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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to see some of you at the school gates this week. The children all seem to have come back to school full of energy and ready for the term ahead, which is great. I have had a wonderful start to the term teaching in Year 5 on Wednesday and Thursday morning. It was lovely to be in the classroom again, interacting with the children. A much welcomed break from dealing with all things Covid.

Thank You

A huge thank you to all parents who donated generously to the St John's Brownswood Park soup kitchen and food bank. Please see the lovely message received by Nick Wilkinson, the soup kitchen coordinator.

May I thank you once again for the support you have shown us to date, the donations made prior to Christmas were so generous and plentiful. We were able to give out approx. 50-60 Christmas hampers which I had already planned, but your donations were able to top up the packages and add some unexpected Christmas sparkle and surprise with the various presents that were collected.

It is so lovely to be part of a community who work together to help and support others. I really hope this is something we can continue to do, and maybe we can do another collection again towards the end of this term.

Also, a huge thank you from all of the staff here at St John's for the very generous Christmas gifts that were given. It was very kind of you all and very much appreciated.

Kidz Club Request

Kidz club are always on the look out for board games, colouring books, colouring pens, craft games or activities to help entertain the children at the end of the day. If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, or any of the above that are no longer needed as they have been replaced with new ones, we would be very happy to take them off your hands.





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FOSJ AGM

Friends of St John's are holding their annual AGM meeting via zoom on Friday 21st January at 9.30am. At this meeting they will review spending of money raised in the previous year and will look at how best to support the school going forward next year. Everyone is welcome to join the meeting.

Elwood Street

We really hope that the changes we have had to make to drop off and pick up for Reception and Year 1 children will not have to remain for too long. However, whilst these changes are in place, please can I ask that if you are driving to the school at the beginning or end of the day, that you park in the bays that are provided and not pull up at the gates to drop off or collect the children. We do need to make sure the street is safe for all adults and children around those times.

Safer Internet Day

The safer internet day theme this year is 'All fun and games'. To celebrate safer internet day, we have Miles Berry, a professor of computing, who wrote a lot of the content for computing in the national curriculum, visiting our school. Miles would like to come and run a competition for pupils to enter. The competition is to include children's entries of scratch, coding or film work that they have created, and can share and demonstrate with him. Children can bring in what they have created from home, but can also create in school. As of next week, those children in Key Stage 2 who are interested in coding can access a code club at lunch time to create a piece to share with Miles, up until his visit on the 8th February.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

