



St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 12th July -

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Week Commencing 8th July 2019

It has been a really busy period in school. Everyone seems to think we wind down in the last couple of weeks, in fact, we all seem to wind ourselves up into a bit of a frenzy!

Your child's report will be coming home tonight. It is in a new format and should hopefully be much clearer. You will get an additional short report in February too. We are trying to give you more information on your child's progress.

You may have been hearing a lot about funding cuts in the media. I have a good track record with managing budgets and up until now have managed to do the best with limited funds. However, budget changes have meant we have had to restructure our support staff. This has been managed in a sensitive way behind the scenes and we have now finalised the support staff for September. Sadly, this does mean we are saying goodbye to Mrs Nicholds and Mrs Bramwell at the end of this school year. Miss Bull is moving to another school in Kenilworth. Mrs Challinor and Mrs Hadfield have been redeployed within another aspect of our school. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone concerned for their support. I would also like to thank the aforementioned 5 for their contribution and commitment to a huge amount of children between them!



Finally, to end on a positive note, the Year 6 production of Buggy Malone was magnificent. Highly ambitious, the children, teaching staff and support team pulled it off beautifully. I loved how happy the children were and how interactive they were with the audience. Bravo!

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes
Mr D Barrow

Head Teacher

Adult Conduct

At St John's, we pride ourselves on being good role models to the children. This has contributed to them being polite and well-rounded individuals. Role modelling is so important, as children really look up to others to make the right behaviour choices.

Sadly, there have been incidents where parents have not demonstrated positive role modelling in the way they speak to other parents or indeed, school staff. Twice, when I have been off site I have been contacted about aggressive behaviour and I have witnessed it myself in the school grounds.

Please can I remind you that there is a need to communicate in a calm manner and we certainly should not be having confrontational conversations in front of children? There is a time and a place for everything. Any further incidents regrettably, will result in the adult being banned from the school site, I make no apologies for being concerned about this and equally wanted to thank the significant majority of you who always communicate with care.

Parking

It has been brought to our attention that children's safety is being compromised by inconsiderate and dangerous parking by parents at the beginning and end of the school day. We have also had several complaints from local residents in Walkers Way. They have noticed inconsiderate and dangerous parking, seeing children being forced to walk onto the road to get into passenger seats and cars which have been parked on the wrong side of the road in the entrance to this cul de sac.

Please think carefully before you park your car, and do so with consideration and courtesy. The double yellow lines outside the shop are there to ensure safety for children and the wider community – please do not ignore them even for a few minutes.



Parent Presentations

St John's Induction Day will take place next **Wednesday 17th July**. Please do come into school at the end of the day to meet your child's new teacher and for important information about next year. Presentations will take place in your child's new classroom at 3.30pm and 4.30pm. If you are unable to attend, the presentations will be available on the school website.

Your P.T.A. Needs You!



The P.T.A. is such an important part of St John's Primary School; not only to help to raise funds for projects which directly benefit the children, but also to ensure that we have community events which can be enjoyed by all. We now have less than 3 regular members of the P.T.A. and are in desperate need of more support. We would be so grateful if you could consider whether you might be able to give up some of your time to help out at events or help to organise them. The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 24th September at 6.30pm**. If you are able to join us for a glass of wine and some cheese, it would be wonderful to see you there.

Summer Fair

The most enormous thank you to everyone who was able to come to the Summer Fair last Saturday! We are so grateful to everyone who braved the rain to come along and support us.

Thanks must firstly go to the incredibly talented Mr Hollingsworth for providing the wonderful live music, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work running their stall (or even stalls!), Miss Taylor and Mrs Eastham for their wonderful and very popular face painting, Mrs Hadfield, Mrs Challinor, Mr Jones and Mrs Edmunds who worked tirelessly through the rain all day. To Mr Aston and his family for running the bar, Amanda Murphy, Nicole Owen and Rosemary Lawrence for helping to set up. Paul Brown for organising the floats, Mr Sharp and Mrs Khan for being such good sports in being sponged, year 6 for their hard work in organising the signs and running their own stalls so well, all of the parents who donated cakes, jars and bottles, Mr Butcher for clearing up a very eggy field, Steve Murphy and Rich Owen for the gourmet BBQ and finally Mr Haines for clearing the field on Monday morning! Apologies if I have forgotten to mention anyone else who went above and beyond to make the day such a huge success.

We are just finalising the total but we have raised over £1000, which is absolutely amazing and will be put towards some desperately needed new apparatus in the school hall.

What We've Been Learning This Week

Early Years Foundation Stage

In Nursery, we have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. In literacy, the children have been retelling the story using the small world and reading different versions of the story and comparing them. The children have also been creating and acting out their own stories as part of our 'Magic of Storytelling' sessions. This week we did a gardening activity, where the children planted their own 'magic' bean. We looked at the bean lifecycle and what our bean would need to grow. The children also enjoyed a nature walk around the school field and collected natural items to create wonderful pieces of artwork.

In Reception, we have been learning all about spiders. In literacy, the children have been writing their own fact files about spiders and playing tricky word web bingo, where the children pick a card from the basket, read it and then throw their beanbag on the matching word. In maths, they played 'catch the fly' by using their spider magnet to catch as many flies as they could in 2 minutes. The children then recorded the number of flies they had caught and added them all up at the end.

Key Stage 1

To finish off our topic in Year 1, we have been doing lots of cooking, art and music. We have really loved our seaside topic and are enjoying our last few weeks in Year 1. We also had a lovely visit to the park for our marble treat.



Year 2 had a very enjoyable trip to Twycross Zoo last week! We loved seeing all the animals. We also really enjoyed performing our country dancing for the parents this week. It was definitely an unforgettable performance as we gained two extra little dancers. We have also been continuing our learning about Australia and have cooked some Australian pancakes called pikelets. They were delicious!

Key Stage 2

Year 6 have had a fun week of rehearsing for Bugsy Malone. The performances on Tuesday went brilliantly (if not a little messy) and we are so proud of all the children. We have also explored the deepest darkest depths of Kenilworth in a game of monopoly and celebrated our way round the board with some well-deserved Dominoes! We can't believe it's the last week already and are looking forward to sharing our final assembly with our parents next Friday.

This week in year 5, we have been producing some travel writing about areas in Nordic countries, to link to our Vikings and Saxons topic, having researched our destinations earlier in the week.

We also played the 'Viking Trading Game', where groups of children took on the roles of Viking settlers around the country, making and trading resources with other groups. Finally, we have been designing our own theme parks in maths lessons; working out the building and running costs and building new rides with the profits!



Year 4 have been looking at the Roman Invasion of Britain. We wrote a balanced argument considering whether, as members of Boudicca's tribe, we should support our Queen and resist Roman rule or accept the Roman way of life. We have had a fantastic time visiting the Coventry Transport Museum and Herbert Gallery. We particularly enjoyed making our own sculptures out of clay. Finally we had great fun building aqueducts across the playground and competing to see which could carry the water the furthest.

Year 3 had a fabulous time on their mini holiday to the Mediterranean. We started by going through a rigorous security area to get on the plane. Once we arrived, the children cooked pizzas and Mediterranean scones and also created some non-alcoholic Sangria. They visited the beach, paddled in the sea and played beach games before a Fiesta and then a flight back home. We also have written some beautiful poetry based on our learning about the Mediterranean.



Athletics

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Central Warwickshire Athletics finals on 3rd July. We had a record number of competitors in the Kenilworth team. All the competitors placed, with 1st in the year 6 girl's relay, year 6 girl's throw and year 3 and 4 boy's sprints. There was a 2nd place in the year 3 girl's throw and a 3rd in the year 4 girl's throw. Well done to all who took part and did St John's, and themselves, extremely proud!



Tea Towels

We would like a set of towels in each classroom for the children to use from September. We hope to store the towels in fabric bags and wonder if any parents/ carers/ friends may be able to help with sewing. We have the fabric and thread. There are two ways to help:

1. Making bags (all straight machine stitching).
2. Attaching velcro, hooks and labels to the towels.

If anyone is able to help please contact Mrs Pollard via the school office or pollard.s1@welearn365.com

Reading in school

We are looking for volunteers to help listen to children read in school. If you know of a family member who might be interested in coming into school on a regular basis, please let the school office know. This can be a really rewarding experience for the volunteer and always makes a huge impact on children's reading. Thank you.

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Fri 19 th July | Year 6 Leaver's assembly 9.00am |
| Mon 2 nd September | INSET day |
| Tues 3 rd September | Children return to school |
| Fri 13 th September | School Open Morning 9.30am – 12.00pm |
| Tues 24 th September | Reception Parents' Phonics & Tapestry Coffee morning 9.00am |
| Tues 24 th September | P.T.A. Annual General Meeting with cheese and wine 6.30pm |
| Mon 21 st October | Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm |
| Wed 23 rd October | Parents' Evening 4.30pm – 6.30pm |

KEY SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES – 2019 / 2020

AUTUMN TERM

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| INSET DAY CLOSURE | - | Monday | 2 September | 2019 |
| School opens at 8.45am | - | Tuesday | 3 September | 2019 |

Half-term

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| School closes at 3.15 pm | - | Friday | 25 October | 2019 |
| School opens at 8.45 am | - | Monday | 4 November | 2019 |

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

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| School closes at 3.15 pm | - | Friday | 20 December | 2019 |
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SPRING TERM

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| INSET DAY CLOSURE | - | Monday | 6 January | 2020 |
| School opens at 8.45 am | - | Tuesday | 7 January | 2020 |

Half-Term

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| School closes at 3.15 pm | - | Friday | 14 February | 2020 |
| INSET DAY CLOSURE | - | Monday | 24 February | 2020 |
| School opens at 8.45 am | - | Tuesday | 25 February | 2020 |

EASTER HOLIDAY

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| School closes at 3.15 pm | - | Friday | 3 April | 2020 |
| BANK HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY | - | Friday | 10 April | 2020 |
| BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY | - | Monday | 13 April | 2020 |

SUMMER TERM

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| School opens at 8.45 am | - | Monday | 20 April | 2020 |
| BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE | - | Monday | 4 May | 2020 |

Half-Term

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| School closes at 3.15 pm | - | Friday | 22 May | 2020 |
| School opens at 8.45 am | - | Monday | 1 June | 2020 |
| INSET DAY CLOSURE | - | Friday | 19 June | 2020 |

SUMMER HOLIDAY

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| School closes at 3.15 pm | - | Friday | 17 July | 2020 |
| INSET DAY CLOSURE | - | Monday | 20 July | 2020 |