

Friday 18th January 2019



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Dates

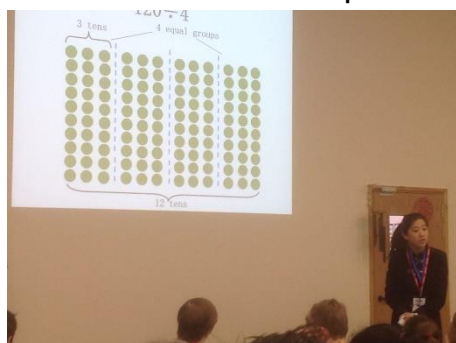
- ◆ Class Newsletters – Friday 18th Jan
- ◆ FOSS Quiz – Friday 1st Feb
- ◆ Term Ends – Fri 15th Feb
- ◆ New Term Begins – Mon 25th Feb
- ◆ World Book Day – Thurs 7th Mar
- ◆ Disco – Fri 22nd Mar
- ◆ Easter Show – Thurs 4th April

Welcome to Miss Wennig

You may have noticed a new teacher around school in the last week. Katie Wennig is going to be working in Years 2, 4, and 5 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. As a school, we would like to welcome her to the staff team.

Early Arrivals

Since Christmas, we have noticed that a large number of children are arriving very early to school. Children should not be getting to school before 8:30am unless they are supervised by a family member. Before school childcare can be arranged with Little Saints in the building next door to the school if required.



Shanghai Maths in Action

Three members of staff visited Shiphay Learning Academy in Torquay this week to observe Shanghai Maths teaching. It was a great experience and has given them lots of things to think about over the coming term.



Drumming

We have a set of drums in school this term. Today Years 5 and 6 were using the drums while Year 4 did earlier in the week. They make a fantastic noise – it really rumbles through the school!

A request from Mrs Simpson....

Christina Simpson is going to be developing how we use the play space in the front area of the school over the coming term. Children play here during morning break and lunchtimes. One aspect of this is to encourage 'small world play'. If you can donate any of the following items, it will be greatly appreciated:

- Toy cars and other small vehicles
- Small animals.
- People
- Old lego or duplo
- Wooden bricks
- Other small world items



Donations can be brought into school anytime. Please ask for Christina Simpson.

Why Small World Play is Important

Small world is an important aspect of children's play, aiding many areas of development. Imaginative skills are supported allowing the child to express thoughts and experiences into their play, whilst exploring the world in which they live. Small world also offers the opportunity for children to build on their language skills, expanding their vocabulary and their understanding. This type of play not only supports a range of areas for development, but also benefits the child's independent play skills.