



Newsletter No: 5

5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Weekly Merit Certificates



**Butterflies:** Leo

**Fireflies:** Lewis & Elsie

**Dragonflies:** Kelsey & Kian

**Ladybirds:** Robert & Jessica

### Weekly Attendance Award: Butterflies 100%

Dear Parents,

Staff from all of our schools have attended another training day this week for our Primary Writing Project. We are now well in to the second year of this project which aimed to improve children's writing skills across the whole school. Children's enjoyment in retelling stories has been evident throughout the training. They have now learnt at least 5 stories by heart and have hopefully shared parts of them at home.

It is lovely to witness the children enjoying stories so much. Some of our youngest children have been learning 'We're Going on A Bear Hunt' – it is amazing how well they can retell the story with actions. They are now starting to make some changes (innovating) to the story to help write their own.

Miss Hayes and Mrs Arrowsmith  
Heads of School

### Next Week...

**Yellow Week** for Pupil Progress Meetings

Tues – Fireflies Swimming

Thurs – Friends of the School Film

Night ~ watching Peter Rabbit

Fri – Whole School KWEST Together Event at Lynnsport



### Staff

We would like to welcome Mrs Dawn Irwing to St Germans Academy. Mrs Irwing is gaining some experience in school as part of her TA qualifications. She will be working alongside Mrs Newcombe in the Dragonflies Class.

### KWEST Together Event

Due to the finish time of the KWEST Together Event on Friday 12th October we have decided that we will eat packed lunches in the Lynnsport Barn before returning to school. Please provide a packed lunch for your child. (please NO glass bottles, fizzy drinks or yoghurts). Thank you.

### Christmas Gifts

This year we are taking part in the 'My Childs Art Christmas gifts'. All the pupils have worked on their designs and these have been uploaded to the 'Parent Portal'.

Information on how to order a range of Christmas gifts from Christmas cards to fridge magnets to sweetie jars all with your child's artwork on were sent home earlier this week. If you have not received this information please go to their website [www.mychildsart.co.uk](http://www.mychildsart.co.uk)

Username StGermans

Password BoqQL6Mz

You will then be able to set up an account and place any orders should you wish to do so. Thank you.



### Celebration Board

Please remember to let us know if you've done something worth celebrating so that we can put it up on our board in the Reception Area.

Thank you



### Friends of the School



Our first Friends of the School Film Night is on Thursday 11th October, where we will be showing Peter Rabbit. Letters were sent home on Thursday please send back the reply slip and payment to the school office if your child wishes to attend. If you did not receive a letter please collect a replacement from the school office.

Thank you.



### Board of Excellence

We have decided to have the class teachers select pieces of work every week rather than fortnightly. The work chosen will showcase each child's achievements in a particular aspect of their learning. This work is celebrated in a special assembly and then put up on our Board of Excellence. This week the following children's work has been displayed:

**Emily, Ewan, Elyssia, Amy, Lewis, Henry A & Lilly**



### Post Drop Box

Please remember we have a drop box in the lobby area outside the school office for any reply slips, letters and payments which need returning to the school office, if you do not want to queue. Please ensure all payments are in an envelope with full details of what is inside written in the front of the envelope. Thank you

### The Book People

There is a wonderful selection of books in the office area for you to browse through and order. Please place any orders with payment by 9am on Tuesday 9th October.

Thank you



### Shoebox/ Tub Request

The Ladybirds children are making their own individual World War 1 Trench during this term and are asking for donations of shoeboxes or ice-cream tubs to make their trenches in. Please leave any donations at the school office. Thank you.

### School Council Members

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as our School Council Members for 2018 – 2019; **Connor, Emily, Jasmine, Lorna, Olivia L, Tom, Lewis, Freya, Amelia & Leo.**

Mrs Newcombe is looking forward to working with you this year.



### Afterschool Clubs

The new Afterschool Club booklet will be out on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. We have some very popular clubs and they do fill up fast. Please make sure you return your booking form with payment as soon as possible to guarantee your place on the clubs.



### Swimming Timetable for 2018/2019

#### **Fireflies:**

Autumn Term (Sept - Oct)  
Tuesdays - Kings Lynn



#### **Ladybirds:**

Spring Term (Jan - Feb)  
Tuesdays – Kings Lynn



#### **Dragonflies:**

Spring Term (Feb - Mar)  
Wednesdays – Downham Market



#### **KS2 Selected Pupils:**

Summer Term (Jun - Jul)  
Wednesdays – Downham Market

### EDP Books voucher Campaign

We have enrolled on the EDP Books for School Campaign which awards schools for collecting tokens from the EDP Newspaper. The top 4 schools win £2500 to spend on books for their school, however every school who collects 1000 tokens will receive a £100 in books. Please ask friends and family who read the EDP newspaper to pass on their tokens to you and bring them to the school office. Tokens will be printed in the paper every day from Monday, October 1st to Saturday, December 8th.

There will be one token a day, as well as bonus tokens on occasion and two tokens every Saturday. The school with the most tokens as an average of total pupils will mean all schools, regardless of size, will have a chance of winning.

Thank you





Parents as Partners

## Diary Dates:

**Fireflies swimming this half term on Tuesdays at  
Alive St James Pool starting Tuesday 11th September 2018**

### **October 2018**

- Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Friends of the School Film Night
- Fri 12<sup>th</sup> ~ KWEST Together Event ~ Full details to follow
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Friends of the School Meeting
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Break up for Half Term
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Back to School
- Mon 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Prêt-a-Portrait School Photographs
- Wed 31<sup>st</sup> ~ **Deadline** for Secondary School Applications
- Wed 31<sup>st</sup> ~ Friends of the School Halloween Disco

### **November 2018**

- Tues 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Dragonflies Trip to King's Lynn
- Tues 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 6 Height and Weight check with School Nurse
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> ~ Friends of the School Meeting
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Year 6 Trip to Queen Elizabeth Hospital
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Bag to School Collection

### **December 2018**

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Friends of the School Film Night
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Flu Immunisation for YR 1,2,3, 4 & 5
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Fair
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Christmas Performances
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Whole School Pantomime Visit to Corn Exchange
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Break up for Christmas

### **January 2019**

- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Back to School