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*“Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do.”*

Pele

### A huge thank you!

We have to start by offering a huge, sincere thank you to Scott, Rob and the rest of the PTA for organising such a fantastic bonfire event earlier this week. It was an amazing event and we are so grateful for what you are doing for St John's.

We also need to thank the brilliant Oak class for planning and delivering such a moving and poignant Remembrance worship on Thursday. I'm sure you'll agree that the children did such a fantastic job.

### IMPORTANT – Dates for the diary

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need.** Any donations of cake for our cake sale will be appreciated by the school council. Children may wear non-school uniform.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Parent Workshop (How to support your child to become a great reader).** Starting at 9:15am in the school hall, this workshop will give you strategies to support your child read at home. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Non-school uniform for the PTA.** Please could children provide a donation of sweets/chocolate in return for wearing non-school uniform?

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November: Open Morning.** From 10:15 the school will be open to current and prospective parents, giving you a option to have a guided tour of the school and see your child in their class. We'd love to see you there.

### Anti bullying Policy

Next week is Anti bullying week and over the course of the week, we'll be holding special worships and activities to help the children understand the impact of bullying and how they can help victims of this as part of the school community.

As part of this annual awareness event, we have revised our anti-bullying policy so it is in line with current initiatives. You can read this on our policies page on the school website.

To discuss this further, we'd like to invite parents and carers in for an information session on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm in the school hall where we will go through the policy in more detail and discuss how you can support the school in applying this.

### Attendance

Below is the attendance figures for each class over the past three weeks:

|          | w/b 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 | w/b 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018 |
|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Rowan    | 96.5%                             | 100%                              |
| Ash      | 96.4%                             | 97.8%                             |
| Beech    | 87.2%                             | 100%                              |
| Chestnut | 97.6%                             | 99%                               |
| Hazel    | 97.9%                             | 95.8%                             |
| Elm      | 97.2%                             | 99.1%                             |
| Oak      | 97.1%                             | 99%                               |

Well done to Rowan and Beech class who achieved 100% attendance last week!

Currently the school attendance is 97.2% which is a sustained improvement on last year. Thank you for your continued support.

Class Attendance Competition:

|          |   |       |   |
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| Rowan    |  | Hazel |  |
| Ash      |  | Elm   |   |
| Beech    |  | Oak   |  |
| Chestnut |  |       |   |

Roll of Honour

Well done to those children who have excelled over the last two weeks and have been awarded writing and maths certificates:

|          | Writer of the Week | Mighty Mathematician |
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| Rowan    | Dean               | Ella                 |
| Ash      | Jaydon             | Elliott              |
| Beech    | Bessie             | Summer               |
| Chestnut | Sarah              | Bobby                |
| Hazel    | Robin              | Theo                 |
| Elm      | Joseph             | Alyssa               |
| Oak      | Jasmine            | Emily                |

Message from the Mustard Tree:

Our next meeting of Mustard Tree is on Saturday November 24th from 4-6pm in the school hall. This is a really important session for rehearsing the play, 'Galactic Birth' for finalising costumes and for finishing the set, lighting etc. Something for EVERYONE to do!!

Look forward to seeing you then!

Next week is National School Meals Week. Please make sure you have a look at our special menu for the week that you have received today.

Many thanks,



David Le Templier  
Headteacher

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR (STICK ON THE FRIDGE!!)**

**Term 2**

|   |  |
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| Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October   | INSET Day  |
| Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October –<br>Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November | Parent Consultations (More information to follow)                                      |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November   | Oak Class Worship  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November                                       | PTA AGM 6.00pm in the school hall  |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November  | Children In Need   |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November  | Parent Workshop – Reading: How you can support your child to become an amazing reader. |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November  | PTA non-uniform day. Sweets/Chocolate donations  |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November  | Open Morning - Current and Prospective parents welcome                                 |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November  | PTA Christmas Fair 3.15pm in school hall   |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | PTA Whole school to watch Pantomime 10.00am  |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> December   | Hour of Code Day   |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December  | School Nurse In – Flu vaccinations   |
| Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December  | Key Stage 1 Christmas play dress Rehearsal 10.00am                                     |
| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December   | Key Stage 1 Christmas Play performance 6.00pm  |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December                                       | Key Stage 1 Christmas Play performance 2.00pm  |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | Christmas Jumper Day   |
| Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December   | Classroom Christmas Parties  |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December                                       | Christmas Lunch  |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December  | Parent lunch   |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December  | Christmas Service at the Baptist Church (9:45am start)<br>1:15pm school closes         |

**Term 3**

|                                    |  |
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| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January  | Beech Class Worship                    |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January    | World Religion Day                     |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February   | National E-safety Day                  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February | Hazel Class Worship                    |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February   | Term 3 Enquiry Workshop (2:45pm start) |

**Term 4**

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| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February                              | INSET Day   |
| Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                               | World Maths Day   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March                                | World Book Day  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup><br>March | Parent Consultations (More information to follow)                           |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                               | Rowan Class Worship   |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                                | Sponsored Walk  |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April                                  | Easter Service at the Baptist Church (9:45am start)<br>1:15pm school closes |

**Term 5**

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| W/B Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May                          | Key Stage One SATS Week                |
| W/B Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May                         | Key Stage Two SATS Week                |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May                           | New EYFS Parents Meeting               |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May | Year 5/6 Residential                   |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                           | Ash Class Worship                      |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                             | Term 5 Enquiry Workshop (2:45pm start) |

**Term 6**

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| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June | Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral |
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| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June   | Sports Day   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                             | Elm Class Worship  |
| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June | Reserve Sports Day   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June                               | Wrong Trousers Day   |
| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July                                | Reports issued to parents/carers   |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                            | Year 6 Production  |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July                               | Leavers Service at the Baptist Church (9:45am start)<br>1:15pm school closes |