

SJSC WEEKLY

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Welcome back after the half term...

It was wonderful, as always, to welcome everyone back from the half term break. Children have been getting busy already, with lots of exciting learning taking place.

As we write to you today, we are in the second day of the lockdown. We understand that this can be an anxious time and as a school and a community we are all working hard so that our school remains open.

Please help us by ensuring you are following the procedures for pick up and drop off, which help us to maintain our bubbles:

Help us by:

- Arriving at the designated drop off and collection time. In the mornings each year group have 5 minutes to enter through the gates.
- Standing 2 metres away from any other families or staff.
- Keeping all children with you at all times.
- No scooting or cycling on the school playground.
- No playing on school equipment.
- Leaving quickly to allow access for other parents.

If your child or family do show any symptoms, then please let us know immediately so we can advise and take any necessary steps. By working together, we will help to keep our community safe.

We are supporting the children during this time by ensuring that school remains as normal as possible. Classes take part in regular well-being sessions and children are supported and encouraged to talk about how they feel. Bringing fun into school life is always important and we are working to ensure that school is a happy place, we especially love our *Friday Celebration Assemblies* as we are really getting into our Friday feel discos (with possibly too many funky moves from Miss Crank!)

Enjoy the weekend

Joseph Bell Alli Crank

SJSC Diary

10.11 Parents' evening

10.11 Individual and sibling school photographs

16.11 - 20.11 Anti-bullying week

16.11 Odd Socks Day – Wear Odd Socks to celebrate what makes us unique

20.11 Children in Need – Five to thrive – non-uniform for children in need- £1

23.11 Flu Vaccinations

11.12 Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner.

14.12 Panto week



What is Odd Socks day?

To celebrate the start of antibullying week this year we are taking part in Odd Socks Day. It's an opportunity for everyone to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion.

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school, it couldn't be simpler.

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Stars of the week

Stars are celebrated because they have demonstrated the school values, or gone above and beyond.
Well done to all of our stars this week ...

Year One



Year Two



Year Three



Year Four



Year Five



Year Six



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Innovation in year five...

Year 5 became budding authors and expert toymakers last half term. Their project was called 'Belonging'. It involved welcoming our new reception children into our school community by designing and making them a new toy.

Year 5 used all of our school values during this project, as well as their scientific learning on pulleys, leavers and cams. They also wrote their own version of the fantastic text 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan.

Year 5 will be Zooming their reception buddies to share their fantastic work.

Well done year 5!



On Friday 13th November we will be celebrating Children in Need. This year they are focussing on mental wellbeing. We will be taking part in lots of activities during the week and on Friday it will be a non-uniform day with a voluntary donation of £1 here. Donate here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sjsc>

A reminder of timings...

| Year Group | Arrival Time | Collection Time | Gate |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| R – Stik | 8.40 | 3.00 | Amott Rd |
| R – O'Keeffe | 8.40 | 3.00 | Adys Rd |
| Year 1 | 8.50 | 3.10 | Amott Rd |
| Year 2 | 8.50 | 3.10 | Adys Rd |
| Year 3 | 9.00 | 3.20 | Adys Rd |
| Year 4 | 9.00 | 3.20 | Amott Rd |
| Year 5 | 9.10 | 3.30 | Adys Rd |
| Year 6 | 9.10 | 3.30 | Amott Rd |

In the mornings the gates will be open for 5 minutes after each time. If you arrive after this time, please bring your child to the main school office as this allow us to ensure they are recorded on the school register.

Aspiration in year 3...



In Year 3, the children have been discussing their dreams and aspirations for the world, creating dream jars to capture them like the BFG.

Mental Health and Well-being...

Thank you to our Educational Psychologist Pascale Mather who held a virtual presentation on anxiety, well-being and mental health. Thank you to everyone who attended. The slides will be available on our website.

Mathematicians in year One...

In Year 1 the children have been creating beanstalks for Jack to climb! They thought about which stalks were the longest, tallest, or shortest, as well as if they were equal in size before putting them in order.

They discussed whether they were measuring the length, height or width and why this made a difference.



Year 1 have been also been sorting items from around the classroom. They used their mathematical vocabulary to discuss measure with their partners.

