

# PARENTS' BULLETIN

## A FORTNIGHTLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

*"If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit." Leviticus 26:3-4*

We are now in the midst of celebrating the goodness of creation, and nature's bounty as we prepare for our Harvest Festival week. As we are unable to hold our service at St John's church this year, we will be having an in school Harvest service for our pupils next week. We will be collecting tinned and dried goods which will be donated to the foodbanks and organisations at work in our community. Please could we encourage as many pupils as possible to generously take part in this harvest collection and hand their donations to their class teacher. *"You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance". Psalm 65:11*

Class	House Points	Attendance
5LH	7179	97.3%
5SW	7881	97.2%
5AKE	7440	99.1%
5MJ	7076	97%
5CW	7206	98.5%
6ACJ	7160	93.7%
6GM	6570	94.6%
6KD	6806	96.1%
6BC	6693	95.7%
6RSE	6767	98.4%
6WW	6762	93%
7NGE	6484	97.4%
7MMO	6369	95.4%
7CS	7215	97.9%
7MH	7129	95.2%
7KLN	6573	98.4%
7JD	6329	97.2%
8MC	6401	94.1%
8PM	7226	93.3%
8JCD	7525	93.9%
8ALK	4457	98.3%
8AME	6200	97.1%
8MF	6368	97.6%

ATTENDANCE & HOUSE POINTS

### HEALTHY PANCAKES



#### Method

##### STEP 1

Sift the flours into a bowl or wide jug and tip any bits in the sieve back into the bowl. Add the egg yolks and a splash of milk then stir to a thick paste. Add the remaining milk a little at a time so you don't make lumps in the batter.

##### STEP 2

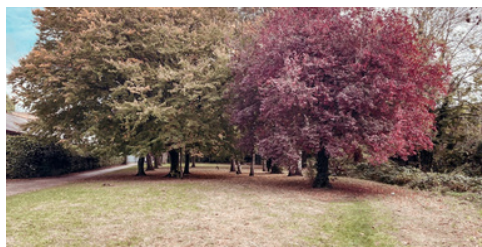
Whisk the egg whites until they stand up in stiff peaks, then fold them carefully into the batter – try not to squash out all the air.

##### STEP 3

Heat a non-stick pan over a medium heat and pour in enough batter to make a pancake about 10 cm across. Cook for just under a minute until bubbles begin to pop on the surface and the edges are looking a little dry. Carefully turn the pancake over. If it is a bit wet on top, it may squirt out a little batter as you do so. In that case, leave it on the other side a little longer. Keep warm while you make the remaining pancakes. Serve with your favourite healthy toppings.

#### Ingredients

50g self-raising flour, 50g wholemeal or wholegrain flour, 2 small eggs - separated, 150ml skimmed milk, berries and low-fat yogurt or fromage frais to serve



## HEAD'S OF YEAR MESSAGE

With half term just around the corner we are delighted with just how well our pupils have settled into new routines and are rising to the challenges we have set them.

Amazingly pupils across the school have achieved over 150,000 achievement points, which is an average of 230 per pupil. Year 6 currently are top of the leader board and Stuart are the leading house.

Now that our pupils and staff have received their house badges there is a real challenge to see which house is victorious!

As we are now fast approaching the end of October the temperatures inside school and out are rapidly dropping, can you please ensure that your child not only has an adequate coat but also should be encouraged to wear discreet layers under their uniform so they remain warm and comfortable both inside school, during breaks and P.E.

Can we ask that you remind your children of our healthy eating policy. Pupils are not allowed to eat sweets, crisps or chocolate bars at break time. If you wish your child to have crisps or a small chocolate bar then these items can be put into lunchboxes to be eaten at lunch time only. Pupils should also have a refillable bottle for use throughout the day for the consumption of water only. Fruit juice or squash should only be consumed with their lunch.

Finally please can we ask that you check that your child has the correct basic equipment needed in lessons so that they can complete the activities required. In the current climate it is vitally important that we reduce the risk of cross contamination by handing out or having to share equipment.

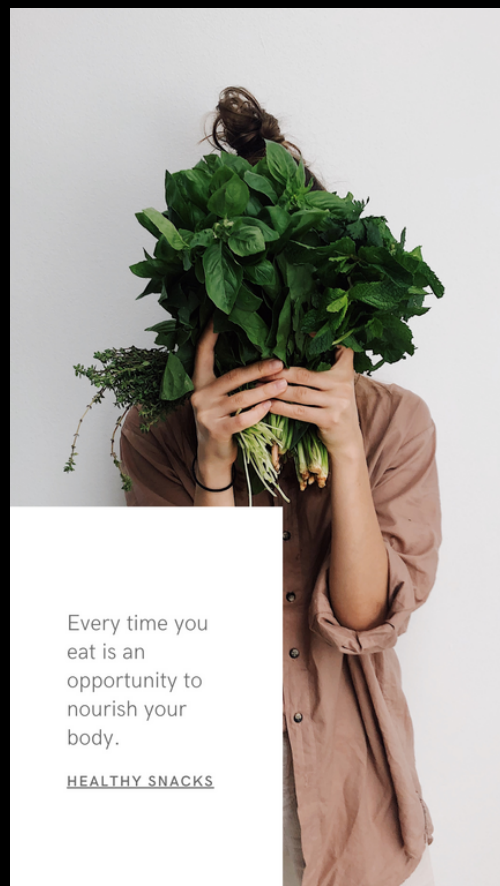
Many thanks for your support and we wish you a restful Half Term.

## PARKING

Reminder!

Please DO NOT park, drop off or pick up down Watt Close under any circumstances. The bollards have been placed for the safety of the children and we would ask that you DO NOT cause an obstruction when dropping off/collecting your child from school or a club. This can block the entrance from the main road and creates a danger for our pupils, our staff and BT staff coming in and out of school and work. The only vehicles allowed to park belong to the staff of St John's. Thank you.

We do appreciate that parking is limited and it's not always the easiest of tasks, especially during rush hour, so we thank you for your support.



Every time you eat is an opportunity to nourish your body.

HEALTHY SNACKS



#HELLOYELLOW

Friday 9th October we raised an impressive £539.20 in aid of

@YoungMindsUK

We thank you for your support and using parentmail to make the payment.



#### HOUSEPOINT LEADERBOARD

**STUART - 39,724**

**TUDOR - 39,194**

**WINDSOR - 39,441**

**HANOVER - 36,867**

Hot lunches will be available to purchase for Years 5 & 6 only from Monday 19th October at the cost of £2.40 payable via ParentMail.

The menu is on the St John's School website and we will be commencing with week 1.

Hot lunches for Years 7 & 8 will follow in due course.

As the nights are beginning to get darker we would like to reinforce road safety. There have been a few incidents with children running out into the road.

## PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We are aware that the Furlough scheme is ending this month and realise this may cause many families financial difficulties. We wish to make you aware of Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding. Free School Meals mean that your child(ren) will get a meal every school day. With every child that claims Free School Meals, the school receives higher Pupil Premium Grant. This grant is intended to improve the quality of learning and life for children, and give them opportunities every child should have.

To be eligible for Free School Meals you must be in receipt of one of the following:

- Universal Credit provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on-paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax

To find out more and to apply for Free School Meals please visit: [https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying\\_for\\_free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying_for_free_school_meals)

