



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

Weekly Bulletin Friday 21st June 2019

Dear Families

This week the children continue to throw themselves into their Science learning journeys. Across the year groups they have been analysing the components and functions of plants and learning the technical vocabulary and terminology. It has been amazing to see Year 2 children exploring cotyledons (the embryonic leaf) and Year 6 creating their legacy contributions to the woodland area. All will be revealed at the Community Summer Fayre!

Please read your weekly newsletter

Few schools produce a weekly school newsletter. I took the decision to write this weekly in order to keep families as up to date as possible. Please remind your friends of the importance of reading this newsletter, most available information is in it. It's also important to remember that communication is a two way street, it's not just about us sending communication to you. Please speak with your class teacher if you have a query as regards your child in class. They will always - and always do- make an appointment with you to discuss any queries, however small. If there is a query that cannot be answered by your class teacher, you can speak with the Senior Leadership Team- Mrs Wright (Reception), Mr Hodgson (Year 2) and Mrs Patterson-Azzopardi (Year 6). And you can of course also make an appointment to speak with myself via the school office.

Coffee Morning

Mrs Patterson- Azzopardi and Mrs Baker led this week's 'Wednesday Coffee Morning'. It was a great success with those attending feeding back about the high quality communication and information they received about the school. Both these members of staff have been at the school for some time and are therefore well placed to be able to give an insightful overview of the rapid journey the school is making out of the lowest category Special Measures. We look forward to welcoming you to The Yurt again next Wednesday from 9.00 – 10.00am. Entry via the back gate – which will be closed promptly at 9.15am.

New Arrivals

This week the school held the welcome session for our next year's Reception children. It was lovely to welcome so many new families to our school, and show them the amazing work going on in the school's outdoor areas. It was also lovely to have our fantastic kitchen manager Fiona Posner there to talk with the new parents about the incredible food she makes from scratch daily- everything from the sauces to the cakes and delicious puddings! Mrs Posner is a key part of our team at St John's, and she and the kitchen staff work tirelessly as significant, caring and highly attentive adults for the children. As our growing capacity in the garden increases, next year the kitchens will be serving produce grown by the children themselves, a wonderful step forward in vital learning about nutrients, lifecycles, responsibility for healthy nutrition and food technology.

Cars at Drop off and Pick up

Please note that drop off and pick up at school is a very busy time. We are talking with contractors to ensure that deliveries are arriving outside of these times. Please can all families be aware that if dropping off by car, the areas immediately outside the school are not suitable or appropriate for temporary parking. Parking on the pavement or no parking zones poses a risk for children and families and you will be asked to pull over elsewhere to ensure the safety of all families crossing the road.

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 4 for being this week's Champion Children!

Percentage Attendance This Week

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3B	Y3H	Y4	Y5	Y6
95.76	98.85	95	90	95.29	99.58	97.65	98.46

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2019

26th June 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	Moving Forward Day/ 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