



**ST JOHN'S CE**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**SENDI NEWSLETTER**

Can you believe it is nearly Christmas? It only seems like yesterday we were welcoming the children back into their new year groups. The time has flown!

It has been a difficult few terms with many positive Covid cases amongst staff and children, and we can imagine that you have all had to be hyper vigilant too. Since half term, the number of recorded cases in school seems to have decreased, which is great news. All classes now have air quality monitors so we can see when to open more windows. We are trying to find the right balance between keeping children warm and able to work, but safe from potential germs!

As ever, if you have any concerns, drop me an email, send me a dojo message or pop into school. If I call you back, be warned that the phone will say 'No Caller ID'.

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**Current situation!**

As you know, we bought into the NHS Speech and Language Therapy service this year, so we have additional sessions throughout the year for our pupils in school. Currently, we have two very experienced therapists (known to St Johns!) who are working through the list of children already 'on the books' for speech intervention. Any reports generated will be sent home via the children's book bags, so look out for possible communications coming home.



**So, what next?**

This SAL service is also going to deliver some training for us on Colourful Semantics. This resource is a speech and language therapy intervention that provides a targeted approach to supporting children with their sentence building and to teach them about sentence structure (so it also helps with developing questioning - who, when, what, where etc).



Additionally, it indirectly works on developing a child's grammar through the use of spoken sentences, written sentences and language comprehension.

As soon as we have completed the training, I will send further details as to how you could also use this at home!

**SEN news.**

The local authority are still trying very hard to catch up with the back log of paperwork, especially regarding changes to existing EHCP's following an annual review. Rest assured, your child is still getting the right support at the right time, even if the paperwork still needs updating. We know the children well!



**And finally....**

The children have a lot to look forward to this Christmassy term despite the pandemic still being a problem nationally. We have the pantomime, the internal school fayre and hopefully a visit from double jabbed, masked and sanitized Santa on party day, socially distanced in each class of course! 😊

We are trying to find the balance between letting the children have the fun they deserve, whilst keeping them as safe as we can. Our children with additional needs will be prepared and supported throughout all these events, so do not worry!

We wish you all a very Merry and Covid free Christmas!

Kind regards  
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