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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been busier than usual here at St John's with something different happening every day! On Monday a group of Year Four children took part in a Times Table competition at Jessop Primary School. Their mathematical knowledge was put to the test as they competed against Year Four children from across our cluster. The children gave their very best in the event and we are proud of their efforts. Here they are sporting their medals!



In our collective worship this week, we celebrated **St Patrick's Day**, recognised that this week is **Global Money Week** and introduced this term's **Lifesaver Big Question**: 'How does our money help other people?'. We end the week with many of our families celebrating Eid and we wish you all a happy Eid Mubarak.

This week, we held the tie-breaker round for the Upper Key Stage Two Spelling Bee. Vinnie and Zacklyn, two strong spellers competed for the crown and this term we have a new spelling champ. Well done again to all who took part.

Upper Key Stage Two
Spelling Champ – Vinnie
Nana – Year Five
Melajah – Year Five
Zacklyn – Year Six

Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.

Early Years

In Early Years this week, we have been learning about superhero jobs in our community, encouraging the children to explore different roles and understand how these jobs help and support us. This learning has been supported by the story *A Superhero Like You*. The children have enjoyed exploring new vocabulary and engaging in imaginative role play. In Maths, the Reception class continues to work hard on developing number sense and understanding number bonds. The children have been using number bond frames to combine two quantities with increasing confidence. We have also had lots of fun this week creating a wonderful display from our Spring Term 2 writing assessments. The children worked collaboratively to produce a fantastic lighthouse display, which we are very proud of.

Year One

This week in Year One, we have settled back into our normal routine, and the children have approached their learning with great enthusiasm and focus. In Maths, the children have been practising using number lines within 50, helping them to develop their understanding of number, estimation and position. In English, the class has begun writing a report on King Charles III, learning how to organise facts and present information clearly. In the afternoons, during our Connected Curriculum lessons, we have continued exploring Famous People, focusing on the legacy of Queen Elizabeth II and thinking about how she is remembered. In RE, we explored the theme of forgiveness within the Easter story, discussing how forgiveness is shown and why it is important for Christians. In Science, the children have been learning about pollution, considering how it affects our world and what we can do to help care for our environment.

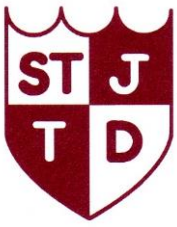
Year Two

Year Two have been busy writing poems about space! We are sure you will be looking forward to hearing them during our assembly next week! We have also been looking very closely at the moon landing and the phases of the moon. Have you noticed any starry nights? We have as the children have been gazing at the works of art by Van Gogh and exploring the methods he used to paint his vivid paintings. In PE we began to learn a new sport; this week was the first time we played tag rugby. It was an experience! We are looking forward to more team sports in the coming weeks!

Year Three

This week in Year Three, we continued our great work in Maths, learning about fractions and how to make a whole. In English, we began writing reports on our class topic of Europe, with pupils using ICT skills to research effectively. In RE, we explored the importance of the Beatitudes and created our own. In Geography, we learned about life in Normandy, including food and daily living. We ended the





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week with a special class assembly. Well done, Year Three, for all your hard work!

Year Four-Five

It's been another busy and engaging week in Year Four and Five! In English, the children have been putting the finishing touches on their 'survival guides for living in a devastated world' - we've been really impressed with the children's creativity and thoughtful ideas. In Maths, Year Four have been exploring perimeter and learning how to measure the distance around different shapes, while Year Five have been building their confidence by multiplying mixed numbers by integers and finding fractions of amounts. In RE, we've been thinking about what makes a community and how we can all play a positive role within one. Our Science lessons have focused on friction, particularly air and water resistance, with lots of interesting discussions and practical examples. Meanwhile, in Connected Curriculum, we've continued our learning about rivers, developing our understanding of how they shape the world around us.

Year Six

A busy week in Year Six. In Maths, the children have been learning statistics, reading and interpreting bar charts and pie charts and also how to calculate the mean. In English, the children have begun learning all about stories and the important role they play in all our lives, and we have discussed what makes a good story and what language features are used in the different parts of a story. In Science, they have learnt about prisms and the colour of light.

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Okikiola for engaging in a range of activities during choosing time Kamiyah for trying new flavours and enjoying them during lunchtime.
Year One	Shayaun for showing resilience when blending compound words in phonics. Faith for persevering and asking for help when learning gets tricky.
Year Two	Maliyah-Rose for showing interest and enthusiasm when learning about space travel. Jayden for remembering the names of all the astronauts from the Apollo 11 mission to the moon.
Year Three	Andres for showing great confidence in his work and constantly striving to improve every day. Well done and keep it up! N'raeah for being attentive towards her work, always sharing great ideas in class and taking pride in what she produces.
Year Four & Year Five	Keaun for terrific work creating your own sentences and reading them aloud to the class - keep it up! Abdullah for putting great drama and humour into your role in our class assembly!
Year Six	Titan for making a real effort in his assessments. He persevered, remained focussed and achieved well for himself. Aylla for being a model student. She tries her best with all of her work and always shows kindness and politeness to all in the class.

The house point totals for this week are:

 GARRISON	17	 AUGUSTINE	16
 FRANKLIN	20	 DICKENS	11

Next week Open Evenings will be taking place – if you have not yet booked a time to speak with your child's class teacher please see Miss Farruggio in the front office. On a final note, a reminder that the **school photographer** will be in again on Monday to take individual and sibling photographs.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland
Head Teacher

