

Wednesday 5th April 2017



St John's Newsletter



Learning, Loving and Laughing Together

How lovely it is to see the sunshine this week – it really feels like spring is finally here and summer is on its way.

I know for many, the start of the summer term is the time when children like to change into summer uniform. This letter therefore seemed a good time to remind everyone of what is acceptable as summer dress at St John's. Girls may choose to wear the blue summer dresses or indeed grey shorts along with their white top. They must continue to wear socks. If they choose to wear sandals, the toe must be covered and there needs to be a back to the sandals to ensure that they stay on the child's feet if they are running or climbing on the equipment. Girls may also wear 'formal' grey shorts with their white t-shirts if they prefer. Similarly, boys can obviously choose to wear shorts but again they need to be the more grey formal, uniform type of shorts. Beach shorts, three-quarter length shorts and PE shorts are not acceptable. As with the girls, the boys should continue to wear socks and again, if they choose to wear sandals they must also have a full toe and be secured to the foot. Can I also remind parents, that if children have their ears pierced they should only wear small, basic studs to school.

As we are at the end of term, we have a number of items within our lost property so will be putting it out on the playground over the next couple of days so you can claim anything you might recognise. All items of lost property will be disposed of once the term has finished.

A number of parents have spoken to me recently about why the children are not allowed to do handstands, cartwheels and other gymnastic type activities on the grass during the lunch and break times. We stop the children from doing these activities for their own safety as they do not have the appropriate safety equipment such as mats. Similarly, a number of parents have also asked about 'it'/chasing games. The children are welcome, and indeed encouraged, to play running games such as stuck in the mud, chasing or 'tag' games. However, for safety reasons they are not allowed to play chasing games where a group of children are running after a small group or an individual. For example, bull dog type games. This is due to the likelihood of a child falling and being trampled on by those around them or a child, not involved in the game, being knocked over. Another name for these type of group chasing games is 'family it' so this is obviously stopped. Children have been told this information but if you could re-iterate this at home, it would be much appreciated.

Finally, that just leaves me to wish you all a happy, safe and relaxing Easter and we look forward to welcoming all the children back for the summer term on Monday 24th April.

Class Certificates

Leo Parry
Aston Kangou
Lucas Cottrell
Noah Bennett
Caitlin Geldenhuys
Meredith Macklin-Smith
Ciaran Kelly
Joshua Petheram
Olivia Spence
Suhana Tiwari
Harry Rushbrook

Headteacher Shooting Star Awards



Louise Bone
Ralph Burgess
Sean Koeberg
Ellie Rogers

All Saints' Church

All are welcome to join the Easter service at All Saints' at 10.00am on Easter morning. As every year there will be fire, Easter candle, water and end with an Easter Egg hunt in church.

For other services see the church website

Times Table Challenge

Winners – Bronze

Yuvraj Aujla, Noah Bennett, Leigh Brewer, Sajid Uddin, Max Wellington.

Winners – Silver

Gurkirat Bhogal, Leah Lewis, Jessica Taylor.

Winners – Gold

Kavya Maher.

Winners - Diamond

Shreya Chalamcherla, Madison Wells.


Happy School Bag

The bags were sent home last week and can be filled with clean clothing, paired shoes and trainers, console games, souvenirs, handbags, belts, hats, jewellery, toiletries, perfumes, bed linen, towels and soft toys.

Please bring in filled bags by 9am on Wednesday 3rd May.

Please do not bring in before as we have nowhere to store them.

Outstanding Money



Please ensure all breakfast club, after school club and dinner money is cleared by 9am on Friday.

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Diary Dates

07/04/17 Easter Service 10.30am
07/04/17 Break up for Easter 3.20pm
24/04/17 Summer Term begins
25/04/17 Yr 5/6 British Museum
03/05/17 Happy School Bag Collection 9am
26/05/17 Sports Day
29/05/17 Half Term

Acorns Toddler Group

Meet on Mondays in the school library 9am – 10.30am.
All welcome.

Year 3/4 performance

Thank you to everyone who donated, we raised £92.95 for Cancer Research.

St John's Easter Service

Our school Easter service will be held at All Saints' Church on **Friday 7th April at 10.30am**, all families are welcome to attend.

Please do not arrive at church before 10.15am, if you need to bring a buggy, there will be a buggy park in the church building. All buggies will need to go there.

Please can you let the office know if you are intending to walk to church from school.

From the Governors...

The second full governing body meeting of the spring term was held on 20th March. In the regular items of business, we received reports from the curriculum & standards and resources committees. Mrs Nicholls provided a comprehensive Headteacher's report that gave an update of progress against the interim school improvement plan, together with updates on leadership and management development, as well as personal, safety and welfare matters. The current assessment of year group attainment against targets was discussed and the actions being undertaken to improve results in areas was noted. Mrs Nicholls also provided a "New Head's 6-month review" summarising some of the things that have happened in school since September. These ranged from the appointment of new staff to the review of the school's core Christian values, and from the review of the school's reading provision to the redecoration of the hall, along with many other items – St John's is a busy place!

The second half of the meeting focused on continuing the strategic development workshop that we had begun at our previous meeting. Led by our Vice-Chair (Mr Petheram), we reviewed the strategic outcomes session from January and then worked in groups to consider potential scenarios – what are the current uncertainties and how would we react if things changed. From here we aim to identify possible objectives that can then be refined into a clear strategy for the school's future. (*Allan Palmer, Foundation Governor*)

Year 5 & 6 Boys Football

Over the last week the children have had two amazing opportunities to participate in out of school football activities;

On Monday fourteen children took part in a football competition held at the Brighton Hill Power League, where the two St John's teams competed against 21 other teams from across Basingstoke and surrounding areas – both teams adapted well to the new 5-a-side rules, playing environment and the introduction of football captains - on this occasion Morgan and Cameron. It was a delight to see the children work together as a team, supporting each other, deciding their playing formations and displaying excellent gamesmanship both during the games and afterwards.

On Tuesday sixteen children forming two teams participated in a series of friendly matches at QMC against three teams from Fairfields Primary School and against each other. Being a non-competitive event the children got an opportunity to try different positions, reflect as a team what was working and what could be changed, and work as two mixed ability teams as opposed to an A and B team. Both teams had captains (Morgan and Seb), and as a team took ownership of their game play and tactics.

A huge well done to Adnan, B Junior, Cameron, Charlie, Connor, Daniel, Enzo, Esat, Harry, Harvey, Jayden, Joel, Malachi, Morgan, Nathan, Oscar, Ptolemy, Reuben, Sean, Seb, Stanley, Tom and Travis who represented themselves and St John's so well!

LETTER ALERT!

The following letters have been sent out today / recently ... have you received them?

Child	Title	Response Required By
Year 5	PGL	5 th May

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PLEASE TRANSFER INTO DIARY

Helpful dates for 2016 - 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Monday 24 th April	Summer Term begins
Tuesday 25 th April	Year 5/6 British Museum Trip
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	SATs Week
Friday 26 th May	Sports Day
Monday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 5 th June	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Wednesday 7 th June	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Monday 12 th June	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Tuesday 13 th June	Class Photos 9am
Wednesday 14 th June	Yr 6 Winchester Cathedral Leavers' Service
Wednesday 14 th June	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Thursday 15 th June	Year R 2017 Parents' Meeting 6pm-7pm
Friday 16 th June	PTA Summer Fayre
Monday 19 th June	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Wednesday 21 st June	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Wednesday 21 st June	Yr 6 Think Safe am
Friday 23 rd June	Year R 2017 parents and children first visit - am and pm slots
Monday 26 th June	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Wednesday 28 th June	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Friday 30 th June	New Year R parent/teacher consultations
Monday 3 rd July	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Monday 3 rd July	KS1 Production to parents 2pm
Tuesday 4 th July	KS1 Production to parents 5pm
Wednesday 5 th July	Yr 5 Swimming QMC 10.30-11am
Thursday 6 th July	CBEC Transition Day Yr 6 attending CBEC in September 2017
Friday 7 th July	CBEC Transition Day Yr 6 attending CBEC in September 2017
Friday 7 th July	Transition Day - All children visit new classes.
Friday 7 th July	Year R 2017 parents and children second visit - am and pm slots
Tuesday 11 th July	Current Year R transition into KS1 meeting 6pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Parents' Open Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm Reports handed out to parents
Thursday 13 th July	PTA Disco EYFS/KS1 3.30pm & KS2 4.45pm
Friday 14 th July	INSET DAY (5)
Monday 17 th July	Y5/6 performance to parents at 6.00pm
Tuesday 18 th July	Y5/6 performance to parents at 2.00pm
Thursday 20 th July	Current Year 1/2 transition into KS2 meeting 6pm
Monday 24 th July	Leavers' Service at 10.30am
Tuesday 25 th July	Leavers' Assembly 8.55am
Tuesday 25 th July	Break up for summer holiday at 1.30pm

Summer Term Clubs

Teacher	Club	Year Group	Time	Start Date
Mrs Williams	Choir	KS2	Monday 12.40pm-1.10pm	W/C 1 st May
Mrs Russell	Crossword / Sudoku Club	KS2	Monday 12.45pm-1.10pm	W/C 1 st May
Mrs Hunter	Library	All	Monday – Thursday 12.30pm – 1pm	W/C 1 st May
Mrs H Williams (Parent)	Yr 1/2 Football	KS1	Monday 12.30pm – 1pm	W/C 1 st May
Mrs McKiver	Book Buddies	KS2	Tuesday 12.30pm-12.55pm	W/C 1 st May
Mrs Williams	Orchestra	Y4-6	Tuesday 12.45pm – 1.10pm	W/C 1 st May
Miss Cooke	*Rounders (16)	KS2	Tuesday 3.20pm – 4pm	W/C 1 st May
Mrs Nicholls	*Tennis (14)	KS2	Tuesday 3.20pm – 4pm	W/C 1 st May
Mr Tunnicliffe	*Cricket (20)	Y5-6	Tuesday 3.20pm – 4pm	W/C 8th May
Miss Cooke	Tag Rugby	Y5-6	Wednesday 12.15pm-12.40pm	W/C 1 st May
Miss Latchman	Book Buddies	KS1	Wednesday 12.30pm-12.55pm	W/C 1 st May
Mrs Barnwell	Gardening Club	All	Wednesday 12.40pm-1.10pm	W/C 1 st May
Miss Cooke	Cross Country	KS2	Thursday 8am	W/C 1 st May
Mrs H Williams (Parent)	Girls Football	Y5-6	Thursday 12.15pm-12.40pm	W/C 1 st May
Mr Dale	*5 a-side football (10)	KS1	Thursday 3.20pm-4pm	W/C 1 st May
Miss Saunders	*Computer Club (10)	KS1	Thursday 3.20pm-4pm	W/C 1 st May
Miss Finan & Mrs Brewer	*Dance Club (20)	All	Thursday 3.20pm-4pm	W/C 1 st May
Mr Gardner	*Woodland Explorers (10)	Yr R – 2	Thursday 3.20pm-4pm	W/C 1 st May
Miss Toomer	Colouring	KS2	Friday 12.45pm-1.10pm	W/C 1 st May
Mrs H Williams (Parent)	Boys Football	Y5-6	Friday 12.15pm-12.40pm	W/C 1 st May
Mr Tunnicliffe	Boys Football	Y3-4	Friday 12.15pm-12.40pm	W/C 1 st May

*After School Clubs are limited in places – please phone the office to book your place

Clubs will run from w/c 1st May until 30th June. **No clubs will run in July.**