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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the Summer Term at St John's C of E Primary School! The first half term is a much shorter time with Easter Monday and May Day shortening two of the weeks - so I suspect the time will race by to the half term holiday. Already the Year 3 and 4 classes have enjoyed a trip to Taunton Museum and will be heading off to their residential at the beginning of next week.

PC Bramley came into school on Thursday to speak to the Year 5 and 6 children regarding use of social media. The assembly was very informative and provoked a number of questions from the children who engaged superbly throughout. One concern that came from the content was the number of children who were interacting with people on social media that they do not know - some children considered them to be friends. It is absolutely imperative that parents and guardians are monitoring children's phones, tablets, computers and gaming systems. Please talk to your children about the content of the assembly.

A quick note to thank the school community for their support and good wishes for me running the London Marathon this weekend. I am feeling the nerves as the day gets closer! The school value of Endurance will be one that I draw upon throughout the day and I will be back next week feeling a little jaded but hopefully fulfilling a life long dream. The charity I am supporting is Whizz Kidz, buying equipment for wheelchair users under the age of 23.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Nathaniel
Attenborough - Ayva
Mandela - Terrence
McCartney - Whole Class
Hawking - Alana-Rose
Simmonds - Mia
Pankhurst - Ben
Rashford - Elijah
Medal - Dilsha (5)

Attendance:

Thank you to everyone that has engaged with improving school attendance, our unauthorised absence has dropped considerably. If you are in need of support to help your child to attend regularly, we will do our best to help, just contact us to let us know your concerns.



Safeguarding/Well being:

After our assembly with PC Bramley on Thursday, the children were reminded that many of the social media Apps such as WhatsApp, Snap Chat, Facebook, Instagram etc. have the recommended user age of 13 +. This is because of the emotional maturity needed to communicate and use Apps effectively. Please look through the devices that the children use to ensure that they are using age appropriate material and that they are communicating sensibly and politely to their peers online.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Changes to Free School Meal Applications

Changes have been made to the way free school meals are processed. If your child was eligible up until 31.3.25 then nothing will change for you, and your child will remain eligible to receive free school meals until the end of Year 6.

If you are applying after 1.4.25 and are then receiving free school meals, your application will be reviewed at the end of the summer term and you will be notified in time for the Autumn Term if your eligibility has changed.

We are currently awaiting further information from the Department for Education about what will happen next, and will keep you informed when we hear.

Children in Reception to Y2 who receive Universal Infant Free School Meals are not affected.

Parking at school

A reminder that there is no parking for parents or other family members on the school premises, in particular on the yellow markings, and we reiterate that access routes must be kept clear at all times in case emergency vehicles need to access the site. There is also no parking immediately outside the school and we ask you to be considerate of our neighbours by not blocking their drives.

Would you like to help us as a volunteer?

Volunteers make a huge difference to our pupils and are greatly valued for the support they offer our staff.

Volunteering can take many forms including:

- helping small groups of children with art and craft
- supporting school activities such as swimming and trips
- working with small groups or individuals to assist them in their learning

For more information please ask at the school office or email office@stjohnsprimary.uk



Upcoming events:

28th-29th April	Y3 & 4 residential trip to Barton Hall
5th May	Bank Holiday
6th May	Y1 and Y2 Court Farm Trip
13th May	Y5 trip to Somerset Cricket match
26th-30th May	Half Term
10th June	Sports Day
27th June	School Closed for Staff Training
30th June	School Closed for Staff Training
17th July	Year 6 Leaver's Ceremony
23rd July	Last day of Summer Term
2nd September	School Closed for Staff Training
3rd September	School Closed for Staff Training
4th September	First day of Autumn term

Term dates and INSET days for the 2025-26 academic year are now on the school website under the News and Events tab.

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