

“Spurring each other on with the Courage to make a positive change for ourselves and others”

Weekly Bulletin Friday 28th June 2019

Dear Families

This week the outdoor areas have been alive with children learning about Physical Education, Science, working on the John Muir Award, and exploring the amazing grounds here at St John's.

Sun Safety

Please do remember to send in your child with sun cream and a sun hat. Please label the sun cream and talk with your child about not sharing their sun cream with their friends. Please also ensure that all jumpers are named- with the hot weather they will soon be taken off and without names it is hard to repatriate the jumpers to their rightful owners!

Interactive Screens!

Inside the school, we have started the replacement programme of the old failing projectors with large, brand new touch screen TVs, which allow for much more effective teaching and learning. In a time of tight budgets nationally, this has been a significant investment from ACE to bring the school infrastructure up to date and fit for purpose. It is a huge commitment that is not only essential, but we believe will also bring great benefits for the children's learning and teacher's practice right now.

Coffee Morning

We had another well attended coffee morning this week: we have an amazing group of parents sharing ideas and helping constructively shape the school as we continue to make the journey out of Special Measures. This week we discussed After School Clubs. This is increasingly a priority for us, looking at widening our Clubs offer for next year, with enriching and exciting opportunities outside of the regular school day. Thanks so much to the parents who helped generate these ideas for clubs. To plan ahead for possible clubs I need to know the level of interest in: Drama Club, Coding Club, Lego Club, Chess Club, Origami, Craft/ Creative Club, Forest School Club and Cooking Club.

Next week we are sending home a quick tick box questionnaire. Can you please tick and return the clubs you would be interested in? As with all after school clubs, it is necessary to make a small charge to enable the provision, therefore please only tick the box if you would also be prepared to cover this weekly cost. All clubs would run after school for approximately 45 minutes to an hour and all clubs would depend on uptake.

Some Thanks...

We have some incredible dads at St John's. We'd like to thank Remy and Lara's dad Adam and his friend for building a stunning 'Saxon' length table that has already transformed the Garden area. We needed a table that the children could use for outdoor studies, a worktop for experiments and of course a place to eat outdoors. Thank you!



Again we'd also like to thank Fiona our Kitchen Manager for her help with resources and advice when the children made elderflower cordial from the tree in the garden. The children used their main school kitchen to create the cordial and spoke to our very own on-site expert - Fiona! Gooseberry jam next!!

Open Afternoon - Tuesday 16th July

Classrooms will open from 2:15 for parents to drop in and speak with their child about their learning this term. Jim Funnell and Katy Burns will also run parent information sessions about the school's position at the end of this year, our End of Year Outcomes and plans for next year. There will be two information sessions - they will start at 1:30 and 3:15. Full details to follow!

Requests!

Our Reception EYFS area takes a lot of hard work to set up each day; there are substantial amounts of provision inside and outside. Can we please ask that children do not play in the sand tray or put the sand into the water tray at home time. It takes the Reception teachers ages to sweep it all out! Some children are also getting out the large wooden bricks which have been neatly stacked by the Reception children at the end of the day and building towers/ obstacle courses. However, we are very happy for children to play on the slide and wooden treehouse at pick up time if they would like to!

In addition, we have a request for materials for the Year R/1 Sensory Garden. For the 'listening' part of our garden we would like objects that could be used for wind chimes:

Old metal cutlery

Keys

Glockenspiel or xylophone bars

Bamboo

String

And for our 'sound making wall/ mud kitchen':

Old pots and pans (metal)

Wooden spoons/ utensils

Metal jugs

We would also like any donations of textured objects such as shells, stones and pine cones that we can use for our 'feely board'. Thank you!

Building works

As the building work nears completion the builders need to carry out a gas diversion within the top car park. This will start on 8th July, lasting for approximately 5 days. They will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum and there will continue to be a clear walk through route for all.

Attendance

Lastly, regular attendance, on time, is absolutely critical for children to make progress. Each week we publish in the newsletter the attendance for each class and the class with highest attendance will receive a certificate. At the end of this term the class with the highest attendance will win a cash prize that they can spend on a class celebration - last term it was Year 6 who used the money to go on a special swimming trip! Well done to Year 1 for being this week's Champion Children!

Percentage Attendance This Week

| YR | Y1 | Y2 | Y3B | Y3H | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
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| 92.5 | 100 | 98.33 | 98 | 97.65 | 99.17 | 98.24 | 99.23 |

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2019

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| 3rd July 2019 | Tea and Coffee Morning 9.00 – 10.00am The Yurt |
| 9th July 2019 | School Sports Day KS1 9.30 – 11.00am KS2 1.30 – 3.00pm |
| 10th – 12th July 2019 | Year 5 Residential |
| 15th July 2019 | Whole School Transition Day |
| 16th July 2019 | Open Afternoon 1.30pm Parents Information Meeting 2.15pm Open Classrooms 3.15pm Parents Information Meeting |
| 17th July 2019 | Year 6 Production 6.00pm School Field |
| 18th July 2019 | School Summer Fayre 1.30- 4.00pm (includes performance of Year 6 Production at 3.00pm) |
| **RESERVE DATE ONLY 19th July 2019 | **RESERVE DATE ONLY incase of bad weather on 17th July - Year 6 Production 6.00pm St John's Church |
| 25th July 2019 | Year 6 Leavers' Service 1.45pm St John's Church Last Day of Term |