

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

Week ending Friday 10th May 2019

Dear Families,

This week the children have been enjoying a rich curriculum of Science, Music, Dance and competitive Maths!

Country Dancing

Year 2 – with the help of Layla from Year 1 - performed a beautifully choreographed Country Dance to celebrate Spring in front of an audience at the Civic Hall. The event was a celebration of the Elizabethan era, and our children showed the high quality that even some of the the youngest can achieve in their dancing at St John's. Choreography was varied involving pairs work as well as moving into 'quad' and 'star formation'. There was a great attendance, thank you to all families who attended, it made for a great turnout and celebratory atmosphere that the children loved!

Science

All year groups have started their Science learning journey, exploring growing conditions, the properties of light, sorting and classifying seeds and life cycles. In Year 3 the children have set up a practical enquiry which will enable them to learn how to: set up a fair test, make predictions, take accurate measurements and make close observations over a few weeks. Each child has planted a sweet pea seedling and decided on the growing conditions. Their variable may be to take away light, reduce the amount of water, increase or decrease the temperature etc. At the end of term the children will then be able to present their results and make conclusions about the effect their variable had on their seedling. This practical enquiry will also help us to focus on our school value of responsibility. The test will only work if they take responsibility for their seedling's growing conditions.

Maths



Some of our Year 5 children took a trip to Dartmouth Academy to take part in their Primary Schools' Maths Challenge this week. It was a really rewarding experience for all involved. The children were faced with a series of challenges including practical problem solving investigations, logic problems and number investigations, in a friendly competition that really stretched their calculation and reasoning skills! Their positive mindsets and teamwork were really inspiring.



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
95.83	93.52	94.79	95	90.44	100	81.25	99.52

As always, we thank you for your continued support

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2019

27th May – 5th June 2019 inclusive	Half Term Holiday
10th – 12th July 2019	Year 5 Residential
18th July 2019	School Summer Fayre 1.30- 4.00pm
25th July 2019	Last Day of Term