



Newsletter No: 4

3rd November 2023

Weekly Merit Certificates

Butterflies: Atene Fireflies: Rocco-Zen & Lily DB
Dragonflies: Albie & Laike Ladybirds: Thomas S & Amelia



Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The children have settled back into school well even with the excitement of halloween! This week staff have been planning dates for what is always a busy half term with Christmas fast approaching. We will provide more detailed information next week separately, but we have lots of exciting things coming up including:

- Bedtime reading cafés
- Christmas Fairs
- Christmas performances
- Singing on Radio West Norfolk!! (we'll let you know when)
- Children in Need
- Anti-Bullying week activities

During Anti bullying week, (week beginning 13th November) the children will be taking part in lots of PSHE sessions discussing positive relationships and understanding different types of bullying. Children in Need falls at the end of this week and we are asking all the children to come dressed in spots and during the day they will take part in a range of activities. If you would like to donate to Children in Need you will be able to do so through Parent Pay.

We look forward to the rest of the half term.

Regards

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Next week...

Tuesday ~ Ladybirds Swimming (be at school 8.35am for registration)

Tuesday ~ Flu Immunisation Team in for Reception Children up to Year 6

Friday ~ Pret a Portrait in for Individual School Photographs

Friends of the School

Thank you to all who came to our Halloween Disco's, we hope you all had a fun spooky time! We will let you know how much we raised on the next newsletter.



Friday 10th December ~ Planning meeting for the Christmas Fair (starts 9.10am)

Friday 1st December ~ Christmas Fair

Wednesday 12th December ~ Christmas Film Night – please let the office know if you have any good ideas for what films to show at the Christmas Film Night.

Please support our Friends of the School in any way you can.

Thank you.



prêt-a-portrait

Please remember Prêt-a-portrait will be visiting St Germans Academy and Pre-School on Friday 10th November to take individual school photographs and school sibling photographs.

Pantomime Visit

Our whole school pantomime visit to King's Lynn Corn Exchange to watch Dick Whittington and his Cat is on Friday 8th December where we will be Watching the morning performance...On no we won't!!



Please remember to log on to ParentPay to give consent and make payment. We have set the trip up so you can pay by instalments.

Thank you.

Christmas Donation Request

If you have any old fake Christmas trees or any Christmas decorations that you no longer require we would be most grateful for them for our upcoming Christmas Events. Please bring anything you are happy to donate to the school office. Thank you





Welcome to our half termly SEND Shout out! A section of the newsletter addressing important and helpful information relating to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

This week we are talking about *Mental Health*.

We take the mental health of the young people in our care very seriously. There is a wealth of information out there for parents and children, but it can be overwhelming when researching this topic.

The **Anna Freud** website has some informative and helpful podcasts to listen to regarding different areas of mental health, including anxiety. Click here to listen: [Podcasts](#). The website also has resources to help you create your own self care plan with your child; there is a section on [Self Care for parents](#) too.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child, please speak with their class teacher or arrange an appointment with the school SENDCo.

Tesco Grant via Blue Token Voting

We would like to say a big **Thank you** to everyone who voted for St Germans Academy in the Tesco's blue token voting boxes over the summer. We have been informed we came second and have been awarded a grant of £1000.00 to spend on improving our Nature Garden. Mrs Shillings has her shopping list at the ready for all the improvements we are looking to make.



Remembrance Poppy's

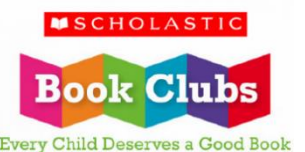
Please remember Poppy's will be on sale after school on the front playground every day.



Scholastic Book Club

Don't forget our Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Magazines were sent home or you can look online at

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-germans/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order. For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place any orders online by Sunday November 5th 2023. Thank you





Children in Need ~ Friday 17th November

This year for Children in Need children can come to school wearing something spotty in exchange for donating to 'Children in Need' via this link.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12100>

Thank you for helping us support this charity.

Christmas Gifts

If you are still thinking on what to give people as gifts this Christmas, please remember our 'My Child's Art' portal is open. Full information on how to order a range of Christmas gifts from Christmas cards to fridge magnets to sweetie jars all with your child's artwork on are on their website. www.mychildsart.co.uk

Username StGermans Password GnqHMqfo

You will then be able to set up an account and place any orders should you wish to do so. Thank you.



Diary Dates

Ladybirds Swimming every Tuesday this term starting Tuesday 12th September.

November

Tues 7th ~ Flu Nasal Team in for Years R to Year 6

Wed 8th ~ King's Lynn Rotary Club Dictionary Presentation to Year 3

Fri 10th ~ Pret a Portrait in for Individual School Photographs

Fri 17th ~ Children in Need ~ Wear something spotty!

Tues 21st ~ Trip for Butterflies and Fireflies – Letter out Monday.

Mon 27th ~ WNSSP Tag Rugby Event for selected year 5 / 6 Children

Thurs 30th ~ Christmas Reading Café followed by Christmas Light Switch on.

December

Fri 1st ~ Friends of the School Christmas Fair

Fri 8th ~ Whole School Pantomime Trip – Year Reception to Year 6

Mon 11th ~ Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsals

Tues 12th ~ Afternoon KS1 Christmas Performance

Tues 12th ~ Friends of the School Christmas Film Night

Wed 13th ~ Afternoon KS1 Christmas Performance

Wed 13th ~ Evening KS2 Christmas Performance

Wed 20th ~ Break up for Christmas!

More events to follow – watch this space!!