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Dear Parents and Carers,

Assessment week

We have been conducting autumn term assessments at St John's this week. The Children have worked hard to remember what they learned this term and apply it to the tests. Assessments become a lens for understanding children's learning, identifying invisible barriers, and helping us to improve our teaching approaches. You will receive a report card at the end of the term.

School uniform

It has come to our attention that more and more children regularly come to school wearing the incorrect uniform, especially trainers. Please check your child's uniform before they leave home to ensure they are appropriately dressed for school. If you require help purchasing school uniforms, our swap shop has many items in various sizes. Please speak to a member of staff who will be able to assist you.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Last week, our school participated in the national England Rocks Competition. Our school came 940th out of 4363 schools. Within our school, 66 children made it onto the leaderboard - most of which were from Year 5. A huge congratulations to the children in the top three spots. **Dorian A** was in third place with 3412 points. In second place was **Elias M**, who had 4186 points. In first place was **Aaron U** with 4505 points. We will let you know when the next tournament takes place. This is a fun and effective way to practise times tables, which are the building blocks of many mathematical concepts.

Kindness project

This term, we have been thinking about being kind to ourselves, others, the community and our world. Every class took part in activities to show what kindness meant. This week, Y2 went to the Memory Cafe. The children read stories and sang to the older members of the community. Y3 and Y4 went to a food bank at St Augustine's church to see where the food they had donated during harvest went.

Coffee mornings

Thank you, parents and carers, for attending the coffee mornings. It was wonderful for the children to share what they are learning in class and their improvements since September. Next term, we will have class assemblies. We will send the dates to you in the next few weeks.





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Book fair

The book fair has arrived! It will be open at the start and at the end of the day. The cases will be with us until the end of next week. The more money we make for scholastic, the higher the percentage of commission the school will receive - so please spend generously.

Key dates for next week

Wednesday, 29th November - **Flu vaccination** (Catch-up session)

Wednesday, 29th November - **Y5 The British Museum**

Friday 1st December - **Y1 Coffee morning**

Sunday 3rd December - **Christmas fair**

Wednesday 6th December 9:15 - **Emotional regulation workshop** led by colleagues from The Bridge and New River College. This workshop is open to all parents.

As always, thank you for your support. I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Ms H Khan
Head of School

