



SJO Newsletter



Date: 25th January 2019

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

It's been a disrupted week in school, with no heating and the snow, but the children have managed brilliantly. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these times. The children have still managed to do some wonderful learning and I have been talking to them about their English books this week. They were keen to talk to me about their work which included, writing letters, character profiles, descriptions, incident reports, predictions and sequencing stories.

I hope you have a good weekend

Best wishes

Miss S Ward

Y6 Synagogue Visit

Year 6 had an extremely informative visit to the Synagogue in Newcastle to explore a Jewish place of worship and learn about the Jewish rituals and artefacts. A special thank you to Martin Morris, the President of the Synagogue, for his time and expertise - we really appreciate it.



Y4/5 Stoke Minster Visit



The children were able to take part in a Christingle service with their own Christingles, which they made themselves. They learnt all about the meaning behind each part of a Christingle. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Children's Society using the candle money boxes. We managed to raise £98.71 which has been donated to the charity.





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Y6 IT



Year 6 have had another exciting science lesson exploring the heart using the Virtual headsets. A special thank you to Mr Hopwood (our IT technician) for facilitating this.

Fundraising for Y3 Lockers

The children have decided that all the fundraising that we did last term (Harvest and Christmas) will be used to buy Y3 lockers. We are pleased to say that we now have enough money to buy the lockers so an order has been placed. They should be with us very soon. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated and supported our fundraising. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Valentine's Cake Sale

Year 6 are hosting a Valentine's cake sale to raise funds to subsidise school trips. The sale will be for all the children on Thursday 14th February. Please could just KS2 donate cakes and bring them to the hall at 8:50am on the day. Children (from Nursery - Year 6) can bring money in to buy a cake which will be priced at 30p. Please see the attached Valentine's Cake sale poster which was designed by Lewis Suddes in Year 6.

OPEN DOOR POLICY

As you know we operate an open door policy at SJO. If you need a quick word with your child's teacher, please feel free to speak to them at 8.50am. Your child's teacher will need to take the register at 9am so if you need a longer chat please speak to them after school.

In order to safeguard your children, we are asking that parents do not walk through the hall in the mornings, after dropping off children. Mr Smith will wait by the KS1 gate and will let out any parents after 9am. We have always encouraged you to leave your children at the classroom door to enable them to be independent. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Crossing Patrol in Madeley

Further to the email that we sent to parents last Friday, we have received some good news from Staffordshire County Council this week confirming that they will continue to fund the school crossing patrol:

After listening to public feedback, and successfully securing additional Government funding, we feel this is not the right time to stop funding the service and therefore we will not be taking this option any further.

Although this means it will continue to cost the council around £1m to run the service, and therefore brings with it other financial pressures which will need to be met, we think this is the right thing to do.



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Reception and Y6 - Height and Weight Programme

This is due to take place on 6th and 7th February. Please note that your child will be weighed and measured unless you complete and return the **opt-out** form to the school office. If we do not receive the form we will assume that you are happy for your child to participate in the programme.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor from 12-1pm, Monday to Friday. If you are interested in applying or know anyone who may be interested in the post, please contact the school office for an application pack.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be a priority for us this year. Please remember that the Government do not allow us to authorise holidays in school time and if you do take your child on holiday you may be liable to a fine. Please find below the percentage attendance for each year group for the past fortnight.

Reception	94.71%
Year 1	91.35%
Year 2	95.76%
Year 3	93.14%
Year 4/5	94.96%
Year 6	89.06%

Well done to Y2!

Red Robins - Morning Drop-Off

A few children have been coming in to Red Robins in the mornings without an adult. Children need to be signed in by a parent so that we can ensure the safety of our pupils, therefore, please could parents make sure that children are brought in to Red Robins, signed in and handed over to a member of the Red Robins staff. Thank you



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Red Robins Activities



<i>Week Commencing</i>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28th January 2019	Flying Saucers	Beetle Drive	Rocket Collage	Box Fun!	Football
4th February 2019	Rice Crispy Cakes	Rocket Collage	Galaxy Printing	Quiz Night	Frisbee Frenzy

Dates for your Diary:

(new dates / information in red)

28.01.19 - Y2 Peak Wildlife Park visit - letter sent

04.02.19 - Football match at Chesterton 3.45pm

05.02.19 - Internet Safety Day

05.02.19 - Netball match 1.30pm

06.02.19 - Reception and Y6 - Height and Weight Programme (AM)

07.02.19 - Reception and Y6 - Height and Weight Programme (AM)

08.02.19 - Y2 Class Assembly 9am - Year 2. Parents/carers welcome

14.02.19 - Nursery to Y6 - Valentine's Cake Sale. All cakes 30p. Please can KS2 donate cakes and bring them in on the day by 8.50am.

15.02.19 - HALF TERM

26.02.19 - (TUESDAY) Return to school

26.02.19 - Y6 Visit to Shrewsbury Prison - letter sent

19.03.19 - Y3 Visit to Tatton Park - letter sent