

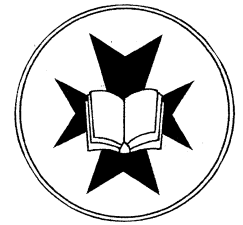
# St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 -

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## Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

The rain certainly hasn't affected our spirits at St John's this week. There has been lots of super learning and positive attitudes evident this week.

Year One have completed their phonic screening check. We will advise you of the results as soon as they are available.

Sadly, we will be losing Mr Sharp at the end of this academic year, as he is off to a new challenge! We will certainly miss Mr Sharp and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his hard work and commitment to the school during his 3 years here.

We have appointed Mrs Tracy Cirin as a Key Stage Two teacher. Tracy highly recommended and is really excited to come and work at her "dream school". I know you will make her feel very welcome. There are still some final tweaks to be made to staffing but I will let you know who is where next year on the next newsletter. Mrs Baker and Mrs Eastham will continue to be largely non class based, which is hugely positive. I can confirm the Teaching, Learning and Pastoral Leads for each Phase as follows:

Foundation Phase Teaching, Learning and Pastoral Lead: <b>Mrs Fenner</b>		Phase One Teaching, Learning and Pastoral Lead: <b>Mrs Tennant</b>			Phase Two Teaching, Learning and Pastoral Lead: <b>Mr Lee</b>		
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Can I also take this opportunity to formally welcome Kathryn Carey as our new School Business Manager? She has settled in so well already and is having a real impact in school.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend - hopefully with less rain!

**Mr D Barrow**

**Head Teacher**

## INSET DAY CLOSURE

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

## What We've Been Learning This Week

### Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery, we have started our new topic 'Once Upon a Time...' and this week, we have been reading the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. In literacy, the children have been sequencing the story using picture cards and pretending to be the characters from the story during a 'hot seating' activity. In maths, we have been learning about size and ordering objects into the correct size order. On Wednesday, we had a wonderful time celebrating our Father's Day morning. We enjoyed decorating cakes, building in the construction area, making models, playing games in the garden with our sports coach Reece and much more! Thank you to everyone who was able to make it; we hope you all have a wonderful Father's Day.



In Reception, we have been practicing our tricky words to help with our reading and writing skills. We wrote tricky words on the floor outside and chose a tricky word from the basket to read and match to the word on the floor. In maths, we have been practicing counting in 2s up to 20. We have also been consolidating our knowledge of numbers up to 20 by choosing a number card and throwing a bean bag onto the corresponding number on a caterpillar. In PE, we worked with a sports coach to explore a range of games and skills to help us move with control and to balance and move safely within a space.

### Key Stage 1

Year 1 have been enjoying their topic all about the seaside. We have been focusing our English work on the text 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' and looking at the characters in the story. In maths, we have been revising our learning on addition and subtraction, working with even trickier numbers. We can't wait to see what more exciting things we will learn this half term.

Year 2 are working really hard and having lots of fun learning a variety of new dances for the country dancing festival at Kenilworth Castle later in the month. We have also started our Awesome Australia topic. We have written newspaper reports about a koala bear that we found in the playground and researched many different Australian animals to write information texts about. We can't wait to see where our learning about Australia takes us next!

### Key Stage 2

In year 6 this week we have been completing some writing based on Harris Burdick's mysterious pictures. Children have also started their 'Theme Park' maths project, where they need to design and cost up a theme park to a budget. They enthusiastically competed in a rounders tournament – finishing a very creditable 3rd overall. Well done! Buggy Malone rehearsals are also in full swing.

Year 5 have had a brilliant week, the highlight of which has been their fabulous class assembly! Children have also been writing their own play scripts about Beowulf, which they hope to be acting out. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Police Headquarters in Leek Wootton, where they learned about the different types of police unit including the dog unit and CSI. Congratulations to Nyah for winning a prize in the Safer Internet Day writing competition,

Year 4 have been extremely busy learning about the Romans. They have created Roman mosaics and have been training to become Roman legions in PE lessons. In English, they have been writing letters to Julius Caesar, to persuade him that they should be allowed to join his army.

Year 3 had a Mediterranean Art Day, where they had a closer look at artists such as Picasso, Seurat and Van Gogh. The children then created their own art work based on the different techniques these artists used. They have been using chrome books, information texts and fact files to research different Mediterranean Countries. In maths, we have had a focus on telling the time; the children have shown a good understanding and it would be much appreciated if you could continue practising telling the time at home.

### Summer Fair

We are still looking for people to help out at the Summer Fair. If you are able to help out - even if just for 30 minutes - we would be so grateful. Please speak to Mrs Baker or the office if you are able to help.

### Diary Dates – Summer Term 2019

Date	Event
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Disco 3.30 - 4.15pm: Reception / KS1 4.30 - 5.30pm: KS2
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception class information evening – 6.00pm
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> June	RK Class Assembly
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Common Induction Day
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	RK parent sharing lunch
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 end of year Performance
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 trip to the Herbert Art Gallery
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Information meetings 3.30pm and 4.30pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers' 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

