

Our Pupil Council representatives will be voted for on Friday and our House Captains and Vice Captains held their first meeting last week where they opted to have a design a mask competition on Friday 30 October, in class. We are looking forward to seeing all the creative designs.

Dates for your diary

Mask competition- Friday 30 October

Parent phone calls start week beginning 2 November

Inset day, children do not attend- Monday 16 November

Literacy Week- 17- 20 November

Dress up as a character from a book- Friday 20 November

Christmas wreaths on classroom doors- Friday 27 November

RRS Day, focus on culture and identity, wear tartan- Monday 30 November

Filming P1s in costume on stage for Nativity- week beginning 1 December

Filming P7 narrators for Nativity- week beginning 1 December.

Film classes signing to a Christmas song- Friday 4 December.

Reindeer Run in playground- wear Christmas jumpers- Friday 4 December.

Send out Nativity and Christmas songs compilation- week beginning Monday 14 December.

Online Panto- week beginning 14 December

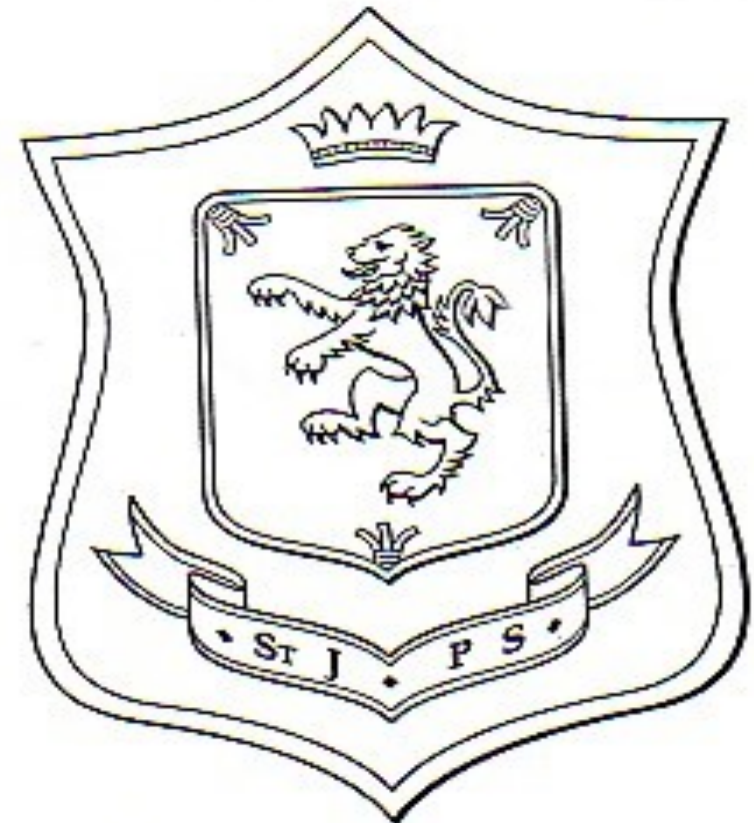
Christmas Fun afternoon in classes with special guest for P1-P3, wear Christmas jumpers/ party clothes- Friday 18

December.

Close on Tuesday 22 December at 2.30pm.

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Welcome to our October Newsletter.

Now that the clocks have moved back we can see that the weather is becoming more autumnal. To help keep feet dry children may bring a pair of indoor shoes labelled with their name in a plastic bag which will remain in school. The children can change shoes when required.

Our Google classroom training is complete and all staff and families are becoming more familiar with its use. Each week you will see a weekly focus outlining the key priorities for each class. Homework is posted weekly per group. If children are absent we encourage families to look at Google classroom to see what is happening in your class. If children are isolating and not unwell Learning grids with suggested activities for literacy and numeracy will be sent to individuals. It is at parent's discretion as to how many activities children complete.

We are looking forward to our ICT refresh which was postponed from March to November. At the start of November we will have engineers in the building between 3-5.30pm replacing 30 of our old computers with new models. This means that at times from Tuesday 3- Friday 6 November our server may not be connected. If we are slow at getting back to you by email please be assured that we will endeavour to respond as soon as is possible. Our phone lines will still be working so if there is anything urgent please do not hesitate to contact the school office by telephone.

On Monday 5 October most of our children received their flu vaccination. The programme was delivered by our school nursing team and went very smoothly.

Since the reopening of school we have been working with children to ensure that all are feeling safe and secure in and out of school. Each month we have a particular focus to develop knowledge and understanding about different aspects of daily life.

In September we were working on being **Safe**.

In October we were looking at how to keep **Healthy** and be safe online.

In November we are moving onto looking at how to keep **Achieving** and in December we will focus on **Nurtured**. Every class in the school follows the same theme at the appropriate level for their age and understanding.

Our Parent Council have set up an account for our school with Easy Fundraising. This means that if you are doing any online shopping the school will get a percentage of what you spend with no additional cost to you. We have sent out reminders on our website and through our app with detailed instructions.

If you have not already registered for Parent Pay can you please do so. Children from P4 onwards only get a free school meal if parents have applied and been accepted for support. If you are not in receipt of a free school meal we need you to ensure that there are sufficient funds in the account to cover the cost of your child's lunch.

The children were very excited to start doing art work about Christmas/Winter and have made a picture which can be printed onto cards, labels and mugs. Xmas 4 schools company will email parents on the contact details completed on the order form with instructions of how to order and pay for any items wanted. The school will get £1 from each item ordered for school funds.

At the Parent Council meeting we discussed different ways to support the school with fundraising at this difficult time. As a staff we always welcome a home made card or a thankyou note at Christmas but do not want families to be under pressure to send gifts for teachers and support staff.

This year we kindly ask parents not to send gifts. We have planned a Christmas Fundraiser where half the money raised will go to the school fund and half will go to CHAS,- the Children's Hospice.

On Friday 4 December we are having a Reindeer Run where children can wear Christmas jumpers, tinsel, Santa hats and importantly Reindeer antlers which we will make in class. Each class will complete a run of the playground and ask parents to hand in a small donation on this day instead of sending gifts. We want all children to enjoy this event and there is no obligation to send any monies.