



St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 10th May 2019 -

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Week Commencing 6th May 2019

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We had lovely weather which is always good to lift the spirits!

It is lovely to be back at St John's and it feels like I have never been away. I have been so impressed with all the fantastic learning that has taken place and I've loved reading the twitter feed whilst I have been away. May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Baker and Mrs Eastham for doing a fantastic job in my absence? They have kept the school moving forward and encouraged everyone else to step up too. This really has been embracing the ethos of our lovely school and showing how to put that into practice.

There is lots to focus on during this very short half term; SATs, embracing the return of the Children's Centre to the St John's family, putting together a professional development programme for the teaching school element of our school and we are now entering report writing season! Thank you to those parents who commented on our new look reports. I am sure you will find them clear and informative.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mr. D. Barrow

INSET DAY CLOSURE

The final INSET training day for this academic year will take place on **Friday 21st June**. The School will be closed for children on this day.

Summer Term Uniform

Please could we ask for your continued support this term in ensuring that children come to school looking smart and wearing the correct school uniform? Children's shoes should be completely black and as smart as possible. Hairbands should be white, green or black. Nail polish and jewellery other than small stud earrings and watches are not allowed. Thank you for helping us to instil a sense of pride in the children.

What We've Been Learning This Week

Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery, our new topic is 'Rumble in the Jungle' and we have been learning lots about wild animals. This week we have been reading the story of 'Rumble in the Jungle'. In literacy, the children have been researching and writing animal fact files. They have also taken part in a hot seating activity, where they took it in turns to be an animal and the other children asked them questions about where they live and what they eat. In maths we have been looking at animal prints and comparing pattern, shape and colour. We have also created some wonderful jungle collages and played with the small world jungle.

In Reception, our new topic is 'The World Around Us'. In literacy, the children have been writing stories and captions about the world around them using the story dice. The children rolled the 'who', 'what' and 'where' dice to create their story setting and characters. In maths, we have been looking at numbers beyond 20 and counting forward and back from a chosen number. The children have also been enjoying the new campsite role-play area.



Key Stage 1

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed delving into our new topic 'Bright Lights, Big City'. Our text this half term is Paddington and we have loved writing about his adventures. We have also begun our learning about the Royal family and the arrival of a new Prince has made an excellent topic for discussion this week.

Year 2 had an exciting start to our topic 'Deadly Dinos' this half term. We became mini-archaeologists after receiving a letter from the Natural History Museum and searched for some missing fossils and dinosaur bones. We used paintbrushes to clean the fossils and had lots of fun predicting which part of the dinosaur each bone was from. We have since researched all about Mary Anning and written information texts about her and how fossils are formed and looked at the topic of extinction. We can't wait to continue our learning!

Key Stage 2

Year 3 began their 'Busy Busy Bumble Bee' topic with a visit from a local bee Keeper, who was able to show us some different kinds of bees as well as allowing us to have a close look at some fresh honeycomb made by her bees. We created our own types of bee to learn about all the different parts and the jobs they do, as well as creating a 'Hive of Knowledge' from everything we have already learned. All this is in preparation for our information leaflets.



Year 4 have started their topic 'Amazing Amazon' by looking closely at William Morris's patterned wallpaper designs and taking photographs of a wide selection of leaves which they have created a piece of art work from. We have also written a Nature documentary script and presented it over a video clip in the style of David Attenborough. The children thoroughly enjoyed this.

Year 5 attended a tag rugby festival last week and did St John's proud by demonstrating their excellent sportsmanship. In year 5, we have also started our topic about 'Cities' by looking closely at St Paul's Cathedral and drawing sketches of it.

Year 6 are continuing to work hard towards their SATs next week. We have also been continuing to learn about the circulatory system and have designed and made our own pylons to move electricity across the country.

Family Picnic in the Park

On Thursday 30th May there will be many events taking place nationally to campaign for better funding for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. St John's Primary School works incredibly hard to support every child and their families regardless of their needs and in spite of budget constraints.

Parents and carers in Warwickshire are gathering together to show support for their schools and to campaign for better funding by holding a large picnic and children's entertainment event at the Pump Room Gardens, Leamington Spa. The event will take place on Thursday 30th May from 12.30 - 15.30pm. This free event is open to everyone so please come along and show your support.

#OurKidsMatter #SENDcrisis

Learning Webs

Learning webs are coming home today, so please check email/book bags!

Out of School Club Manager

We are seeking to recruit a new Out of School Club manager as Ms Iniesta Munoz will be leaving us in the summer. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in this role please do come and have a chat with Mr Barrow or Mrs Baker to discuss what the role involves.

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2019

Date	Event
Mon 13th May – Thurs 16th May	Key Stage Two SATs week
Mon 13 th May – Thurs 16 th May	Book Fair
Wed 22 nd May	1C Class Assembly
Fri 24 th May	EYFS Sports Morning
Wed 5 th June	1C parent sharing lunch
Wed 12 th June	2T Class Assembly
Fri 21st June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thurs 20 th June	PTA Summer Disco 3.30-4.15pm: Reception & KS1 4.30 - 5.30pm: KS2
Wed 26 th June	RK Class Assembly
Thurs 27 th June	Year 6 Common Induction Day
Fri 28 th June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Wed 3 rd July	RK parent sharing lunch
Sat 6 th July	Summer Fair
Tues 9 th July	Year 6 end of year Performance
Fri 12 th July	Reports to parents
Wed 17 th July	Parent Information meetings 3.30pm and 4.30pm
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 leaver's assembly

Term Dates

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