

February 2nd 2018**Dear all,**

The week has flown by, I can't believe we are nearly at half term!

After the 5/6 team went to Exmouth Community College last week for a Quick Sticks hockey festival this week it was year 3/4s turn. I am really pleased to say they won every game! Our children were fantastic – they played their best, worked as a team and showed superb sportsmanship. We are very proud of them all. Many thanks to Mrs Turner and the parents who help make these events possible. Maple Class had Father Stephen back in to complete their feather stick called a Wahpaha. The children have all added a feather which represents a good, kind or brave deed they have done. FSU have been having a fantastic time learning how to do pencil rolls, egg rolls and rock n rolls in gymnastics. Beech Class have been learning about symptoms of the plague and plague doctors – I was slightly concerned to hear some felt they were developing boils under the arms and thought maybe they had the plague!

Special Educational Needs

We now run many successful interventions and offer a wealth of support to our children. As well as supporting our children in school, we also work closely with outside professionals such as the School Nurse, Educational Psychologist, Behaviour Support teams, Visual & Hearing impairment teams, etc. Mrs Keeping, our SENDCo, has been meeting with many parents recently and we wanted to remind everyone that you do not need to wait to be asked to an appointment. If you have any queries or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to ask for a meeting. It may be concerns about progress, attainment, social or emotional, and, whatever the concern, if you would like to talk about it please ask the office or email admin@stjo.uk then they will ask Sarah to contact you.

Farewell

We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Nev, our lovely caretaker. He is retiring and his last day is next Wednesday. Nev will be greatly missed, not only for how good he is at fixing things but also for his sense of humour. He is never without a smile and always brightens our day!

Next week:

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet day. All the classes will be doing work on an aspect of Internet Safety which will then be shared on class pages.

Tuesday 6th February – Mrs Handley and Mrs Edwards will be in Sycamore Class at 3pm for Class 1/2 parents to meet.

Wednesday 7th February – Maple Class assembly 9.10am in the hall

Wednesday 7th February – Year 6 SATs talk. 6pm in Beech Class.

Thursday 8th February – Visitor in for Rowan and Sycamore to support their 'Can we make it better' topic.

Friday 9th February – 2.45pm Maple Class Mass in school

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**Mrs Taylor-Bashford****Headteacher's Awards:** Maple - Laura, Beech - Samuel, Jack S, Tom**Silver Award:** Rowan - Amelie, Beech - Connor**Bronze Award:** Sycamore - Maddison, Elliott, Owen, Rowan - Elizabeth, Willow - Chloe**Stars of the Week:** Oak - Gemma, Sycamore - Owen, Rowan - Ellis, Cherry - Sophie, Willow - Olivia S, Maple - Rafa, Beech - Grace**Breakfast Club Stars of the week:** Freddie A & Nicole