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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding fortnight at St John's, with children representing the school with pride both on and off the sports field. This edition includes updates on sporting fixtures, our exciting Jersey Bulls mascot experience and the tremendous success of our "Run for Pudsey" fundraising challenge.

Children in Need and Pudsey's visit

A huge well done and thank you to all our children for their incredible efforts during our "Run for Pudsey" Challenge. Over the course of the two weeks, every class successfully completed the equivalent of a marathon, with some classes going even further by smashing through their first marathon and completing a second! We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to parents, families and friends for their generous sponsorship and donations. Your support has helped us raise valuable funds for Children in Need, making all the children's hard work even more worthwhile. The highlight of the challenge was undoubtedly Pudsey's visit to the school on Thursday. It was a wonderful reward for the children's efforts and a moment that brought smiles and excitement to pupils across the school. To top it all off, seeing our school featured on the BBC Jersey news programme on Friday evening was an added bonus and a fitting way to celebrate the success of the challenge.







Jersey Bulls Mascot Programme

Eighteen of our pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out on Saturday, as part of the Jersey Bulls Mascot Programme at the Jersey Bulls' match against Harrow Borough. The children had the unforgettable opportunity to walk onto the pitch alongside the players before kick-off, proudly representing our school in front of the crowd. Their excitement continued at half-time when they took to the pitch themselves for a special game, creating memories that will last for a long time.

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Throughout the game, our pupils were superb ambassadors for the school, making plenty of noise in support of the Bulls and thoroughly embracing the occasion. The experience was rounded off perfectly after the final whistle, as the children had the chance to meet the players and collect autographs as they left the pitch. A huge thank you to Alan Williams and the Jersey Bulls for providing such a memorable opportunity. Thanks also to Miss Morris who gave up her Saturday to come along and support the children. The children had an amazing time and returned full of excitement from an experience they will not forget anytime soon.





Boxing Success



This term, several of our pupils have been working hard alongside boxing coach Joe, developing their skills, confidence and fitness through weekly boxing sessions. As part of a new initiative, Joe has introduced the "Boxing Awards" programme, which provides children with the opportunity to work towards nationally recognised boxing awards. We are delighted to share that last week four of our pupils successfully achieved their Preliminary Award. Achieving this award is a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to the effort the children have put in throughout the term. We are incredibly proud of their success and look forward to seeing them continue to progress in the programme. Congratulations to all four pupils on this well-deserved achievement!

Football and Netball Updates



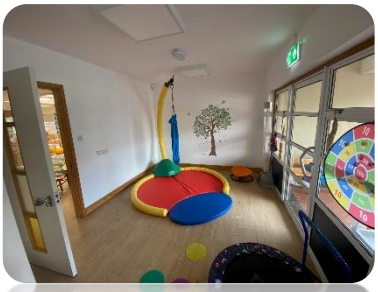
Last week, our A and B Teams travelled to play fixtures against St Lawrence. Although both teams were defeated, every player demonstrated excellent resilience throughout their matches. Our A Team faced a particularly challenging fixture, as several players were unavailable, leaving the team at a disadvantage. Despite this, the children worked hard, supported one another and never gave up. Our B Team, made up largely of Year 4 pupils, showed tremendous courage when competing against a St Lawrence side consisting mainly of Year 5 and Year 6 children. Despite the age and experience difference, our

players rose to the challenge and gave a fantastic account of themselves.

Congratulations to our girls' football team, who secured their place in the next round of the cup with an impressive 3-2 victory over a strong Plat Douet side last week. Leading the way was Rosie, who produced a fantastic performance and scored all three goals to complete a memorable hat-trick. The victory was very much a team effort, with every player contributing to help secure the win.

Additions to our Sensory Spaces

Earlier this year, our School SENCo and I attended an ASD and ADHD Conference in the UK, where they were particularly impressed by the innovative equipment offered by Creative Activity and the difference it could make to our sensory provision. We are delighted that both of our sensory spaces have now been significantly enhanced. Our sensory room has welcomed a new specialist swing, while our light room now features a full corner unit with a bubble tube, an interactive wall panel, colour-changing strip lights and an interactive projector. These exciting additions will provide children with even more opportunities to regulate, relax, explore and engage in a calm and supportive environment.





Be Safe; Be Seen

This morning, our assembly focused on pedestrian safety and the importance of being visible when travelling during the darker winter months. The children explored three core rules: Be Alert, Be Bright and Be Predictable. We discussed staying aware of our surroundings, wearing bright or reflective clothing and behaving in ways that help drivers anticipate our actions. To reinforce these important messages, every child in Key Stage 2 will come home today with a Be Safe; Be Seen high-visibility keyring. We hope families will attach these to school bags or coats and continue the conversation about staying safe when walking near roads.

Online Safety

For this newsletter, Miss Clavel has asked me to share the National Online Safety Poster "**The Online Safety Act**" 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.



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Dates for your diaries for this half term (Monday 23rd November to Friday 18th December)

Friday 27th November- Merry Mix Up Day

Wednesday 2nd December- Mixed ESFA Pokémon Primary Schools Cup

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

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