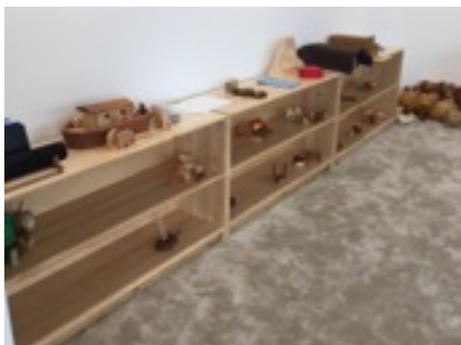




Saint Jérôme Times

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Head of School News



What a great community event this morning for the Feast Day of Saint Jérôme and the worthy fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was lovely to see so many parents together in school and to raise what looks like to be over £300.

This week in worship we thought about earning our St Jérôme Points. We are looking closely for the pupils who are consistently demonstrating our school values of love, respect, joy, hope,

peace, justice and courage. We have also been practising hard for our Harvest Service and each year group is learning a song - please do join us on Tuesday 3rd October at 2.30pm.

A plea for all parents: we are very much trying to encourage independence in school, however many children in both year groups are struggling with using a knife and fork at lunch time. We would ask that you encourage, demonstrate and support your child with using a knife and a fork for their main meals when they are at home. We are also encouraging independence when changing for PE, please let your child dress themselves each morning. Finally please would you check that ALL items of clothing are labelled, with 120 children now in school it is even harder to return unnamed items to their rightful owner. Thank you for your support in these areas.

We have been thrilled this week to introduce the children to our wonderful Godly Play Room. The children have visited the room in small groups. They have sat on the carpet and seen where the resources are kept and have been told that they can play with anything in the room in the response time. The children will usually visit the room once a fortnight and we are sure it will become a very special part of their school life.

Have a great weekend. **Mrs Walton**



Any questions?

If you have any questions about life at Saint Jérôme School please do speak to your child's class teacher or myself on the playground in the first instance. If you need to talk to us for more than a few moments, please come round to the front of school and speak to Mrs Stebbing in the School Office and she will arrange for us to call you or will arrange a mutually convenient meeting time.



Parent Consultation evenings

These will be held on 14th and 16th November in the late afternoon and early evening. Please note these important dates in your diary. Letters detailing how to make an appointment will be sent out just before half term.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Noah T & Bobby
Chavez & Matilde



KINDNESS AWARDS

Amaya & Ashraf
Moataz & Katie



DIAMOND LEARNERS

Miles & Elise
Olivia & Mason

EYFS News

It's been another busy week in the EYFS as we are continuing to find out all about your children and their interests. This week our focus has been on listening to the sounds around us and we all went on a "listening walk" around the school and the children came up with many amazing responses.

Today, your child will come home with their first reading book. It is being sent home in a clear plastic wallet which contains the reading book and a reading record book. We ask that this comes into school every day in your child's book bag as we will take every opportunity to hear your child read. We will change these books on a Tuesday and Friday but only if someone has made a written comment about your child's reading and you have signed the reading record book. Your child may get a book which has no words and we ask that you encourage your child to really describe what they see. After reading stories, please do ask questions to develop the children's understanding of the story. We will go over this in more detail at the curriculum evening Wednesday 4th October but until then, please just enjoy reading with your child.

Finally, as we are still promoting independence, we ask that when you send your child in, please ensure that only the zip is done up on your child's school coat and not any of the buttons at this stage. Have a great week and keep conker and cone hunting for us.

Miss Bowerman & the EYFS Team

KS1 News from Madame Chadier

The children enjoyed listening and reading along to 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' story in French, surprising us how much they can decipher. They also explored in Geography whether the animals we are familiar with live on the continents or in the oceans. They have loved discovering Camembear as he is getting ready to travel to Paris to visit his friend Pascal. Writing in fuchsia the letter "a" in French words that make the "a" sound has been exciting (even in the children's names) and a way to meet Babar and Barbapapa.

Here are some links of Babar and Barbapapa videos on Pinterest:

https://www.pinterest.co.uk/s_jrme/babar/

https://www.pinterest.co.uk/s_jrme/barbapapa/

Key Stage One Classroom News

We've had another exciting week in Year 1. We are so proud of the way the children have been coming into school this week. They have been very sensible as they come up the stairs and arrive in their classroom. Well done Year 1. We have enjoyed using adjectives to describe the troll and the small goat in the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. The children have also been adding numbers and demonstrating their estimating skills in maths.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th October where you will get a chance to meet the Year 1 team and share information with you regarding the forthcoming year.

Mrs. Isherwood & the KS1 Team

Future Diary Dates

Tues. 3rd Oct	Church (St. John's) Harvest Festival
Wed. 4th Oct	Curriculum evening for parents (more details to follow)
Tues. 17th Oct	Church (St. John's)
Mon-Fri. 23rd-27th Oct	Half term (school closed)
Mon. 30th Oct	Staff training day (school closed)

Attendance & Punctuality

As we settle into the new academic year we know that many families are looking ahead to summer holidays next year. Parents are reminded that holidays in term time are NOT permitted and only authorised in 'exceptional circumstances'. Please do revisit our Attendance Policy which is on our website as is our school calendar which details holiday dates. Our Attendance Policy is fully supported by the Governing Body and the Local Authority and aims to ensure that every pupils receives their full entitlement to education. The link between attainment and attendance is irrefutable and at St Jérôme we wish to ensure each pupil receives the very best education we can provide. There are 190 school days in an academic year across the 3 terms so please ensure your holiday plans take into consideration the school's term dates. Absence and lateness can be very disruptive in the classroom and on occasions distressing for the children, so we do ask for your ongoing support in assuring your child attends punctually every school day. We are very fortunate at St Jérôme to have a supportive and engaging parent community and we thank you in anticipation of your continuing support.