

February 9<sup>th</sup> 2018

Dear all,

Half-term is here and whilst I feel it has arrived really quickly, the children are certainly in need of the rest. The dark, colder days seem to have caught up with them this week and a lot seem quite tired and ready for a week off relaxing.

They have had a good week this week, with Maple Class putting on a lovely assembly on Wednesday. It was really interesting seeing all the learning they had done about the Lakota tribe and finding out about the Wahpaha stick they had made.

Rowan and Sycamore had a great morning yesterday with a visit from a nurse (Thank you very much Mrs Rhys). They were fascinated when they had gel put on their hands which showed up under fluorescent light to show how 'germs' travel. They all learnt that to wash your hands properly takes two verses of Happy Birthday, so there was lots of singing coming from the washrooms all day!

All of the classes took part in Safer Internet day on Tuesday. Please talk to your child about what they learnt and get them to explain why it is so important. There is more information on the school website.

Thank you to those of you who have made the Yr. 2 and Yr. 6 SATs talks recently. Please do not hesitate to contact myself or the class teachers if you have any more questions or concerns.

#### **Message from Mrs Turner**

Thank you to everyone who has helped support the sports clubs and festivals this half term. Also thank you for all your support with helping us to deliver Quick Sticks Hockey. The children have really enjoyed it and the teams who went to the festivals made us feel very proud of them.

We are going to carry on with Quick Sticks for Cherry, Willow, Maple and Beech classes next half term, weather permitting. Please can all children have their gum shields in their PE kits. Extra warm layers, either track suits or under gear are also required. Our school shin pads fit better with long football style socks, so if an old pair could be in the PE bag too, that would be brilliant. Many thanks with your cooperation in helping our children discover new sports.

Running Club (Fridays), Netball Club (Wednesdays) and Yoga (Thursdays) will all run again next half term. There is no need to inform if you are carrying on at a club. Please do email me if you have decided to not attend a club, so I can offer the place to others - aturner@stjo.uk

#### **After School Club**

Just to let you know our After School Club will be starting after Easter. I will send out more information after half term but it will run every day from 3.30pm (3.15pm for Nursery) until 5.45pm. We are sorry but we cannot accept our 2yr olds at After School Club, just the children 3 years +.

#### **Mrs Robertson**

Today is Mrs Robertson's last day before she goes on maternity leave. All the staff and children shall miss her greatly but we wish her lots of love and luck and can't wait to meet the new baby.

#### **Breakfast Club**

After half term, Mrs King will be in Breakfast Club every day with Miss Cowdrey. Many thanks to Miss Young for all she has done at Breakfast Club. We are very pleased that she will continue with us at St Joseph's and will be assisting in classes during the day.

#### **School Dinners/Breakfast Club/Nursery fees, etc**

Could you please pay any outstanding amounts on ParentPay as soon as possible. Payment in advance is requested please.

#### **Upcoming events:**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Rowan parent activity session 2pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Team 5/6 children Quicks Sticks Hockey competition 2pm

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Maple parent activity session 9am

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Cherry parent activity session 2pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Willow parent activity session 2pm

**I hope you all have a very happy, safe and relaxing half term.**

**Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's Awards:** Sycamore – Amelia, Jaydon, Ella, Owen, Rowan – Alicia B, Cherry – Irys x 2!, Maple - Jeff

**Silver Award:** Sycamore – Phoebe, Gina, Jaydon, Rowan – Mischa, Niamh, Maizie, Beech - Samuel

**Bronze Award:** FSU – Gemma, Sycamore – Bella, Willow – Isabella, Thomas, Angela, Maple – Laura, Beech - Grace

**Stars of the Week:** Oak – William, Sycamore – Phoebe, Rowan - Mischa, Cherry - Imogen, Willow – Beau, Maple - Jeff, Beech – Thomas

**Breakfast Club Star of the Week:** Alfie B