perfect for some early Christmas shopping and school will be hosting a book stall and selling that all important reindeer food for Christmas Eve!

Towards the end of the fayre, we will be switching on our Christmas tree lights outside the school entrance by which time the Christmas spirit should very much be in the air! We look forward to hopefully seeing many of you there!



What's on at the Library in November and December

- **Wednesday 6th November 11am** - Come and listen to a "On the Farm" themed story
- **Saturday 30th November 10 till 12** - our regular chess for all mornings - come and play, challenge or learn
- **Wednesday 4th December 11am** - Christmas themed storytime
- **Thursday 5th December 6 - 7.30pm** - Book Chatter - come to chat about books, play book bingo and enjoy festive refreshments.
- **Saturday 14th December 10 till 12** - Christmas activities - colouring, games, stories, crafts and lots of fun!
- **Week beg 16th December** - drop in for mulled wine and mince pies!

Bracebridge Heath Community Event

CHRISTMAS IN BRACEBRIDGE HEATH

Join us for a heart warming community celebration at a Christingle Service, switching on of the Christmas lights followed by festive refreshments.

3.30pm Christingle Service
4.15pm Switching on of the Christmas Lights followed by refreshments until 5.30pm.

On Sunday **1st December**
At **The Heath** - our Village Hall.

Come along for

- a meaningful Christingle Service
- the switching on of the new Parish Christmas Lights
- delicious refreshments
- a chance to chat to your fellow residents of Bracebridge Heath
- joyful Christmas music

If you would like to support this event we are gratefully receiving Christmas themed baked donations (marked with ingredients). Please contact the parish clerk at clerk@bracebridgeheath-pc.gov.uk

You are welcome to come to any part of the event.

YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

SATURDAY 14 DEC 10 TILL 12

LOTS TO DO - COLOURING, GAMES, CRAFTS, STORIES,...

At The Heath Library