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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we begin the second half of the Autumn Term, it has been wonderful to see our children return refreshed, positive and ready for learning. The first week back has already been a busy and successful one, with many achievements and experiences to celebrate both in and beyond the classroom.

Go Orange Day

For the fourth year running, St John's School proudly held our annual Go Orange Day today in support of the Love Beth Fund, part of the Bone Cancer Research Trust. This special cause remains incredibly close to our hearts, helping to fund vital research into primary bone cancer, raise awareness and support children and families affected by this devastating disease. The Love Beth Fund was established in memory of Beth, a much-loved former St John's pupil. Beth was a funny, kind and determined young girl who tragically lost her battle with Ewing Sarcoma at the age of 12. Through the fund, Beth's family, friends and our wider school community continue to honour her memory by helping others. This year's Go Orange Day- rescheduled due to Storm Austen- was our biggest yet. Pupils and staff arrived this morning dressed in orange and gathered for a whole-school assembly reflecting on "Beth's ripple" and the importance of supporting others. The creativity, enthusiasm and generosity shown by the children was truly wonderful to see. We would like to thank everyone who has supported our Go Orange Day, whether through purchasing merchandise, making bracelets, donating cakes or attending the sale after school. Your kindness has once again helped us make a meaningful contribution to a cause that means so much to our school community. A huge well done to everyone involved. We are incredibly proud to continue supporting the Love Beth Fund and keeping Beth's memory alive through the compassion and generosity of our children.







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Run for Pudsey





Our Run for Pudsey Challenge is now well underway, and it has been fantastic to see every class embracing the challenge with such enthusiasm. As a reminder, we set each class the ambitious goal of collectively running the distance of a marathon (26.2 miles) in support of BBC Children in Need. All classes have now made a start, and our Year 6 mathematicians have been busy crunching the numbers to work out exactly how far each class needs to run to achieve their target. Armed with this information, every class is now working towards their own marathon goal, with some classes already setting their sights even higher and aiming to exceed the distance! I also made a pledge to complete the marathon distance myself over the two-week challenge period. Two runs in and I have made a start, although there is still over half the distance left to cover. Wish me luck! Adding to the excitement, BBC Jersey is aware of our challenge and will be visiting the school on Thursday with a "special surprise guest", who will join the children as they complete their penultimate laps. We are all looking forward to a memorable occasion and hope it provides an extra boost as the challenge enters its final stages. A reminder that sponsorship forms were sent home recently, and we would be extremely grateful for any support families are able to offer. Every donation, no matter how small, helps make a difference to children and young people who need support through BBC Children in Need. Additional copies are available at the school office. Thank you for helping us make this challenge a success.

Please note

On Thursday 12th November, we are delighted to be welcoming Pudsey Bear and BBC Jersey television cameras to St John's School as part of our support for Children in Need. During their visit, children will have the opportunity to take part in group activities, games and photographs with Pudsey. If you do not wish your child's image to appear in BBC television footage or potentially on BBC social media channels, please email admin@stjohn.sch.je as soon as possible. We will ensure that your child is not included in any filming or photography undertaken by the BBC during the visit.

Christmas Nativities and Services

All our Christmas performance dates have now been agreed and scheduled. I share these below:

Monday 7th December- Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performance- @5:30pm in St John's Church

Tuesday 8th December- EYFS Christmas Performance @ 2pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 9th December- Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2pm

Thursday 10th December- Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance- @5:30pm in St John's Church

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"If I Were a States Member for the Day!"

We are delighted to share that two of our Year 4 pupils, Lola and Zara, have reached the final of the *"If I Were a States Member for the Day"* competition, having impressed judges with the articles they wrote during Democracy Week. At the end of November, the girls will visit the States Chamber where they will read their articles, meet States Members, enjoy a guided tour and even have the opportunity to use the voting buttons themselves. The overall winner will then be selected and awarded an exciting day trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. We are incredibly proud of Lola and Zara for this fantastic achievement and wish them the very best of luck in the final!

Football and Netball Updates

Prior to half term, our football team competed in the Small Schools Cup and produced an excellent performance to defeat St Mary's School 5-2, securing their place in the Quarter Finals. The team's positive momentum continued on Monday with an impressive 6-2 victory against a physically strong and competitive Mont Nicolle side. While both scorelines were excellent, it was the quality of the team's play that stood out most. Their teamwork, communication and determination were evident throughout both fixtures. It has been fantastic to see the progress the team is making. With each game they grow in confidence, improve their understanding of one another's play and develop as a team. We are incredibly proud of how they represent the school. Congratulations to all the players. Onwards and upwards as we look ahead to the Quarter Finals!

Our Girls' team yesterday played two fixtures against St Clements School- both an A and B Team fixture. The girls enjoyed the games and were successful in both.

Design a Match Day Programme



Children in Years 1-6 are invited to enter the Jersey Bulls Christmas Design-a-Matchday-Programme Competition. Create an A4 portrait-sized Christmas-themed design, and you could see your artwork featured on the programme cover for the Cobham FC match on 28 December 2026! Entries must be returned to school by 11th December 2026. There are exciting prizes for the winner and runners-up, including match tickets, a programme and a Jersey Bulls scarf. Good luck and happy designing!

Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to support this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and now have poppies available to purchase from the school office. Poppies are available for a voluntary donation, with all proceeds going towards supporting serving and ex-serving members of the Armed Forces and their families. As we approach Remembrance Day, we encourage children and families to support this important cause and take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many in service to their country.

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Online Safety

For this newsletter, Miss Clavel has asked me to share the National Online Safety Poster **"AI Generated Videos"** with you. The National Online Safety posters are designed for parents to keep you up to date with current protocols and suggestions to follow to keep your child safe online.



Dates for your diaries for <u>this half term</u> (Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December)

Friday 13th November- Children in Need

Saturday 14th November- Jersey Bulls Mascot Programme

Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November- Be Safe Be Seen Road Safety Week

Tuesday 17th November- Supporting Anxious Childhood Emotions- Parental Workshop @ 6pm

Friday 27th November- DECO Day

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Tuesday 8th December- EYFS Christmas Performance @ 2pm in the Parish Hall

Wednesday 9th December- Key Stage 1 Nativity @ 2pm

Thursday 10th December- Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Performance- @5:30pm in St John's Church

Wednesday 16th December- Christmas Party Day

Wednesday 16th December- Key Stage 2 Ice Skating

Friday 18th December- Last Day of Term

As always, our door is open should you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Hazley
Headteacher