



Saint Jérôme Times

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Executive Headteacher News



How wonderful it has been this week to see the Year 1 children enjoying their after school sports club again and a delight to see them developing their new skills.

This week Barry led us in our worship and we have continued our Easter theme. The children have also been learning about 'The Lord is my Shepherd' in their classes.

On Wednesday we were pleased to welcome Barbara Wallace to our school who undertook staff training on a new project called 'The Labyrinth'. This programme is similar to Godly Play in that it helps to develop an individual's spirituality. This is joint venture between St Jérôme and Holy Trinity Schools, staff from both schools found this training highly inspirational. We all agree it will be a useful tool to develop the children in the future. Further details will follow on this programme in due course.

Mrs Walton continues to appreciate your ongoing messages of love and support. This week she has received the card from the children and no doubt that will help to raise her spirits.

Wishing you all a restful and peaceful weekend.

Revd Daniel Norris
Executive Headteacher



STARS OF THE WEEK

Isabelle & Charlotte
Sadaf & Alexandra



KINDNESS AWARDS

Scarlett & Dharsha
Amelie & Kaima



DIAMOND LEARNERS

Joshua & Shamaya
Mason & Erika

School Meals and Extended Services

Gentle reminder to book school meals for the rest of term and beyond if you are able to.

If you require Breakfast or After School Club Services please be mindful of the cut off date to ensure you book the sessions you require.



St. John's Church

To celebrate Ascension Day our next visit to church will be on 8th May

EYFS News

It has been another busy week in Reception with the children learning more about Mini beasts. We took the opportunity to use ladybirds to help us double (i.e. double the spots) which was tricky at the start, but the children grasped the concept extremely well. We have also attempted to write acrostic poems, with the children picking a mini beast and using the letters in the word to write a sentence which describes what it looks like, what it might eat or even the way it moves. This has turned into a fabulous piece of work with the children really trying to use their phonic knowledge. We are so proud of their achievement, we are now planning to display them in our classroom for everyone to see.

Next week, we are beginning to think about growing and plants. We are planning on celebrating "La fete du Muguet" also known as Lily of the Valley day. If you have any spare bulbs or soil we would greatly appreciate any donations to help us develop our garden a little more. With this in mind, you may have seen the pallets on the decking, this is the start of our "Bug garden". However, we now need some bricks to help build up the layers and also any broken plant pots of crockery which you may have. This will help encourage our little friends to make our home in our garden. Thank you in advance!

Have a wonderful and peaceful weekend,

Mrs Bowerman and the EYFS team.

KS1 News from Madame Chadier

Reception children have been consolidating their singing of beautiful rhymes and songs about caterpillars and butterflies and started discovering our favourite spring song, which you can find here:

<http://sparklespeak.org.uk/2015/02/free-french-spring-song/>

Year 1 have learnt to read the difference between the determiners 'un' and 'une' and learnt to write and read

the 'on' sound as well as the 'ille' ending. Watch out for their first French reading book they are taking home for the weekend, but please after admiring their skills, put it back in their book bag.

With very best wishes,

Mme Chadier & The French Team

Key Stage One Classroom News

Year 1 have had another exciting week this week. In English, we have been learning about the root word, for example, kind and adding the prefix 'un' in front of the word to make the word unkind. We have discussed how this changes the meaning of the word. We have also been learning about suffixes and how these are added to the end of the word, for example, 'ing' and 'ed'. The children have learned that 'ing' is in the present tense and relates to what is happening now, for example walking. The suffix 'ed' relates to what has been done in the past, for example walked.

In Maths, we have continued to look at patterns in numbers when we add and take away a 1 digit number from a 2 digit number. We have also encouraged the children to add 3 numbers together by looking at the numbers to see if there are doubles or number bonds to 10, which would enable them to do the calculation more easily. For example the sum '6 + 2 + 4' can be calculated by knowing '6 + 4' makes 10, and then add 2 more to this to make 12.

We are so pleased to see so many summer hats in school. Unfortunately, the weather has not been as warm this week as it was last week. Please ensure your child has their coat with them in case of unexpected showers.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Isherwood & the KS1 Team

Future Diary Dates

Half Term: Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June

Training Day (School Closed for Pupils) - Monday 4th June

Tuesday 5th June pupils return to school

End of Term: Friday 20th July 1.15 pm finish (After School Club ends at 4.00pm)

Autumn Term begins: Wednesday 5th September