

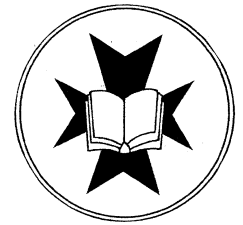
St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 1st March 2019 -

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Week 1: w/c 25.2.19

It has been another super week at St John's. There has been lots of exciting learning taking place as STEM week draws to an end. Please do check the twitter feed on the website to see all of the lovely, creative learning that has taken place. When I'm not at St John's, the twitter feed always reminds me how far our fantastic school has come!

We are also very pleased to properly welcome Tony Aston and Stacy Clark to our school office. They are already proving to be valuable team members, thank you.

Have a good weekend.

Best Wishes,

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

What We've Been Learning This Week

Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery, the children have been doing lots of exciting activities linked to STEM week, such as making cornflour slime, creating an exploding volcano, colour mixing, baking fairy cakes and making constructions using junk modelling materials.



We have had lots of fun experimenting and exploring different materials and taking part in group challenges such as 'build a house for teddy'.

In Reception, we have enjoyed doing activities around our new topic 'People who help us' and have been focusing on 'Vets and Pets'. In Literacy, the children have been practising phase 2 tricky words by reading the tricky words attached to a fish and tracing over the word. In Maths, the children have been exploring ways to make 10 and 20 in a fun game called 'Feed the Dog'.



Key Stage 1

The children in key stage one have thoroughly enjoyed STEM week this week.

Year 1 have been on a trip to the MAD museum, where the children got to explore, build and discover a variety of mechanical exhibits. They also enjoyed a visit from Jack who taught them how to make 999 calls and how to put someone in the recovery position. They loved experimenting with chocolate and creating structures with Lego.



Year 2 were very lucky to start their week off with a visit from Kath Fawcett who taught them all about DNA. They got to investigate how to extract DNA from a banana, as well as making bracelets to show the DNA of humans, chimpanzees and elephants.



For their engineering project, the children in Year 2 had to design and build something that would help Rapunzel escape from her tower using only spaghetti, marshmallows and strawberry laces - it was quite a messy afternoon! They have also been lucky enough to enjoy looking at all things linked to space in the planetarium that visited school.

Key Stage 2

In key stage two this week, there have been lots of exciting learning opportunities during our STEM week, from cooking to designing to investigating!

In year 3, we designed, made and evaluated a contraption to enable the gingerbread man to safely get across the river. These included zip wires, rafts and catapults. Children also had the Warwick Chemistry Society in for an exhilarating dry ice demonstration.



In year 4, children designed and made a selection of little pig houses which all withstood the huff and puff of the hairdryer. They also explored patterns in Pascal's triangle.

Year 5 have been busy exploding bottle rockets which was great fun! They also designed and made mars exploration vehicles, cooked edible meteorites, as well as having a visit from the Warwick University's planetarium.



Year 6 have had a go at 3D CAD (computer aided design), creating their own ice lolly holders. They have also been investigating the properties of gloop and designing and making air raid shelters.

A huge thank you to everyone on a successful STEM week. We would especially like to thank those parents who have given up their time to come in to school to help. Children have thoroughly enjoyed the range of learning experiences on offer.

Kenilworth Police

The Kenilworth Community Forum policing priorities vote is now live. Visit <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/article/57365> to cast your vote online. Voting closes on the 4th March 2019.

Suggested priorities are:

- ASB / Reassurance Patrols – Kenilworth Parks & Open Spaces
- Crime Reduction Patrols – Kenilworth Town Centre
- Speed Checks / Monitoring – Cromwell Lane, Burton Green
- Burglary Prevention Patrols - Kenilworth
- Vehicle Crime Prevention Patrols – Kenilworth

Don't forget to vote!

School Lunches

Educaterers, who provide our school meals, have informed us that from 1st April the cost of hot school lunches will be increasing by 2p up to £2.32 per meal.

Our School Chickens

Unfortunately, just before half term, two of our much loved chickens contracted an incurable virus called 'Mareks' and, despite a trip to the vets and our best efforts to save them, passed away. We are continuing to care for our two remaining chickens, who have been checked over by the vet and are

happy and healthy. If you do have any spare old newspapers, which you could donate to help with bedding, we would be most grateful.

Closing the Playground After School

Please can we kindly ask all parents and carers to vacate the playground as promptly as possible after picking up their children. It is important that we lock the gates to fully secure the After School Club.

3TH Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons for 3TH will now start one week later than previously stated. Lessons will now start on 7th May and finish on 2nd July – 8 Sessions in total.

Diary Dates

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!
Tue 12 th Mar	Year 5 trip to National Space Centre
Wed 13 th Mar	9.00am: 3B class assembly
Fri 15 th Mar	Wear red for Red Nose Day (in return for £1 donation)
Wed 27 th Mar	12.30pm: Parent sharing lunch – 3TH
Tue 9 th Apr	am: Year 6 trip to St John's Church (Easter Experience) pm: KDPSA swimming gala (Years 4-6)
Wed 10 th Apr	9.00am: 3TH class assembly
Fri 12th Apr	3.15pm: Break up for Easter
Mon 29th Apr	Back to school

Class Assemblies

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

Term Dates

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