



# Saint Jérôme Times

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2017

## Head of School News



This week we had our first sharing meal to celebrate Harvest. Mrs Tyler led us through thinking about: being thankful for all we have, saying sorry when we are greedy and finally sharing with others, using the example of your generosity last week at our Harvest Festival. Finally we all shared a little pitta bread together. It was a joy to see all 120 children sharing together in this way.

This week I have again had the privilege to take the other half of every class to the Godly Play room. It has been wonderful to see them all enjoying this very special room. Unfortunately we will not be going to St. John's Church next Tuesday but do join us again after half term on Tuesday 7th November.

This week has been particularly busy for the staff. On Tuesday we held the first of our '2018 Reception Open Days'. We were joined by over 80 people interested in a place at Saint Jérôme for their child next year. Do remember that if you have a child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you must apply for a place (online with your Local Authority) in our 2018 intake, remembering to tick the **sibling** box. The deadline for applications to be received is Monday 15 January 2018. On Wednesday we hosted a meeting of Heads of other Bilingual Schools in London and the South East. It was fascinating to hear about the journey of other Free schools and about their learning in Spanish, German and French.

Don't forget our extended half term starts next Friday. School will end at 3:15pm as usual for pupils on Friday 20th October and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday** 31st October.

Have a great weekend. **Mrs Walton**



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Tobias & Adam G

Erika & Jack



### KINDNESS AWARDS

Saahil & Pradhosh

Micah & Ruth



### DIAMOND LEARNERS

Philip R & Scarlett

Heeya & Elodie



### Tissue boxes

Thank you to everyone who has sent in tissue boxes - we are extremely grateful. Please continue to talk to your child about the need to "catch it, bin it, kill it" when they have coughs or colds. We would still be pleased to receive any tissue boxes into the welfare room. Thank you in again for your support.



### Phonics for Reception Parents

As we have previously mentioned in the diary dates contained within this newsletter, Miss Bowerman will be holding an introduction to phonics on Wednesday 18th October at 9am. Please to sign in at the School Office straight after dropping your child.

## EYFS News

What an exciting week in Reception we have had. We have begun learning how to form our numbers correctly and learning rhymes to help us remember them. We have also started learning our sounds 's' and 'a'. With all this and discovering all about autumn, we have been so busy! Next week, we shall be learning all about Diwali, so be prepared for lots of colour, patterns and discovering the story of Rama and Sita.

A few gentle reminders about life in Reception. Our books are changed every Tuesday and Friday, but only if you have signed in the comment section of your child's reading record. Please ensure that your child does not bring in **any** toys. We know that they can be very precious and we would not want them to be broken or lost. This week we have seen food items being sent into school. We have several severe allergies within both our classes and we ask you not to send any food in your child's bag. We have fruit and milk everyday so I'm sure they are not going hungry!

Finally, I would love to see you all at our 'Phonics session' next Wednesday. We shall be explaining all about how we teach phonics and what you can do to help your child at home so we hope to see as many of you as possible.

Have a lovely weekend and please keep bringing in boxes and bottles for our junk modelling area.

Miss Bowerman & the EYFS Team

## KS1 News from Madame Chadier

Year 1 have really enjoyed singing this song about the autumn, which links beautifully with our autumnal park walk, during which the children spoke beautiful French to each other. Here is it if you wish to listen to it at home:

[https://www.pinterest.co.uk/s\\_jrme/yr1-seasons/](https://www.pinterest.co.uk/s_jrme/yr1-seasons/)

Travelling to Paris virtually has been wonderful through this collection of videos:

[https://www.pinterest.co.uk/s\\_jrme/yr1-paris/](https://www.pinterest.co.uk/s_jrme/yr1-paris/)

## Key Stage One Classroom News

What an exciting week Year 1 have had. Turner Class loved their walk to the local park to discover nature and signs of autumn. The children have enjoyed sharing what they found in their classroom. Stubbs Class are very much looking forward to their walk next week. Our Sharing Meal for Harvest was such a special time for the children learning about the importance of Harvest and sharing bread together.

This week we have been looking at our number bonds to 10 and 20 (two numbers added together to make 10 or 20 for example 7 + 3, 17 + 3). Please encourage your child to talk to you about number bonds as this learning can be reinforced at home. We have also been using adjectives to describe the giant and Jack, from *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and encouraging the children to remember to start sentences with a capital letter and put full stops at the end.

Many thanks for all your support.

Mrs. Isherwood & the KS1 Team

## Future Diary Dates

<del>Tues. 17th Oct</del>	<del>Church (St. John's)</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>
Wed. 18th Oct	Phonics Information Session for Reception parents (9am)
Mon-Fri. 23rd-27th Oct	Half term (school closed)
Mon. 30th Oct	Staff training day (school closed)
Tues. 7th Nov	Church (St. John's)

## Cambridge University

As you will know from our previous email and letter in your child's book bag, researchers from Cambridge University will be coming to speak with the children next week about their learning. All children will be taking part unless you have sent a form back to say you do not consent to your child being part of this study.

### Diwali

Any parent who would be able to come, next week, to speak to the children about the celebration of Diwali, please speak to Mrs Patel or let Mrs Stebbing in the School Office know.