

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I had a visitor from Let's Go Zero to support the schools with a climate action plan. We are very excited about looking at ways (both quick wins and longer-term ideas) that we can become more sustainable as a federation. It was pleasing to see that there are many positives already in place, but equally lots of measures that we will be able to take, which will reduce our carbon usage. I will provide further information on this over the coming months.

Friends of St John's and St Nic's

Thank you for all of the lovely donations that were brought in yesterday for the Christmas Fair on Friday 5th December. If you would like to make a donation of a bottle or chocolates (or anything else) for the fair, you are still able to do so. We are still looking for some volunteers to help with the fair. If you are able to give some time, please add your name to the volunteer list, which is available at each school.

Children in Need

We are aware that today is Children in Need day. We have decided not to make a collection today, as there have been a number of requests in school recently. However, if parents would like to make a donation to Children in Need, a link to the donation site is [here](#).

Recruitment

We are looking for a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant to work across both schools, starting from January. If you know of someone who would be interested, please direct them to the vacancies page on our website.

Additionally, we will be advertising next week for a teaching assistant post, please keep an eye on the website for this.

Car Seats

Walking between the schools, I have noticed on occasions a small number of children travelling in cars without car seats. Please remember that the law currently states the following:

- Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.
- Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall [must wear a seat belt](#).

Please ensure that your child is travelling safely.

Parking Outside of School

We have had a couple of neighbours mentioning recently that some parents have been parking across driveways at drop off and pick up. Please ensure that you park safely when parking near school and ensure that you are not preventing residents from using their driveways. Our relationships with our neighbours are very important.

Share and Celebrate

On Wednesday 19th November, there will be a share and celebrate for children in Years 1 and 2. Parents can come and share their children's work with them on this day. This could be either at 8.45am until 9.15am, at 3.30pm just after the end of the school day or at 6pm for parents that are unable to attend at other times. On that morning, Year 1 and 2 children whose parents are not sharing their work with them should be dropped off at the top playground, where staff members will be waiting to support.

Share and Celebrate for St Nic's will take place on the week beginning 24th November. Parents can come in as follows to share their child's work with them between 9 and 9.30am:

- Monday 24th November: Year 5
- Tuesday 25th November: Year 6
- Wednesday 26th November: Year 3
- Thursday 27th November: Year 4

There will also be an additional session on Tuesday 25th November at 6pm for any parent that wishes to see their child's work but is unable to come in at the other times.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings for children in Years 1 to 6 will take place on Tuesday 2nd December and Thursday 4th December (as well as a few additional appointments on Monday 1st December for Cherry class only). The booking link will be emailed to priority 1 parents at 7pm on Monday 17th November. Bookings will close at midnight on Sunday 30th November.

Plays

Our children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 are all doing plays this year – dates and times are below. Tickets can be purchased via SCOPAY (St John's) or ParentPay (St Nic's):

- Wednesday 3rd December: Reception and Nursery Nativity 9.30am
- Thursday 4th December: Reception and Nursery Nativity 9.30am
- Tuesday 9th December: Year 1 Nativity 2pm
- Tuesday 9th December: Year 4 play 5.30pm
- Wednesday 10th December: Year 4 play 5.30pm
- Wednesday 10th December: Year 1 Nativity 6pm

Mock SATs

Well done to our Year 6 children for their excellent attitudes towards the mock SATs this week. I am sure that they will have achieved well and these tests will enable us to look at where our focus needs to be to support further progress.

Writer of the Week

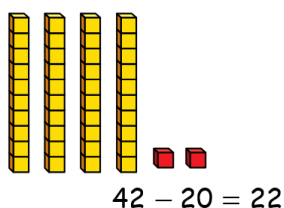
Congratulations to Aarvi in Year 4, who is this week's writer of the week. Next week's stimulus is below:



Year 2 Homework

This week in maths we have continued to look at different ways to subtract.

1. We have used a hundred square to call out a number and have asked the children to subtract multiples of 10 e.g. $34-10$, $34-30$ etc
2. We have used Base Ten (tens and ones) to subtract practically.



3. We can cross off 2 tens to leave 22
If we know that $10-6=4$ then $20-6=14$, $90-6=84$ etc using our number bond knowledge
We can jump back on a number line in tens

Encourage your child to work out these sums drawing their own number line to jump back in multiples of tens and ones.

$64-32=$
 $58-24=$
 $96-57=$

In spellings this week we have been consolidating spelling words with ur/ir/er in eg nurse, hurt, girl, stirring, disturb, Thursday etc.

Our common exception words are **after, grass, class, pass**

Our contraction is **won't=will not**.

All spellings can be found on class pages on the school website.

Phonics Books for this Week

Reception: https://parents.fft.org.uk/S06_Mess_on_the_Rug
<https://vimeo.com/692001926/85339b08b0>

Year 1: https://parents.fft.org.uk/S41_What-s_For_Lunch
<https://vimeo.com/731076033/3cbbd3efa1>

Year 2: https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=The_Great_Escape&d=The%20Great%20Escape

Upcoming Dates

Monday 17 th November:	Scooter Training at St John's
Tuesday 18 th November:	Year 5 Archaeology sessions
Wednesday 19 th November:	Year 1 and 2 Share and Celebrate
Thursday 20 th November:	Celebration Worship 10.10am

Yours sincerely,

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