



Saint Jérôme Times

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2017

Head of School News



This week we welcomed to our school our Education Advisor from the Department for Education (DfE). At various points in the year officials from the DfE will visit us to check on the progress of our school.

Our visitor was delighted to see a school of polite and well behaved children who are responding so well to our bilingual learning and teaching environment and making such excellent progress.

During his visit the advisor observed learning and teaching in classrooms, interviewed senior leaders and governors, checked the school's arrangements for safeguarding, interviewed children and reviewed samples of our pupils' work and information about their attendance and progress. He has told us that he will be feeding back to colleagues at the DfE that St Jérôme School has made excellent progress and is providing an inspirational learning and teaching environment for our pupils and that we are well prepared for an excellent outcome at the school's next OFSTED inspection.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your support and engagement with our school and for the privilege of educating your wonderful children. It has been an extremely busy and successful term and I'm sure we will all enjoy the many Advent and Christmas events that will be taking place in the coming weeks.

With sincere thanks,

Revd. Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher

Mrs. E. Walton
Head of School



STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception
Zoya & Emma Z

Yr1
Hashim & Keanan



KINDNESS AWARDS

Reception
Abdul Wahhab &
Andre

Yr1
Jack & Lara



DIAMOND LEARNERS

Reception
Zaki & Kaima

Yr1
Isabelle & Charlotte

Music Performance



Parents are invited to join us on Friday 8 December to hear a performance by Reception and Year 1 highlighting what they have been learning in music.

Once children have been dropped off parents can come to the front entrance of the school from where they will be escorted to the hall. The performance will end by 10am.



Reverse Advent Calendar

We are delighted with the response we have had to our reverse advent calendar which we are collecting for Christians Against Poverty.

The collection will continue until Wednesday 13th December. If you have mislaid the list of items that are being asked for do ask at the school office for a new list.

EYFS News

This week, the children have enjoyed exploring more aspects of 'The Jolly Postman' story. It has been wonderful to see them being able to retell the story so confidently and even creating their own story map. With the Postman needing more letters to write, we all tried to write a letter to Santa for him to post. The children showed us what they really wanted for Christmas and made a fantastic effort at sounding out the name of it underneath. In Maths we have been also helping the Postman count all his letters and then "oh opps" we need to add one more! The children loved posting them in our English and French postbox. Please continue to develop the concept of 'one more' at home. For example when you're getting plates out for dinner adding 1 more. With Mrs Peters, we looked at the 'Advent wreath' and learnt about the meaning of the different coloured candles. This leads us perfectly on to our new topic of Christmas / Winter. We are also going to begin P.E., So please we now ask that ALL P.E. kits are in school by Monday.

This year, we are supporting Year 1 with their nativity so by **NEXT FRIDAY (in a plastic named bag)** we need the following items:-

For Renoir class - A white top and black bottoms
For Monet class - A black top and black bottoms.

Finally, we are also in need of the following if you have any spare:- cotton wool, old decorations and possibly a Christmas tree!

Have a wonderful and restful weekend

Mrs Bowerman and the EYFS team.

News from Madame Chadier

Reception children are flourishing in their enjoyment of stories and songs. It's a joy to listen to them and they are starting to use French spontaneously and with humour.

Yr1 pupils have this week made stronger cross-curricular links in English Literacy exploring stories (Pop mange toutes les couleurs, le navet géant) and learning more question words as

well as practising Maths learnt in English using French numbers. The rewards of this creative curricular approach were touching, when thanks to learning Geography in French, our pupils were able to answer questions in French at the Christingle service. We all felt very proud of their progress!

Mme Chadier

Key Stage One News

We've been looking at the story of 'Dogger' and encouraged the children to put themselves in the main character's shoes by reflecting on how they would have felt if they lost one of their treasured toys. In Maths, we have been reinforcing our learning of adding and taking away by counting on, counting back using a number line.

Thank you for all your support with the change in entrance for Year 1. This makes for a smoother start to the morning as the children are closer to their own classrooms.

Thank you so much to all those who have helped their child learn their lines for the nativity. With less than a couple of weeks to go, please can you continue to support them learning their lines and encourage them to use their clear, loud voice. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Isherwood & the KS1 Team

Future Diary Dates

Fri. 8th Dec.	Music performance to parents (9am)
Tues. 12th Dec	Nativity Dress Rehearsal (2pm)
Wed. 13th Dec.	Nativity to parents (9:30am or 2pm)
Tues. 19th Dec.	Christmas Lunch Day
Wed. 20th Dec.	Christmas Charity Jumper Day

Christmas Bazaar

Don't forget to circle Saturday 16th December (11am to 3pm) on your family calendar. The PTFA are working hard to organise an amazing Christmas Bazaar for everyone. They are still collecting Jolly Jars (hand in to the school office please). Do ensure you have read their newsletter each week so you are kept fully up to date with the latest news and requests. Thank you.

