



Weekly Bulletin Friday 25th January 2019

Dear Families

As the Spring term moves on apace, it's been another fantastic week of learning here at St John's.

We had an inspirational visit from M&M Theatrical Productions, performing Robin Hood to the whole school. With a St John's focus on awesome authors for this term's learning journey, the production helped fire young imaginations and spark the thought processes for one of the many purposes of writing- writing for performance. I can't wait to see what exciting ideas it has sparked in some of the children's learning journeys!

Don't forget to join your child at their allotted time at the grand exhibition opening at KEVICC Ariel Centre on Monday 28th January. Your class teacher will have given you a time to meet with them at the Ariel Centre, not the main school reception, where you will be able to view their work displayed in a real art gallery! There they will talk to you with great knowledge about their works, the process that went into them and the thinking behind them. All the children sincerely hope their exhibition will have a great impact on attitudes to the issue of plastic pollution in our waters.

There will also be an opportunity to visit the centre at 4:00 – 5:00 on the same day if you are unable to visit during the school day itself.

Last term the children reflected on what could be our new school values. They consulted with you at home and we now have 6 new values for the school which will lie at the heart of everything we do. They are: Responsibility, Curiosity, Respect, Courage, Hope and Tenacity.

To launch and celebrate these new values we will embark on a whole school values project: throughout this term the children will reflect in class and during Worship on a particular value. Over the course of the term each class will make something that embodies that value and then, at our end of term Easter celebration, share with us their reflections and understanding of these values.

Regular attendance, on time, is absolutely critical for children to make progress. Each week we will now 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. Well done to Year 6 for being this week's Champion Children!

Percentage Attendance This Week

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3B	Y3H	Y4	Y5	Y6
90.83	96.79	97.69	93	96.47	97.60	92.22	98.8

At St John's we believe the wearing of full, correct school uniform sends a powerful message to the children in school and our community. It demonstrates that they are smart and in a position to learn, and the uniform of St John's is a recognizable sign across the community of well regarded, kind, respectful and responsible children. The detail of appropriate school uniform can be found easily on our website. Brightly coloured socks or trainers are not appropriate. Please do feel free to ask your class teacher if you are in any doubt about school uniform.

Finally, many of you might have heard about the dramatic and exciting parrot rescue that one of our families was involved in this past week. In events more intriguing than fiction, this St John's family managed to retrieve their escaped parrot by recording parrot squawks and driving around Totnes playing the noises through the car window!

As always, we thank you for your continued support

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

Diary Dates – Spring Term 2019

28th January 2019	Whole School – Ariel Centre Art Exhibition Opening
4th – 8th February 2019	Year 6 Bikeability
18th – 22nd February 2019	Half Term Holiday
25th – 28th February 2019	Year 6 Residential
28th February – 1st March 2019	Year 4 Residential
5th April 2019	Last Day of Term