# Newsletter

Friday 22nd November (No. 11)

## Message from Mr Marshall

You may have heard your children talk about learning the Five Fantastic Facts (FFF) at school. You may also have heard through the media about how much knowledge children now learn at primary school. They learn a lot! Over the last few years, we have designed a curriculum that helps the children learn this knowledge over their time in school.

However, we noticed that while children were learning a lot, they were not always remembering the most important information or making connections between different ideas. To address this, we took another look at the curriculum and identified the key points we really want children to remember. These key points are now called the Five Fantastic Facts.

The Five Fantastic Facts are designed to build on each other over time, helping students make connections and deepen their understanding. They are presented in a way that supports all children. This approach helps ensure that every child can progress, retain key learning and make sense of different subjects as they move through school.

We combine the Five Fantastic Facts with our Top Talker, Top Writer approach to developing children's oracy and writing. This helps them learn the facts and place them in purposeful sentences they can use in their speech.

The Five Fantastic Facts come home with children as part of their home learning. Any support you can with the children learning their facts will help them progress in school and develop their confidence.

**Uniforms**
The children look extremely smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support with this. If there are any parts of the uniform you are unsure about, you can find out more information on the school website.

Just a couple of reminders:

**Jewellery and Makeup**
The only items of jewellery allowed in school are simple stud earrings, no more than one in each ear. Make-up/nail varnish is not allowed to be worn in school. All long hair should be tied back with a suitable hair tie, appropriate for school.

**Shoes**
Black shoes are the school uniform. Those children who play football during playtimes are allowed to bring in a suitable pair of trainers to change into, should they wish.

**Uniform and Behaviour**
As with other schools, respecting school uniform expectations is an important part of behaviour and conduct within school. It is also part of our behaviour policy. It is great to see your continuing support with these expectations - it is very much appreciated.

# Safeguarding




## PARENTING SUPPORT – We all need help sometimes…

Family hubs are here to give support and guidance to all Wiltshire families and young people aged from 0 to 19, as well as up to 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Funded by Wiltshire Council and delivered by Spurgeons, more information is available here Wiltshire Family Hubs - Supporting families in Wiltshire

Spurgeons is a national children's charity with a long-standing history in Wiltshire, working with vulnerable families, children and young people. Their family services provide interventions that help in all aspects of family life and parenting support.

## What do family hubs offer?

- One to one support in the home.
- Parenting advice and groups led by staff and volunteer parents/carers.
- Advice around early learning and help to access services.
- Support from community based 'navigators' who can help with everything from finding sources of support, through to accessing education and returning to work.
- The digital family hub also offers support to families 24 hours a day.

Your nearest family navigator location is County Hall in Trowbridge, navigators are available at the times shown below.

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| West Wiltshire | County Hall - Trowbridge<br>9.00 am - 5.00 pm<br><br>Melksham Library<br>10.00 am - 12.00 pm | County Hall - Trowbridge<br>9.00 am - 5.00 pm<br><br>Warminster Library<br>2.00 pm - 4.00 pm | County Hall - Trowbridge<br>9.00 am - 5.00 pm<br><br>Bradford-on-Avon Library<br>10.15 am - 11.45 am | County Hall - Trowbridge<br>9.00 am - 5.00 pm<br><br>Hare Library<br>10.15 am - 11.45 am | County Hall - Trowbridge<br>9.00 am - 5.00 pm<br><br>Westbury Library<br>9.45 am - 10.45 am<br><br>Trowbridge Library<br>1.45 pm - 2.45 pm |

# Parent Presents

If your child would like to buy presents for their family from the FONS Christmas Shop, please return form and money in a named envelope on

**Monday 25th November**



# Teddy Tombola

**The FONS team are after donations of teddy bears to use as prizes for the teddy tombola at the Christmas Fayre.**

**If you have any you can donate, please drop them into the office.**

**Thank you!**






# Wraparound Care

**From Monday 25th November, all children attending the second session of wraparound care (4.15pm - 5.30pm) will be offered a snack and drink.**

**Snacks to include, cheese & crackers, yogurt & fruit or vegetable sticks.**
**Drink options of milk, squash or water.**

**Please let the office know if your child has any dietary requirements . Thank you!**



# Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who so generously gave to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. We raised £68 in child/parent donations plus a school donation of £100.

Which means we were able to hand to The Royal British Legion a total of **£168**

# Children In Need

Thank you for everyone who bought a coin in last Friday. The school raised **£111.81** for Children in Need.



# Wraparound Care

**we offer the following wrapround childcare:**
**3.15pm to 4.15pm (£4.00)**
**4.15pm to 5.30pm (£4.00)**

**We also offer breakfast club**
**7.30am to 8.30am (£2.50)**

**Please log onto Scopay to book your sessions.**
**If you have any queries, please contact the school office.**



St James' Church Trowbridge

# Christmas Tree Festival

Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 7th December 2024
Open daily 10am until 5pm*
(*4pm on Saturday)



All Welcome
Free Admission
Refreshments available

ST JAMES' CHURCH TROWBRIDGE www.stjamestrowbridge.co.uk | 07565 917441

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

## Should I keep my child off school?

### Yes

| | Until... |
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| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |



### No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |

SCAN ME

**Advice and guidance**
To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.

hcrg Care Group

# Family Hub School Nurse Drop In

**Starting 07.11.24**
**County Hall Trowbridge**
**Every Thursday**
**3 – 4pm**

Come and meet the school age health service who can support and give advice for your school age child. We can also offer a 1:1 with young people aged 11+

Scan here to download the new Growing Well Wiltshire App

# Attendance

146 children had 100% attendance in the last week, you are awesome!

Cedar class were the best at being in & on time every day last week. Well done Cedar Class !

7 Penalty Notice Applications have been made so far this academic year.

**01225 752678**
**option 1**

# Christmas Hampers

**Thursday 28th November**

Our lovely FONS team will be making up hampers as raffle prizes for the Christmas Fayre.

If you have anything you could kindly donate towards the hampers (chocolates, drinks, small gifts etc), please can they be brought to school on 28th November.

| Dates for Diary | |
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| 25.11.2024 | Parent Presents |
| 25.11.2024 | Sycamore Class Mary Seacole Day |
| 28.11.2024 | Maple Class Space Day |
| 04.12.2024 | Maple Class St James Tree Festival |
| 05.12.2024 | Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.00pm |
| 11.12.2024 | St James Church Service 2pm-3pm (Parents welcome to attend) |
| 12.12.2024 | KS1 Nativity Performance |
| 13.12.2024 | KS1 Nativity Performance |
| 13.12.2024 | Oak Class to Trowbridge Museum |
| 17.12.2024 | Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day! |
| 18.12.2024 | Christmas Disco afternoon-details to follow |
| 19.12.2024 | Carols Around The Tree-details to follow |
| 20.12.2024 | Last day of term |