



Newsletter No: 15

10th January 2020

Weekly Merit Certificates

Butterflies: Sebastian
Dragonflies: Oscar G & Georgia

Fireflies: Arya & Henry A
Ladybirds: Harry N & Ella - Rose



Dear Families,

Welcome back to the Spring Term and Happy New Year to everyone!

Our whole school topic for this term is 'A Pocketful of Colour' – all of the classes have already started to fully immerse themselves in their version of this topic. The Ladybirds Class had an amazing sparkling start on Monday to their Harry Potter theme with a potions lesson, a game of quidditch, a visit from some magical animals and much more. It was lovely to see so many of the children dressed up and fully engaged in the learning – the enthusiasm from the classroom was great to see. The Dragonflies Class have started to explore the Mayans – the classroom is soon going to be transformed in to a rainforest. I'm hoping to visit when they are investigating the history of chocolate! I'm sure we could be making some delicious hot chocolate using the fire pit in the nature garden! The Fireflies Class will be transported to China using the wonderful story of 'The Magic Paintbrush'. They will be making comparisons between their life in the UK and what it is like for a child living in China as well as exploring Chinese New Year. The Butterflies classroom has been visited by Elmer this week leaving his footprints all over the ceiling and losing all of his patchwork pieces around the classroom. We know that the children will enjoy their half term of learning.

We welcomed 4 Year 11 students from Churchill Park Academy to our school on Wednesday. They are going to be coming in every Wednesday to work alongside our classes and see what life is like working in a Primary School as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award. The children made them feel so welcome – it's a lovely example of collaboration between KWEST schools.

Please don't forget that pupil progress meetings start again next week with Red Week.

Miss Hayes and Mrs Arrowsmith
Heads of School

Next Week ...

Mon ~ **Red Week** for Pupil Progress Meetings

Tues ~ Swimming for Ladybirds Class

Tues ~ Forest Schools – for Selected Children

Wed ~ Omnes Games Speed Stacking Practice for Selected Children

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.



School Website

Please remember to check out our school website, the address is; www.bridgesfederation.co.uk once on the website select St Germans Academy tab for lots of information on what is happening at school, along with the weekly class blogs and newsletter.



Pre-school

It is never too early to place your child's details on the list indicating you wish them to attend St Germans Pre-school. Please speak to the school office to have your child added to the list, we can then arrange to have a pack sent home and a home visit booked in the diary in good time for them to start. Thank you



Outstanding Monies

Please could all outstanding monies from last term be paid as soon as possible. Please can we also remind you to make payment when booking your child's lunch /childcare /breakfast club or school trip. It is taking the school office an increasing amount of time to reconcile the weekly banking because of this issue. If you are having trouble paying please speak to either the ladies in the office or Toni Clarkstone as they will be happy to set up a payment plan for you. Thank you.



Deadline Date

Please note the deadline date to apply for a reception class place is Wednesday 15th January. Please go to admissions@norfolk.gov.uk if you have not already applied for a place. This is for children who will be 5 years old between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.

Dance Festival



On Tuesday 17th March during the morning the Fireflies are taking part in a 'Colours of the Rainbow' Dance Festival at King's Lynn Corn Exchange. Tickets are available for parents to watch the performance. Please purchase your tickets directly from the Corn Exchange. Thank you.

Pupil Progress Meetings

The next round of Pupil Progress Meetings start on Monday with **Red week**. Please remember the dates sent out are week beginning, not the date of your appointment (unless your appointment is on a Monday!) For example, if your appointment is Tuesday Red week at 8.30am your first appointment will be Tuesday 29th October and your second will be Tuesday 14th January and so on. If you are unsure when your appointment is, or are unable to attend please see the school office. Thank you

Pupil Progress Meeting Grid				
	Meeting 1	Meeting 2	Meeting 3	Meeting 4
	Week Beginning			
Red	28/10/19	13/01/20	02/03/20	01/06/20
Orange	04/11/19	20/01/20	09/03/20	08/06/20
Yellow	11/11/19	27/01/20	16/03/20	15/06/20
Green	18/11/19	03/02/20	23/03/20	22/06/20
Blue	25/11/19	10/02/20	27/04/20	29/06/20

My Child's Art

Thank you to all who ordered from My Childs Art we hope you were all happy with the company and your purchases. Your orders have raised a **£68.84** for St Germans Academy.



Messages for Teachers

Please remember if you have a message for your child's teacher you can tell the member of staff on duty in the morning, tell the office, write it in their home communication book or on a note in a sealed envelope. If you need to speak to the teacher in person please do not go through to class, please come to the office and we will arrange an appointment or get a member of staff for you. Thank you.

MESSAGES



Parking

Please can we remind parents to park responsibly when bringing and collecting children to and from school. Please do not park opposite the school outside the nature garden, but use the Memorial Hall car park. We need access to the staff car park at all times. Thank you

Holiday Telephone Messages and Emails

Please be aware over the school holidays any phone messages left on the school answer machine or emails sent to the office email address will be actioned when the office staff return to work after the break. Thank you.



Cardboard Tube Donation Request

Miss Daboo is asking for donations of cardboard tubes (from the inside of wrapping paper or kitchen rolls) for the Butterflies and Caterpillars to make Kaleidoscopes with. If you have any please leave them at the school office. Thank you

Missing Lunch Box

Please can you check to see if your child has bought home an extra Lunchbox as Thomas from Butterflies has lost his. It is a plastic box with sections and does have his name on the bottom. Thank you



Diary Dates:

January 2020

Ladybirds swimming this half term on Tuesdays

- Mon 13th ~ PPM 2nd Round Starts with Red Week
- Wed 15th ~ Omnes Speedstacking Practise
- Tues 21st ~ Cross Country Final for Qualifiers
- Fri 24th ~ Omnes Speedstacking for Selected Children
- Mon 27th ~ Friend of the School Film Night
- Tues 28th ~ Active Kids Festival 2 for Selected Children
- Fri 31st ~ Year 5 Pupils KLA Cluster DT and Art Day

February

- Tues 4th ~ Gymnastic Event for Selected Year 1 and 2 children
- Mon 10th ~ Valentine Disco
- Fri 14th ~ Break up for Half Term
- Mon 24th ~ Back to School
- Wed 26th ~ Friends of the School Meeting at 2.45pm

March

- Mon 2nd ~ Friends of the School Film Night
- Fri 6th ~ Omnes Volleyball for Selected Children
- Tues 17th ~ Dance Festival at King's Lynn Corn Exchange
- Fri 20th ~ Dragonflies Trip ~ Billionaire Boy ~ More Details to Follow
- Mon 23rd ~ Friends of the School Easter Disco

April

- Wed 1st ~ Tri -Golf Festival for Selected Children
- Wed 1st ~ Break up for Easter
- Mon 20th ~ Return to School
- Fri 24th ~ School Nurse to see Reception Children ~ Height, Weight, Vision and Hearing Check.