



## Weekly Bulletin Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Families

It's been a busy first week back! It has been fantastic to see our families again and welcome the children back into the school.

### **Thank you Mrs Maggs!**

This week Sandra Maggs has left our school to seek new opportunities. She has been a well respected member of our school community with a passion for supporting adults and children and a high level of expertise. We'd all like to thank her for her generous and committed contribution to our community and for being such a great friend to the school, and we wish her all the very best.

In the meantime, many of you will already know Wendy Parr who will now be Acting SENDCo. You will continue to see her on the gate most mornings, and should you have any concerns or queries for support around your family, she can be contacted in school or on 07985 189794.

### Residentials

The Year 4 and 6 children have been on residential to Heatree this week. It was a thrilling experience in which children discovered hidden talents they didn't know they had and drew on their reserves of courage, determination and teamwork skills to overcome all kinds of exciting challenges. Thank you to all the staff who supported the children on this amazing experience!

This week all the children have been absorbed in the world of authors continuing their immersive learning journey into the skills and lives of authors.

### World Book Day

Next week is World Book Week! As a school we will be celebrating World Book Day 2019 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> with a chance to dress up as your favourite book character. Throughout the day we will be sharing lots of books in classes, staff will be sharing snippets from their favourite books in assembly and there will be the World Book Day vouchers to look out for, which entitle children to a free World Book Day book or £1 off any other book. This year there's a fantastic selection of free books on offer. Check out the World Book Day 2019 website for more details at [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com) Don't forget - children (and teachers!) should come into school dressed as their favourite book character or favourite author!

### Building Works

Many thanks for your patience with the building works: very shortly we will have ironed out the initial hiccups with access and contacting the school and will have some brand new KS1 toilets! As the new build takes shape it is getting increasingly exciting to think of all the opportunities these new spaces offer us.

To help a smooth running morning, please ensure your child arrives to school on time. With the temporary new main school reception area now at the rear of the school, late arrivals are really problematic. If you are bringing your child outside of school drop-off hours please press the bell on the gate and wait - you may well have to wait up to 5 minutes or more to be let in as Mrs Clarke may have popped out of the Office for a short time. It will be worth it because we will end up with a

stunning new sports and performance hall and of course a brand new, cutting edge set of classrooms and school library!

We have also had some problems with our phone system. Please use the the temporary school mobile number below until further notice. For non-urgent messages we can of course still be contacted by email or calling in to the School Office at the beginning or end of the school day.

**Temporary School Mobile Number: 07592 472138**

### Parent/Carer Evenings

We will also shortly be holding Parent/Carer Consultations. These are really important opportunities for you to talk in depth with your teacher about progress and attainment for your child. This is the chance to evaluate their targets and question us about the impact and difference we are making for your child. Booking slots will be placed on your class door or with your class teacher so you can sign up to the best times that suit you. If you need a more in depth conversation, please do discuss with your class teacher and they will arrange an opportunity to discuss further. **Appointments will be available for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March after school.**

### Positive Behaviour in school

Last half of term we had a number of external visitors into the school who all commented on how calm and positive the children's learning behaviours are. To further embed outstanding learning behaviours we are adopting a new 'Time Out' protocol. We have a quiet, monitored, safe and comfortable space for children who need to do a 'Time Out' in a space just off the canteen. There is a clear level of escalation with plenty of verbal warning that the children understand leading to a 'Time Out', and the policy will be followed consistently so it is fair. We do not expect lots of children to be on 'Time Outs', and research and experience has shown that children who have to do 'Time Outs' quickly learn that they are missing out and modify their behaviour accordingly. If children have 3 'Time Outs' in a half term period then a behaviour report card will be issued and will be signed off by the class teacher, Head of School and parent/ carer each day. The parent/ carers will then have a meeting with the child, their class teacher and the Head to discuss learning behaviours. We will make this protocol clear on our website shortly so it is understood by everyone.

### Keeping Safe Online

Some of you may have seen reports on the news and Social Media about the MOMO 'challenge'. MOMO is a disturbing character which appears through different sites which children may be accessing, including Whatsapp, YouTube and YouTubeKids. We would ask that no undue attention be brought to this that may inadvertently create more interest from your child. Instead, we ask all of our families to be vigilant when their children are online and on devices at home. By monitoring access of online devices you will be able to keep your child safe. Due to the algorithm of YouTube, the longer a child spends watching, the more similar types of content the channel 'cues up' to watch. Careful parental monitoring is the most effective way of keeping your child safe. In school our work continues in the area of Online Safety through our termly Online Safety Weeks and by continually revisiting the SMART rules (ask your child about them!) in class to ensure that all our children know what to do if they come across something that makes them feel uncomfortable online. For more information, advice and support for parents please visit [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

## Reception Class (Year R) Snacks

Due to our kitchen being removed, as part of our exciting building works, we will be unable to provide a daily snack in the same way as usual. Your child will continue to have their daily fruit or veg and a drink of milk and we will aim to have the occasional more 'formal' snack and cooking sessions where possible. We are excited that the kitchen will be being replaced, as part of the building works, with a brand new kitchen. The new kitchen will be more accessible and will be tailored to the needs of the children.9

## Attendance

Lastly, 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 Class 3B for being this week's Champion Children!

### **Percentage Attendance This Week (Attendance at Heatree counts towards school attendance!)**

<b>YR</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Y2</b>	<b>Y3B</b>	<b>Y3H</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>
98.33	92.5	91.67	100	92.94	94.4	92.78	98.85

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

## **Diary Dates – Spring Term 2019**

<b>8<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	<b>Parent/Carer Consultations</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March 2019</b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019</b>	<b>Easter Service at St John's Church – 10.00am</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April 2019</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>