

Weekly Bulletin Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Families

It has been a great and rewarding term full of learning and opportunities! Earlier this week we had a beautiful Church service celebrating the Easter story and also marking our new St John's school values of Hope, Courage, Curiosity, Tenacity, Respect and Responsibility. We also launched our new school statement which reflects our mission and vision for the school as we build a new exciting future at St John's and with our community. It is **'Spurring Each Other On With The Courage To Make A Positive Difference For Ourselves And Others'**. We hope you agree that supporting each other to build a better school and community around our precious children is a worthy and powerful statement of intent for the school!

Curriculum

The children have also been very busy completing their beautiful stories, finishing and celebrating their writing learning journey entitled 'What Skills Do We Need To Become Great Writers?' This term they have immersed themselves in writing skills, technique and adventurous vocabulary with purpose.

Year 3 had a visit from KEVICC student Literacy Ambassadors who shared examples of their own creative writing and advised our children on ways of making their stories more engaging, exciting and full of skilful use of grammar. Our children also shared their stories – to an impressed audience!



The children are now getting very excited about our garden and outdoor areas, and starting to think about the exciting ways they can use it to benefit the community. They will be immersing themselves in science experiments, scientific approaches and thinking around permaculture, design and technology in creating products produced from gardens and a deeper knowledge and understanding of how urban spaces and our landscape have been shaped over time by agriculture, society and science.

School uniform

The children are really embracing their learning right across the school, it is so lovely to see them looking ready to learn every day.

Teachers will be asking children about their new school values, and particularly the value of responsibility and respect, and how this is embodied across our school. We are respectful of the school rules, the way we present ourselves and what we are expecting our children to do. This is one of the reasons why full and correct school uniform is so essential. If you haven't managed to source the full required school uniform, the holidays are the perfect time to do this. If there is a difficulty around finance, please do come and have a chat.

Visiting the school:

After home-time our staff work very hard to prepare for the next day's learning; if you need to speak with a teacher, you can do so either at drop off, at pick up, or make an appointment with the

class teacher or via our admin office. We cannot accept parents into school without a meeting booked after hours; please do not expect to see a teacher 'on spec' without a pre-booked meeting.

Looking ahead

CAP UK are an organisation that delivers learning on how children can keep safe in the modern world, enabling them to grow into strong, confident people. CAP workshops are designed to build children's confidence and self-esteem, they are lively and fun. Every class in the school will receive a 3 hour workshop based around the CAP mantra 'Safe, strong and free'. They are really effective sessions that really do make a difference to how children perceive themselves and their safety and as a school we believe passionately that these workshops are a vital part of our curriculum.

CAP are holding a special parents' session to show parents and carers what they do in these workshops. CAP will discuss issues such as keeping safe around the internet, strangers and known adults and in the parents' session will answer any questions you may have. Their parents' information session is your chance to see what they do, your chance to have your say, your chance to get advice, information and resources. Come along! The workshop will be held at the school, 2.00-3.00pm on Wednesday 24th April 2019. Please note, the parent workshop is not suitable for children. You can also connect with CAP online at Facebook: @safestrongfree or www.safestrongfree.org.uk

Attendance

Each week we publish in this newsletter the attendance for each class and the class with highest attendance will receive a certificate. At the end of each term the class with the consistently highest attendance wins 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
85	96.3	89.17	97	94.12	92.8	87.78	97.29

The class that won the consistently highest attendance across the term is also Year 6, who spent their cash prize on a double celebratory trip to the swimming pool! They were also celebrating the incredible hard work and dedication that has been going on in year 6, with children becoming super confident learners, surpassing their targets.

Lastly, as always, we'd like to thank our Church community for supporting us throughout the term. First day of the new term (Summer!) will be Tuesday 23rd April.

In the meantime we thank you for your continued support and wish you all a joyous Easter!

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

Diary Dates – Spring Term 2019

5th April 2019	Last Day of Spring Term
23rd April 2019	First Day of Summer Term