


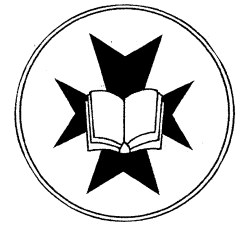
St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 24th May 2019 -

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Week Commencing 20th May 2019

This term has passed so quickly and we have certainly packed a lot into these 3 weeks and 4 days! Year 6 have conducted themselves brilliantly in the SATs and I know they will have done their very best. Can I express my thanks, firstly to parents and carers for getting everyone to school last week and also for their support? Secondly, to all of the St John's team for their commitment and involvement during this important milestone.

We have a lovely team here and one of the biggest joys of my role (apart from the children) is growing staff and preparing them to move on. Miss Tonge has successfully secured a promotion in a school back in her home county of Yorkshire. She will be missed and will be leaving big shoes to fill. She has been such a loyal, supportive and professional colleague and I know her new school is very lucky to have her.

I really hope you all enjoy the bank holiday and half term, whatever you may be doing. We will look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd June.

Best wishes

Mr. D. Barrow

INSET DAY CLOSURE

The final INSET training day for this academic year will take place on **Friday 21st June**. 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, we have been reading 'Animal Boogie'. In literacy, the children have been sequencing the story using picture cards and retelling the story using animal puppets. We also went out onto the field and moved around like the animals from the story - stomping like the Elephant and flapping like the bird. The children have enjoyed playing in the sunshine this week and exploring lots of outdoor learning opportunities. We used construction materials to build a jungle, added water to the sand to explore texture and painted our favourite animals from the story. In cooking this week, we made banana cakes - yummy!

In Reception, we have been reading the story of 'The Journey Home'. In literacy, the children have been practising their reading and writing skills by reading a list of questions based upon the story, answering the questions and then writing them down. In maths, the children have been learning about halving by selecting a two-digit number, collecting that amount of cubes and then sharing them between two bowls to find half. The children then recorded their work as number sentences, for example $8+8=16$.

Key Stage 1

What a week for Year 1! The children put on an outstanding performance for their class assembly. Miss Cossins and the teaching assistants in 1C are extremely proud of them. We've thoroughly enjoyed finishing our London topic with some final Paddington writing and making some delicious jam tarts.



Year 2 have been working so hard on completing their SATs this half term. The children have done an amazing job and we are all very proud of them. Alongside this, they have been practising their sketching skills through drawing different dinosaurs and writing their own stories involving the dinosaur characters that they have created.

Key Stage 2

This week, Year 3 have been very creative! We have collaged flowers based on the work of Georgia O'Keeffe. In Science, we have been working on our skill of prediction, by setting up a range of experiments based on plants. We are currently very excited about what will happen to plants with no light, no water and no air. This week we are going to investigate how water is transported.



Year 4 have been carrying out scientific investigations into electricity. We made simple circuits and then extended these to include switches. We then learnt about conductors and insulators and explored which materials we could use in our circuits to replace the wires.

Year 5 have been creating 'found poetry' from the book 'The Man Who Walked between the Towers' and creating some chalk artwork in the style of the illustrations in the book. We have also been looking at how plants get food and water, conducting experiments to investigate this.



Year 6 have had a tiring few weeks. We have successfully made it through SATs week and celebrated by going to Abbey Fields for the afternoon. This week we have been getting excited for our end of year play - Bugsy Malone! Auditions will be on Friday and we can't wait!

Summer Weather

As the weather becomes warmer, please could we ask that you send children to school with a hat and having applied appropriate sunscreen? Children are welcome to apply more at lunchtime if they would like to bring some in and keep it in their bags.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the Kenilworth Rotary Club and Diane Miller for kindly donating equipment for our after school football club, including balls, bibs and cones. We are very grateful!

Kenilworth Carnival

Year 3 will be taking part in the Kenilworth Carnival as usual this year, which will take place on Saturday 29th June. The theme for the float is going to be *Harry Potter*. If anyone has a witch's broom which they would lend us for the day (we need as many as possible!) can you hand it in to the office the week before the carnival please? Thanks!

P.T.A

The P.T.A. do a wonderful job of raising money for our school, which enables us to buy resources and provide experiences for the children which we could not do without their help. We are desperately in need of more help for events, as well as needing a new chairperson! We appreciate how busy family life can be, but if you feel you would be able to spare a few hours to help to organise or lead just one event per year, it would be extremely helpful to us. If you are able to help, please speak to the school office or Mrs Baker. Thank you.

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2019

Date	Event
Wed 5 th June	1C parent sharing lunch
Wed 12 th June	2T Class Assembly
Wed 12 th June	Nursery Father's Day picnic
Thu 13 th June	Charity cupcake sale
Thu 20 th June	PTA Summer Disco 3.30 - 4.15pm: Reception / KS1 4.30 - 5.30pm: KS2
Fri 21st June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 25 th June	New Reception class information evening – 6.00pm
Wed 26 th June	RK Class Assembly
Thu 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
Fri 19 th 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