



Weekly Bulletin Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Families

It seems incredible that already we are at the end of the first half of the Spring Term! The children have been busy exploring the skills needed to become wonderful writers, immersing themselves in inspiring storybooks and soaking up the skills, tips and life stories of real life authors who have come in to St John's over the past weeks to speak with the children about their own adventures in storytelling! Next half of term this learning journey will continue- stand by for some incredible outcomes!

During the rest of this term we will also be holding Parent/Carer Consultations. These are really important opportunities for you to talk in depth with your child's teacher about progress and attainment for your child. This is the chance to evaluate their targets and question us, your school, about the impact and difference we are making for your child. Booking slots will be placed on class doors so you can sign up to the 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 on 11th Monday and Wednesday 13th March after school.**

This week you will have received a letter asking for seed donations for our garden area. If you are a keen gardener and would like to support the children as they develop and learn all about the amazing garden in our school, please do speak with your class teacher! We welcome volunteers to help us maintain and work in the garden, and the children benefit greatly from working with the wider school community in areas such as this.

At St John's we have an open door policy, always welcoming interactions between our staff and parents. Parent/ School communication is an absolutely vital part of creating a vibrant, challenging and forward moving school. However, we will not tolerate any of our staff being treated in a derogatory or unkind manner. If this happens we will and can take the decision not to allow a parent on site. We believe our school is a place where everyone lives by our Church Values, with the value of 'Respect' being absolutely vital.

A reminder that things are moving ahead with school improvement work. During half-term work will start on improving the school hall: there will be a new roof and frontage, with the hall extended by approximately 1.5 metres with additional storage space and new interior. This means that for a period of 15 weeks the front entrance to the school will be closed off temporarily. The main school office will temporarily relocate to the back of the school by the Reception Class (EYFS) and there will be a temporary new entrance into the Family Support Office.

Access for children to Years 4,5 and 6 will still be possible via the side gate into the quiet playground, although to enter the school building parents should still go to sign in at the main school office for safeguarding reasons.

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 3B for being this week's Champion Children!

Percentage Attendance This Week

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3B	Y3H	Y4	Y5	Y6
80.83	90.36	83.08	97	84.12	95.2	91.11	94.23

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

Diary Dates – Spring Term 2019

18th – 22nd February 2019	Half Term Holiday
25th – 28th February 2019	Year 6 Residential
28th February – 1st March 2019	Year 4 Residential
7th March 2019	World Book Day
11th March 2019 & 13th March 2019	Parent/Carer Consultations
15th March 2019	Red Nose Day
2nd April 2019	Easter Service at St John's Church – 10.00am
5th April 2019	Last Day of Term