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## Newsletter 9 – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### Class News

Nursery	- have really enjoyed re-enacting the story of The Three Little Pigs through our role play area and story time
YR	- have been learning about our character strength 'love and kindness' in our my happy mind learning
Y1	- have loved finding out facts about Queen Victoria
Y2	- are loving their new literacy book 'The Story Tree'
Y3	- have enjoyed their netball lessons this week
Y4	- have had an absolutely incredible week at Leeson House!
Y5	- have been learning about how Vikings communicated using symbols. We have had fun cracking rare codes!
Y6	- have been learning about the physical geography of Russia, including the different biomes

Dear Parents,

Y4 have had an amazing time at Leeson House and have represented the school impeccably, there are some very tired Y4s (and staff!).

**Please note that the cut-off for Christmas lunch orders is midnight on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

### Online Safety

11th November marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week, and this year's theme is "Choose Respect". Statistics from the Anti-Bullying Alliance reveal that 40% of children in the UK have suffered some form of bullying within the last year, with the most common experience being name-calling and verbal abuse. While it can have several causes, this kind of behaviour is commonly seen when a disagreement between two youngsters gets out of hand and emotions take over.

Many children are still learning how to conduct themselves, and it can be difficult for them to know how to act when faced with someone who disagrees with them, or otherwise find themselves in conflict with another person. This week's guide provides expert advice on encouraging children to choose respect.

### Anti-bullying Week/ Odd Socks Day

Next week, we will be participating in anti-bullying week. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. This will be the focus in our assemblies as well as learning in the classroom. As part of anti-bullying week we will participate in **odd sock day on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** where the children can wear odd socks to school. This is to promote everyone being unique and deliver a message of individuality, acceptance, and tolerance!



### Wellbeing Week

Week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November is Wellbeing Week here at St Ives. Please see below what activities are happening for the children;

- Monday – Pyjama Day! Children to come to school wearing their pyjamas
- Tuesday – Mindfulness Art
- Wednesday – Movie afternoon
- Thursday – Yoga
- Friday – Sculpture Art

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**Dates for Diary**

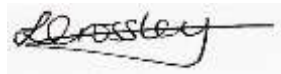
**November**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Individual Photographs  
Odd Socks Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Reception Open Evening (Sept 25 starters) 4.30 – 6.00pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> UK Parliament Week
- 18<sup>th</sup> Pyjamas Mufti Day for Wellbeing Week – Please make sure your child wears appropriate footwear for outside!
- 19<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day Gallery & Book look 3.15 – 4.15pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair
- 20<sup>th</sup> Y4 Class Assembly 9.15am
- 29<sup>th</sup> SISA Christmas Fair

**December**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Treehouse Theatre
- 5<sup>th</sup> KS2 Christmas Art Canvas event
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rocksteady concert 10.00am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas lunch
- 17<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Performance 2.00pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am
- KS2 Christmas Performance @ Verwood Hub
- 20<sup>th</sup> Last day of term 1:15pm finish

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Crossley

Headteacher

