

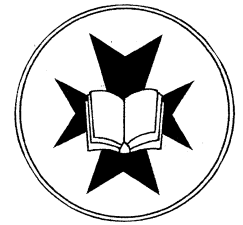
St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 25th January 2019 -

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Week 3: w/c 21.1.19

I do hope you are all well. I have really loved coming "home" to St John's on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children and staff have been amazing and it is as if I have never been away.

This model of school-to-school support is very much the model endorsed by the Department for Education and we are very lucky to be part of this in its very early stages. You may have to get used to me being away for some of the week as I've a feeling that this is just the beginning! Being able to do this relies very much on:

1. **An excellent team:** We have that at all levels in our school.
2. **Your support and co-operation:** You have all been very encouraging and supportive; thank you.
3. **Trust:** I have absolute trust in my team when I'm not on site and I know you trust them to continue enabling St John's to be the very best it can be.

Please do continue to come and talk to me on the playground. I like to feel needed!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

What We've Been Learning This Week

Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery, we have been enjoying lots of activities around our new topic, 'Imaginary Worlds'. This week, we read the story 'Supertato' and pretended to be superheroes in our role-play area! The children wrote their own superhero speech bubbles and designed a superhero city using Numicon in Maths.

In Reception, we have been reading 'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson as part of our new topic, 'Favourite Authors'. In Literacy, we played a word game where the children collected word cards from a cauldron, read the word and then had a go at writing it on to their cauldron board. In Maths, we have been learning about doubling and halving.

Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 have made a flying start to their new topics! Year 1 have been focusing on toys and have enjoyed retelling the story of 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes. They can't wait to get started on making their own teddy bears in Design and Technology later in the term.

Year 2's topic this half term is 'Get Set Grow' and we have been setting up lots of planting investigations as part of our Science. Every morning, the children are so excited to check if there have been any growth or changes to the seeds. In English, we have been focusing on the traditional tale, 'Jack and the Beanstalk', and had lots of fun using the instruments to create a soundscape to retell the story.

Key Stage 2

Children in Key Stage 2 have been having a wonderful time with some creative learning experiences linked to their learning themes.

Year 6 have been learning what it might have been like to be an evacuee in WW2 and thoroughly enjoyed their 'Evacuation Day' last Friday.

Year 5 looked carefully at sky scrapers that adorn many USA cities, and had great fun attempting to build some using spaghetti and marshmallows!

In Year 4, children used salt dough to recreate a geographical map of China and made some interesting cloud forests.

As part of their learning theme, 'Natural Disasters, children in Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their investigation into exploding volcanoes. They used modelling clay to learn about the layers of the Earth. More updates and pictures of our learning are available on Twitter.

School Uniform & Footwear

Please could you support us in instilling a sense of pride in the children by ensuring that they come to school wearing the correct uniform? Hair bands should be black, white or green; nail varnish is not allowed. School footwear should be **completely black** with no logos or white soles. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings will take place on Monday 25th February from 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Wednesday 27th February from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Please come to the office to sign up for an appointment with your child/ren's class teacher from **Monday 4th February**.

World Book Day



This year, World Book Day will be on Thursday 7th March. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate children's favourite stories and authors. Children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on the day.

Cake Sale



Some entrepreneurial children in 4P would like to run a cake sale to raise some money for the PTA! Therefore, we will be holding a cake sale on **Friday 8th February**. If your child would like to buy a cake, please send 50p in with them on that date.

PTA Updates

Many thanks to those of you who attended the school disco yesterday and donated money for non-uniform day. Part of the money raised will be going towards buying some new home reading books for Key Stage 1, as well as new technology equipment for Nursery and Reception classes. This would not be possible without your support; thank you very much!

Celebration Assembly Tea

After half term, children who have been chosen for celebration assembly will be invited to a special assembly tea after assembly with Mr Barrow! They will have the opportunity to have a hot drink and a biscuit to celebrate their achievements.

Snow Closures

As the weather turns colder, just a reminder that you can register for text alerts regarding school closures at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

Parent Forum

There will be parent forum meeting at 9.20am on Wednesday 30th January following 4P's class assembly. Mr Lee will be hosting a discussion regarding potential changes to the report format. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available; please do come along if you are able to!

Diary Dates

Wed 30 th Jan	9.00am: 4P – class assembly 9.20am: Parent forum (reports) – 4P parents/carers pm: Year 2 visit to St John's Church – <i>letter to follow</i>
Tue 5 th Feb	Safer Internet Day pm: 4T/3B swimming – last session
Wed 6 th Feb	12.30pm: Parent sharing lunch – 4P
Mon 11 th Feb	Nursery imaginary worlds dress-up day
Thu 14 th Feb	2.30pm: Year 1 grandparents' stay and play 2.45pm: Year 4 Chinese performances – parents/carers invited
Fri 15th Feb	3.15pm: Break up for February half-term
w/c Mon 25 th Feb	STEM week
Mon 25th Feb	Back to school 3.30pm-5.30pm: Parents' evening
Wed 27 th Feb	4.30pm-6.30pm: Parents' evening
Wed 6 th Mar	12.30pm: Parent sharing lunch – 3B
Thu 7 th Mar	World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character!

Class Assemblies

4P	30 th January	5S	12 th June
3B	13 th March	RK	26 th June
3TH	10 th April	6E/6L	Leavers' Assembly: Friday 19 th July
1C	22 nd May		

Term Dates

SPRING TERM					
INSET DAY CLOSURE	-	Mon	7	January	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	-	Tue	8	January	2019
Half-Term					
School closes at 3.15 pm	-	Fri	15	February	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	-	Mon	25	February	2019
EASTER HOLIDAY					
School closes at 3.15 pm	-	Fri	12	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY	-	Fri	19	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	-	Mon	22	April	2019
SUMMER TERM					
School opens at 8.45 am	-	Mon	29	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE	-	Mon	6	May	2019
Half-Term					
School closes at 3.15 pm	-	Fri	24	May	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	-	Mon	3	June	2019
INSET DAY CLOSURE	-	Fri	21	June	2019
SUMMER HOLIDAY					
School closes at 3.15 pm	-	Fri	19	July	2019
INSET DAY CLOSURE	-	Mon	22	July	2019