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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful day yesterday at school with the annual World Book Day celebrations at St John's. Once again families supported the event with some wonderful costumes, and the assemblies looked fantastic with the children all sitting together. There were a few funny looks as I got petrol on the way home dressed as 'The Cat in the Hat'! I would like to thank Miss Allen and Miss Brown for their efforts in organising the day which consisted of an assembly, trail and Key Stage quiz amongst other things.

Reading is so important to the children in terms of learning and enjoyment. It is important that the children are reading every day, but it is equally important that the children listen to stories and discuss the plot and learn new words with a trusted family member. I appreciate that lives are manic these days with so much going on - working and being a parent can be a challenge. But I have wonderful memories of reading with my children in bed every night when they were younger. Both my girls had their favourite texts like 'The Jolly Postman', 'You Choose' and a range of Julia Donaldson texts which we read repeatedly, but it was a special time for both parent and child. As they got older they would sometimes comment on the changing voices of characters I used in Harry Potter - so it also kept me on my toes! There are many things to be done in the home every day - please try and find twenty minutes to enjoy a book with your children.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

- Windsor - Reggie
- Attenborough - Janelle
- Mandela - George
- McCartney - Sofia
- Hawking - Harriet
- Simmonds - Jonathan
- Pankhurst - Mansirat
- Rashford - Toby
- Medal - Hudson

Attendance:

We are pleased that our overall attendance is improving, and we thank you for your support. The table below gives an idea of what impact absence can have for children.

Days off school add up to lost learning

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
190 SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR 190 days for your child's education	180 Days of Education 19 days absence	171 Days of Education 4 days absence	161 Days of Education 14 days absence	152 Days of Education 23 days absence	143 Days of Education 32 days absence
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start	Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress	Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress	Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder to make progress	Serious Concern Not fair on your child Court action!	Serious Concern Not fair on your child Court action!

Safeguarding/Well being:

With daylight hours lengthening and weather improving, try to find more opportunities to connect with nature and the outdoors. The children thoroughly enjoy the spiritual moments that can be found outside and being out in the sunshine is so good for well being. Early evening walks can be great for settling the children and making them feel ready for rest when they get in and hopefully create a positive bedtime routine.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST ANDREW

World Book Day

What a wonderful array of book characters we had in school yesterday! The children and staff all put in a lot of effort and enjoyed a day of cracking codes, taking part in quizzes and enjoying a character trail around the school grounds. More photos are on the school website under the News and Events tab.



Friends of St John's School Disco

Thank you to all the children who attended the disco and to all the adults who helped to run the event. The total raised was £308.

We will be announcing more fundraising events soon.

Parent's Evenings

Bookings for Parents Evening are now available on Scopay.

Monday 10th March (not Attenborough) 3.40-5.20pm

Tuesday 11th March (all classes) 3.40-6.20pm

Wednesday 12th March (Attenborough only) 3.40-5.20pm

If you are unable to make any of the dates please contact the school office and we will try to arrange a suitable arrangement for you.

Advance warning

There will be no school crossing patrol on Wednesday 26th March, please allow a little extra time if you need to cross the main road.

Non Uniform Day Friday 21st March

More information to follow.

Upcoming events:

10th March	Parents Evening (not Attenborough)
11th March	Parents Evening
12th March	Attenborough Parents evening
13th March	Bug Fest
21st March	Fundraising day for 2Wish
23rd March	The Jungle Book
3rd April	Easter Service in Church
4th April	Last day of Spring Term
22nd April	First day of Summer Term
28th-29th April	Y3 & 4 residential trip to Barton Hall
5th May	Bank Holiday
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

Curriculum Enrichment

Don't forget we have two exciting enrichment opportunities coming up in school.

Thursday 13th March-Bug Fest

Tuesday 25th March-The Jungle Book

In order to help fund these two wonderful events, we are asking for a small voluntary contribution of £4 per child. This can be paid using SCOPAY/TRIPS & EVENTS. School will fund part of these events and the contributions you make are vital to ensuring we can hold events like this in future.