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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots to look forward to next week, including a visit from an author. Janelle McCurdy, author of Mia and the Lightcasters, will be visiting St John's on Tuesday 22nd November to work with our Key Stage 2 pupils. Janelle is a young, female, Black British author. She will be leading the children in inspirational writing workshops, sharing a presentation around her journey to becoming an author and finally signing books that the children may have bought. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, please use the link below.

Mia and the Lightcasters: Umbra Tales 1 (The Umbra Tales): McCurdy, Janelle, Latese, Ana: Amazon.co.uk: Books
<https://amzn.eu/d/i5Y72UM>

Children in Need

Today we took part in Children in Need in order to raise funds and awareness for the plight of children and their needs. The children looked great and have enjoyed sharing their 'spotacular' outfits for the day. Thank you to all the children and parents who contributed. We have raised £170.89 so far.

School Uniform

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

Times Table World Cup

In response to 'The World Cup' fever that is sweeping through the country, we are participating in the Times Table World Cup which runs from Monday 21st November to Monday 5th December. Your child has been given an individual username and password. Please go to <https://emile-education.com/log-in-to-emile-resources/>. Click on **Student Login**, then the browser version if they are using a PC or Download the app if they are on a phone/tablet. Click on **"Go to MTC"** to play multiplication games that will help our school to win points so that we can be top of our league. We will be competing against schools in Islington and other London Boroughs. Let's see if we can repeat our success from 'Beat the Streets' and bring the Times Table World Cup home to St John's!!

Islington Food Bank and Soup Kitchen

Once again, this year our Harvest donations went to people in our local community - the soup kitchen and food bank at St John's the Evangelist, Brownswood Park. Nick Wilkinson, who runs the soup kitchen and food bank, was extremely grateful for the donations. As you can imagine, in the current climate, the food bank is being used more than ever. So, I am hoping that as a community, we can mirror the generosity of last year, and help a little further in the run up to Christmas, in supporting the food bank. It would be great if you could support us in giving something back to those





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who are less fortunate than us, and to those that are our neighbours. Nick advised that the donations we gave last year were used to put together wonderful hamper for families to help see them through the Christmas period. If you are able to help with a small donation of any of the below items, it would be hugely appreciated. I will be taking the House Captains with me on my next visit, so they can get involved in giving back to the local community and report on it to the rest of the school.

Items Needed:

- Tea
- Coffee
- Toiletries; shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- Women's sanitary products
- A small Christmas gift for an adult or child

Developing Independence

Over the past few weeks, we have noticed more and more that some parents are coming into school with their children at the beginning of the school day. This is causing some congestion and health and safety issues in the corridors. For this reasons, and in the interest of supporting and developing the children's independence, can I please ask that parents do not escort the children in to the school building on a morning. Please say your goodbyes to the children in the playground as the bell rings for the start of school.

Golden Book

The children below were added into the Golden Book on the week beginning 7th November. Every week, those children who find themselves nominated in the Golden book are allowed to come to school in their own clothes on Monday. This week we enjoyed giant marshmallows together.

Year 1 - Chloe, Robyn and Paul; Year 2 - Roman, Clara and Nick

Year 3 - Emi and Eliza; Year 6 - Jeremiah



I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Wrap up warm when venturing out for a family walk, winter is drawing near!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

