



Newsletter No: 9

9th November 2018

Weekly Merit Certificates



Butterflies: Arya

Dragonflies: Whole Class

Fireflies: Alex & Isla - Mae

Ladybirds: George & Alfie

Weekly Attendance Award: Butterflies 100%

Dear Parents,

As always the children at our schools excelled themselves during their class trips to King's Lynn. It was so great to hear the questions children were asking to further their understanding of the topic and for the children to consolidate their learning from this term. We place great value on educational visits and rely on parents supporting us through their donations.

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week – the theme this year is Choose Respect. The aim of this week is for children to understand:

- ~ The definition of respect
- ~ That bullying is a behaviour choice
- ~ That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other
- ~ That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online

With the children we will be doing some work on friendship and kindness. It is really important that children at our schools know what they can do if they are feeling uncomfortable about anything and that we have an open environment for discussion. As parents you can help by following up on discussions at home finding out what your children have been learning at school. The following link is useful if you'd like any further information: www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents

Miss Hayes and Mrs Arrowsmith
Heads of School

Next Week...

Tues – School Nurse to see Year 6 ~
Height and Weight check.

Fri – Children in Need Day

Cross Country

This year 18 children have been taking part in a cross country club to prepare them for the cross country run. On Tuesday we went to the cross country competition at West Norfolk Rugby Club and it was a tough course!! Well done to Lewis, Zachary, Shannon and Freya from Year 2 (the first time Year 2's have been invited!) Harry N, Joshua, Nicole, Jasmine, Sophie, Katie and Ruby from Year 5 and Connor, Emily, Lyla, Lorna and Jessica from Year 6. All of the children did exceptionally well and did not stop until the end! Miss Burrell and Mrs Beeby are incredibly proud of all your efforts!



EDP Books voucher Campaign

Please remember to keep collecting the Books for Schools tokens. Extra tokens are being included in the EPD on the following dates;

November Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th, Saturday 17th, Tuesday 27th
Wednesday 28th

December

Saturday 1st, Saturday 8th

The collection box is in the lobby area of the school office.

Thank you



Children in Need

We are having a non - uniform day on Friday 16th November. For a donation of £1.00 you can come to school in spots or fancy dress - there is a competition for both. We will also be holding the 'cover Pudsey in change' class competition. Please remember our 'Children in Need' shop will be on the front playground from 8.30am to 8.50am, with Children in Need merchandise on sale.



Thank you for helping the School Council and St Germans Academy support this charity.

Dragonflies trip to King's Lynn

On Tuesday 6th November, the Dragonflies Class went on a quest to find out more about King's Lynn.

We walked a very long way from the Tuesday Market Place to the Saturday Market place and through Devil's alley to the quayside.

We found out a lot and saw our town through fresh eyes. We even said hello to King John and had a photo with George Vancouver! Our visit finished in True's Yard where we learnt about the lives of the fisher folk in King's Lynn. We had such a good day!



Ladybirds Trip

On Wednesday the Ladybirds attended a very special day with Stories of Lynn, where we worked through a series of workshops related to WW1.

The first one was investigating two letters which were written by two men in the trenches

Then we looked through a series of photographs which were discussing women's role in World War 1 and also looking at some of the different vehicles used throughout the World War.

Our third session was all based around rationing. We also discussed how the Germans created submarines which intercepted the food ships.

The fourth session was all about how to sign up to the World War and we also had a poet read us a lovely poem about the conditions of World War 1.

Our final session was with a Sargent all based around life in the trenches. He showed us how trenches looked, what the soldiers had to wear in the trenches, the rifle's they used to shoot their enemies, the law of the 'No Man's Land' and also just how lovely (and sometimes not so lovely) the food could be for the soldiers.

We later marched down to the Tower Gardens where we had a look at the special King's Lynn memorial which named the 620 soldiers of King's Lynn who died in the First World War we also sang a famous WW1 song 'Goodbye-ee'. We have all had an absolutely fantastic day and have learned so much about our topic!!!



Trip Donation Payments

As a school we endeavour to provide our children with a range of educational activities which include visitors to the school and visits off-site. Although we make every attempt to subsidise these and keep the cost low we do have to ask for voluntary contributions. We are not allowed to and would never discriminate against a child if we didn't receive a contribution; however we do rely on these in order for us to run the activities. If insufficient voluntary contributions are received to cover the cost of the visit, or activity, and there is no alternative method to make up the shortfall, then as a school we might need to cancel the activity/visit. We really don't want this to happen.

Winter Fair Raffle Tickets

This week we have sent home two books per child. Each book costs £1 in total. Please could you sell these to family and friends. If you require any additional books or you need to return unsold books please come to the School Office. 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.



Friends of the School

We are in need of new members for our Friends of the School team. We hold various events throughout the year and would appreciate ANY help that can be given, either in the preparation for an event or at the event. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st November at 9am (hot drink and cake provided!) Please come and join us and share your ideas. If you are unable to make this meeting, but would like to offer your help please leave your name at the school office. Thank you.

Chocolates for Chocoholics

We have a small number of Chocolate for Chocoholic brochures in the school office. If you would like to have a look at a brochure please collect from the school office. any orders and payments must be handed in to the school office by Friday 30th November
Thank you



Parents as Partners

Diary Dates:

November 2018

- Tues 13th ~ Year 6 Height and Weight check with School Nurse
- Fri 16th ~ Children in Need Day
- Wed 21st ~ Friends of the School Meeting at 9am
- Mon 26th ~ Year 6 Trip to Queen Elizabeth Hospital
- Mon 26th ~ Bag to School Collection
- Mon 26th ~ Drama Afterschool Cub Performance for Parents starting 4pm
- Wed 28th ~ Butterflies Parents to Lunch Event
- Fri 30th ~ Butterflies Parents to Lunch Event
- Fri 30th ~ Year 5 English Event

December 2018

- Mon 3rd ~ Friends of the School Film Night
- Thurs 6th ~ Flu Immunisation for YR 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
- Fri 7th ~ Christmas Fair
- Tues 11th ~ Christingle Service
- Wed 12th ~ Christmas Performances
- Thurs 13th ~ Whole School Pantomime Visit to Corn Exchange
- Fri 14th ~ Whole School Christmas Lunch
- Mon 17th ~ End of Term Presentation Assembly
- Tues 18th ~ Break up for Christmas

January 2019

- Thurs 3rd ~ Back to School
- Ladybirds swimming this half term on Tuesdays**