

Wednesday 17th May 2017



St John's Newsletter



Learning, Loving and Laughing Together

As I sit here in my office writing this week's newsletter, it is currently throwing it down outside and doesn't look much like it will stop any time soon! At the moment, the weather is so unpredictable and changeable with warm sunshine one day and showers the next. As I am sure you know only too well, the children concentrate better and are much more focused when they have a break from the classroom and some fresh air at break and lunchtimes. Therefore, we try to get them outside as much as possible including when it is 'drizzling', or very light rain, so please can you ensure that children have a coat in school at all times even if it is a rolled up waterproof one in their bag.

Supervision after school

In contrast to many schools, St John's allows the use of our grounds immediately after school and, when the weather is lovely, it is great to see so many families enjoying the field, woods and adventure playground. However, can I remind everyone that a child on our grounds must be directly supervised by a parent or other responsible adult. This is particularly the case, when the children are playing in the wooded area. This week we had reports from members of the public, who were walking down the back path, of children climbing in the trees. As we could account for the children in after school club, this had to be children who were with their parents. Just to clarify, children are not allowed to climb the trees in the wooded area. Similarly, children must be supervised on the adventure playground and the rules of equipment use must be followed at all times.

Fidget spinners

I know many of the children now have fidget spinners and I understand how 'addictive' they are in terms of playing, spinning and fiddling with them. We have tried to allow them in school however, they are not only causing distraction for some pupils during learning time but also have been the centre of a number of arguments and disagreements. These are often when they are 'swapped' or 'traded' and one of the children then changes their mind. We have also had several that have been thrown (a bit like a Frisbee) which could cause an injury if they were to hit someone. Therefore, we would now ask that the children keep these toys at home rather than bring them into school.

Jo Jo Bows

If you are a parent of a girl with long hair you will no doubt know all about Jo Jo bows or similar. For anyone who has yet to encounter this craze, these are quite large bows worn in the hair which are promoted by an American teenage social media star called Jo Jo. Many schools have 'banned' these bows and stopped the girls from wearing them to school. Rather than banning them completely, I would like to encourage the girls to enjoy them when they are out of school and make clear, that if they really want to wear them to school, they must be white and/or blue to fit with our school uniform rules.

Class Certificates

Royan Hall
Harry Esland
Yuvraj Aujla
Lucas Hawkins
Aidan Lea
Jessica Hughes
Ainara Kapoor
Daisy Ballantyne
B Junior NCube
Amanjot Bhangra
Enzo Cerroni

Headteacher

Shooting Star Awards

Ashanti Matthews
Amilie French
Noa D'Ambrosi
B Junior NCube



Times Table Challenge

Winners - Gold

Bianca Abreu

Winners - Platinum

Lucy Monger

School Council Meetings

The next school council meetings will be held on Tuesday 13th June, Tuesday 27th June and Tuesday 11th July. Please report to the office first to book your meal, these dates may be subject to change.

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Diary Dates

25/05/17 Uniform Swap - **NEW**
26/05/17 Sports Day
29/05/17 Half Term
05/06/17 Yr 5 Swimming 10.30 – 11am
(every Monday and Wednesday until 05/07/17)
08/06/17 Athletics meeting for parents 2pm or 6pm
13/06/17 Class photos 9am
14/06/17 Yr 6 Winchester Cathedral Leavers' service -
16/06/17 PTA Summer Fayre
21/06/17 Yr 6 Think Safe am
03/07/17 KS1 performance to parents 2pm
04/07/17 KS1 performance to parents 5pm
11/07/17 Current Yr R transition into KS1 meeting 6pm
12/07/17 Open Evening 3.30pm-5.30pm – Reports to parents
13/07/17 PTA Disco EYFS/KS1 3.30pm & KS2 4.45pm
14/07/17 INSET DAY
17/07/17 Yr 5/6 performance to parents 6pm
18/07/17 Yr 5/6 performance to parents 2pm
20/07/17 Current Yr 1/2 transition into KS2 meeting 6pm
24/07/17 Leavers' Service @ All Saints' Church 10.30am
25/07/17 Leavers' assembly 8.55am
25/07/17 Break up for summer 1.30pm

Acorns Toddler Group

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

Menu Change

As it's sports day on Friday 26th and there are no hot meals, the kitchen has changed the menu on Thursday 25th May to now be Friday 26th menu i.e **Thursday 25th May will now be 'Fishy Friday', (m) battered fish and chips or (v) southern counties cheese and tomato handmade whirl.**

Healthy Snack Café

Don't forget to visit the Healthy Snack Café on Thursday 25th May at 3.15pm, on the top playground (or in the hall if it's raining) 3.15pm - 3.40pm.

Sports Day – Friday 26th May

Sports Day is here again, on **Friday 26th May**. The format will be the same as previous years. Team activities will take place in the morning and siblings will work together in their team colours on a rotation of activities. The children will need to:

- Wear their team colour in some form e.g. T-shirt, cap, shorts or all three.
- Arrive at school dressed ready in their sports kit.
- Have long hair tied back.
- Wear sun cream and hats etc.
- Bring a named water bottle.
- Remove all earrings.

At lunchtime, the whole school will picnic on the school field and in the gardens. The children are very welcome to picnic with their families and friends from 12 o'clock (there are **no hot dinners** available on this day; if your child has free school meals or is entitled to the universal free school meals and would like a picnic lunch of egg, tuna or cheese roll **please let the office know by Friday 19th May, as no meals can be ordered on the day**). If sports day is cancelled due to the weather there will still be no hot meals, only the free school meal picnics which have been ordered.

Traditional races will follow in the afternoon, finishing at approximately 2.45pm, possibly earlier, when the children will return to their classes for their parents to collect them early if they wish. There will be parent races so don't forget your running shoes! **If your child attends Bees Knees after school club and you intend on taking them early, please cancel your session with the office before 26th May.**

If the weather forecast is not looking good, and should we need to postpone, a text message will be sent as soon as possible during the morning.

Due to Sports Day there will be no celebration assembly that week.

If your child is leaving after sports day finishes with another adult and you are not collecting them, this must be put in writing to the class teacher beforehand. Children who walk home alone will be dismissed at 3.20pm, they will not be allowed to walk home alone before the end of the school day.

LETTER ALERT!

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

Child	Title	Response Required By
Yr 1 / 2	Healthy Snack Cafe	