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Newsletter 12 November 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

News Round Up

Thank you for the positive comments and feedback regarding the format of the newsletter, particular thanks go to Jen Lyle who has helped tweak the format and make it much more user friendly for viewing on mobile devices and tablets.

The term continues to fly by at incredible speed, how can it be mid November already?

This week is an important one in St John's as each class focuses on work in the area of anti-bullying, which was renamed Friendship Week, a few years ago when one of our pupils suggested that if everyone was a good friend then there would be no bullies – it is certainly something I'm sure we can all agree with.

Teachers are using lessons developed by

<https://www.chooserespect.scot/> Scotland's anti bullying service, which are supported by resources from

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/media/106843/friendship-friday-and-anti-bullying-week-primary-pack.pdf> for our youngest pupils.

This year's theme is #ChooseRespect and we have signed the pledge.

**You don't have to like me...agree with me...or enjoy the same things I do.
But you do have to respect me.**

Parents and Carers can access resources here:

<https://respectme.org.uk/adults/bullying-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>



BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND

Week Beginning: Mon 19th November

We have a full week of events taking place in our annual literacy drive.

Nursery & P1 local author **Coo Clayton** introduces **Maggie's Mittens**

P1 Families are invited to join us in school for the presentation of **Book Bug Bags**, please pop along at drop off time (9am) on **Mon 19th** for a cup of tea and hear how you can support with reading.

P2 and P3 are heading off to the library to receive their **Read, Write Count Bags** and families are welcome to accompany them – separate letter has been issued with days and times.

P4-7 have a variety of events taking place across the week, including: authors live stream, developing characters, storytelling to our younger pupils and

DRESS AS A BOOK CHARACTER ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 23RD

NOVEMBER



Library Project

We also have exciting news to share: the **Parent Council** are working with the school to establish our first ever library – we want **all** our pupils to be involved in what type of reading materials they would like to see and some of the Parent Council will be in school on Thurs 22nd to talk to

pupils in P4-7 about this. They have also generously donated **£1000** to help us purchase reading resources and the Pupil Council are off to Waterstones and The Edinburgh Book Shop to buy some exciting books to help us get the library up and running.

BOOK DONATIONS

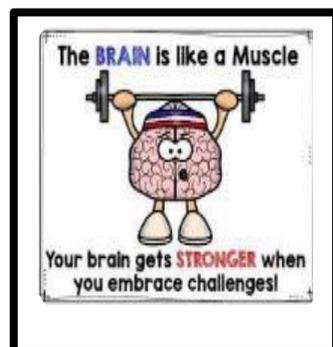
The school and parent council would also like to involve the wider school community and we are looking for donations of reading materials – it could be **comics**, *fiction* books, *non-fiction*, **FACTUAL**, **graphic**

novels, *biographies*, autobiographies, self-help, the list is endless...all we ask is that books are in almost pristine condition, no tears or dog ears please Books can be brought into school on Wednesday 21st November – please see Parent Council Facebook Page for more information.



St Andrew's Day

The school will be attending Mass for the feast of St Andrew. This will be celebrated at St John's church from 10.00am on Friday 30th November.
ALL WELCOME



Staffing Update: Mrs Gilfillan who supported in P7 last year and who has been working with P3 since September is no longer able to continue with us, we thank her for her commitment and wish her well.

Diary Update

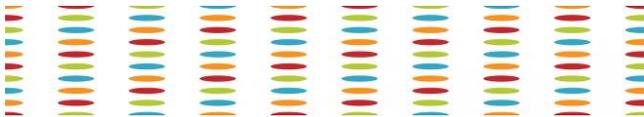
Class Assemblies for the year have now been set and unless otherwise informed will take place at 11.00am, all welcome.

Friday 7th December	P4
Friday 1st February	P2
Friday 1st March	P3
Friday 5th April	P7
Friday 17th May	P6
Friday 14th June	P5
Monday 17th June	P1/Nursery



Children in Need

This Friday, children can come to school wearing spots to acknowledge the good work of CIN, we are raising awareness through assembly, no donations required.



Spotlight on Curriculum

download from twinkl.co.uk

10 What Questions

to Develop a Growth Mindset
in Children

1. What did you do today that made you think hard?
2. What happened today that made you keep on going?
3. What can you learn from this?
4. What mistake did you make that taught you something?
5. What did you try hard at today?
6. What strategy are you going to try now?
7. What will you do to challenge yourself today?
8. What will you do to improve your work?
9. What will you do to improve your talent?
10. What will you do to solve this problem?



Stay
positive,
work hard,
make it
happen.

For our next newsletter look out for a roundup
of achievements and class news

