

Autumn Term – w/e 18th March 2021

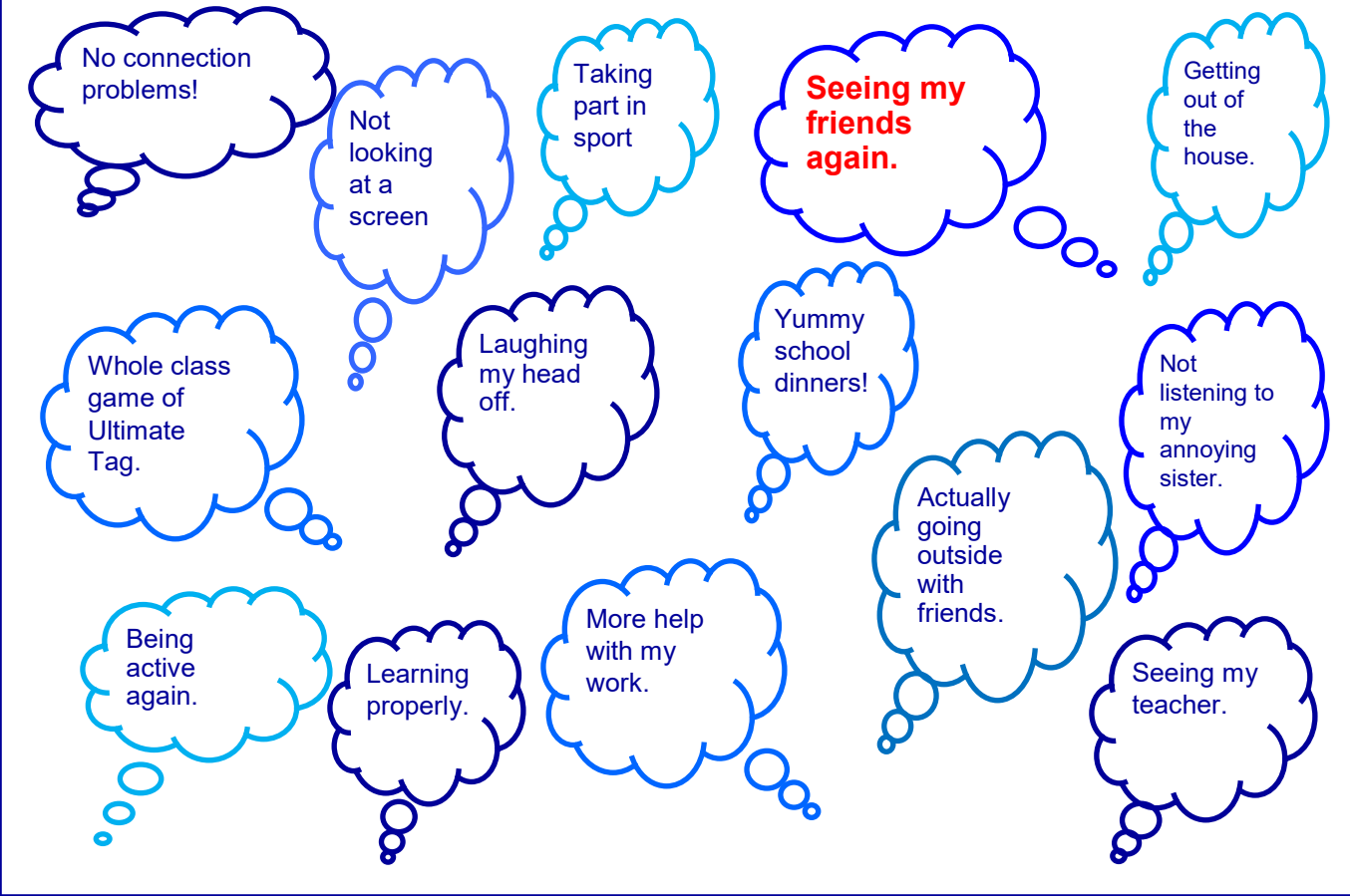
Dear Parents,

We would usually wait until the end of term to send out a newsletter but we felt it was so important to celebrate the children's return to school, so this is a mini newsletter, which gives us the opportunity to show you some of their thoughts. Without doubt, 'seeing my friends' was the most popular response. This proves what I have always believed; that relationships within a school are key to its success. That includes the relationships between children, among the staff, between children and staff and between parents and staff. At St Jude's, we strive to build those relationships so that each of us feels valued, listened to and supported.

Alongside the need to provide children with the social and emotional support that they need, we are, of course, currently assessing the impact that the absence from school has had on their learning. This will be different for every child; some will have thrived on being at home in a quieter environment with fewer distractions and some will not have been able to achieve as much at home as they may have done at school. Please sign up for a Parents' Evening appointment for after the Easter holiday, so that we can share with you the next steps for your child's learning and how we can work together to ensure s/he continues to make good progress.

With the very best wishes, *Mrs Chiverton.*

Some of the children's thoughts on the best things about being back at school...



No connection problems!

Not looking at a screen

Taking part in sport

Seeing my friends again.

Getting out of the house.

Whole class game of Ultimate Tag.

Laughing my head off.

Yummy school dinners!

Not listening to my annoying sister.

Being active again.

Learning properly.

More help with my work.

Actually going outside with friends.

Seeing my teacher.

Dates for your diary

We have pencilled in dates for Sports Day, Swimming gala, Year 6 production and Induction days for Years 2 and Year 6.

Anything that attracts an audience of more than 30 people cannot take place until after 21 June, so it's likely to be a busy final month of the year!

We understand that the guidance from the DfE will be updated over the Easter holiday, so, once we have been able to co-ordinate with our feeder infant schools, we should be able to confirm these dates with you at the beginning of next term.

1st April **Term finishes at 2.15pm.**

19th April **Summer term starts.**



SURREY

Surrey County Council's Safer Travel Team are undertaking research with parents on primary aged pupils' modes of travel to and from school.

The objective of the research is to develop a better understanding of the different types of travel, how frequently they are used and why that type is used by their child, and if their preferred type of travel has changed or been influenced by Covid-19 coronavirus.

The Safer Travel Team's goal is to assist schools to continue to encourage safer and more active ways of travelling to school through education and training to influence changes in behaviour that improve our children's physical and emotional wellbeing, the impact on our environment and air-quality, as well as road safety and congestion outside the school gates.

We request that you support the research by distributing the survey link below and attached information to your parent and carers community.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/iai/41377978>

The closing date for completing the survey is 11.59pm on Friday 16th April.

PTA News



Firstly, a big thank you to everyone who joined in with our virtual quiz on Friday 12th February. As well as being a fun evening, we raised £150 for the school. Congratulations to the Year 6 teaching staff for being the cleverest!

Also, thank you to everyone who has started supporting the school through Amazon Smile. We have just received our first donation of £18.50 commission for purchases made on Amazon from October to December 2020. We only have 18 supporters and we raised £18.50. Just think how much we could raise for the school if every parent who shops on Amazon supported us! If you haven't already signed up, please visit:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1123519-0>.

It's very easy to set up, it won't cost you a thing and the school will benefit every time you shop on Amazon.

Don't forget that you can also support the school any time you buy anything online by shopping via www.thegivingmachine.co.uk or the 'Shop and Give' app.

Congratulations to Fred Herbst and Mrs Chiverton who each won £75 in the February and March Number Club draws. We'd really like to be able to give away £100 each month but we can't do this until we get a few more members. To be in with a chance to win this sort of cash every month, please set up a direct debit for £5 on 1st of each month to sort code: 40-52-40, a/c no: 00019816, a/c name: St Jude's PTA.

Finally, we will be holding an Easter egg raffle to be drawn on Wednesday 31st March. Please look out for raffle tickets soon. If you or your company would like to donate an Easter egg as a prize, please contact ptastjudes@gmail.com.