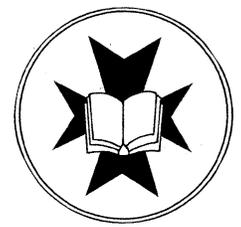


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- Wednesday 5th October 2016 -
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Week 5: 5.10.16

I have really enjoyed this week in school. I have shown several sets of prospective parents around, who have all commented on the lovely feel of the school. Even when things do not go according to plan (as is usual in a busy school), I have been so impressed with the supportive nature of our team and how everyone steps in to give a helping hand. What a lovely way to lead by example to the children.

We said goodbye to Mrs Fenner last week as she starts her maternity leave. She had a lovely send-off from the staff and children, and I hope she enjoys her last days off work and manages to rest!

Have a very good week.

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Harvest Assembly

This year, we will be having two Harvest Assemblies. Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will hold their Harvest Assembly at 9.00am on Thursday 6th October. Reception and Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) will have their Harvest Assembly on Friday 7th October at 9.00am. Parents are very welcome to attend. We hope that these split times will make it easier for parents.

We would like to ask for kind donations of dried or tinned food, which this year will be donated to the Salvation Army. Donations should be brought to school between Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th October. Thank you in advance.

No Pens Day

Today is national No Pens Day organised by the Communication Trust. (Google *No Pens Day* for further info.)

We started the day with an information assembly on how important it is to develop good speaking and listening skills. The day progressed with the children doing activities to improve these skills and to get the children talking in a meaningful way. Do take the time to ask your child what they have learnt today.

Diary Dates

Thu 6 th Oct	9.00am KS2 Harvest Festival
Fri 7 th Oct	9.00am Reception/KS1 Harvest Festival
Mon 10 th – Thu 13 th Oct	3.15pm-3.45pm Scholastic Book Fair
Mon 17 th Oct	3.30pm-6.00pm Parents' evening
Wed 19 th Oct	School photographs 4.30pm-7.00pm Parents' evening
Fri 21st Oct	3.15pm Break up for October half-term break
Mon 31st Oct	Back to school
Wed 2 nd Nov	9.00am Reception coffee morning – Tapestry – <i>details to follow</i> 6.00pm Parent Forum *NEW DATE*
Thu 3 rd Nov	Year 6 parents' lunch – <i>details to follow</i>
Tue 8 th Nov	5S swimming lessons start
Thu 10 th Nov	Year 5 trip to National Space Centre – <i>details to follow</i>
Fri 18th Nov	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 25 th Nov	PTA non-uniform day (chocolate tombola)
Mon 12 th Dec	Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Tue 13 th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance
Wed 14 th Dec	KS2 Christmas performance
Fri 16th Dec	Break for Christmas holiday
Mon 2nd Jan 2017	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 3rd Jan 2017	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 4th Jan 2017	Back to school

Class Assemblies

Date	Class	Date	Class
27 th January 2017	5E	7 th April 2017	3T
3 rd February 2017	1C	26 th May 2017	4T
17 th February 2017	1S	9 th June 2017	4B
10 th March 2017	2B	23 rd June 2017	5S
24 th March 2017	2T	7 th July 2017	RK

Lost Property and Second-hand Uniform

We are accumulating a lot of lost property again! Please make sure that all items of clothing are named so that we can reunite them with their owners.

We have a selection of good quality second-hand uniform available to buy from the office. All items are £1. Feel free to come and have a browse.

Election Results

Democracy has prevailed and the results are as follows!

Junior Leadership Team representatives

1C	Erin and Sam
1S	Maggie and Indigo
2B	Frances and Leo
2T	Leo and Isobel
3T	Kyle and Sophia
4B	George and Helen
5S	Isobel and Elliott
5E	Jason and Lily
6L	Erin-Rose and Luis

Year 6 House Captains

Red	Ryan and Ellie
Blue	Erin-Rose and Jonah
Green	Freya and Oliver
Yellow	Jacob and Naomi

E-safety representatives

Year 1	Maya, Edward, Isabelle and Jack
Year 2	Isabelle, Leo, Thea and Levi
Year 3	TBC
Year 4	Lily, Aurelien, Zoe and Luke
Year 5	Ella, Max, Sophie and Kian
Year 6	Jacob and Oliver

Head Play Leader

Sarah

Parent Forum: Date Change!

Parents and carers are very welcome to join our Parent Forum on **Wednesday 2nd November at 6.00pm**. Items to be discussed are:

- Parental contribution to new e-safety policy
- Parental contribution to new anti-bullying policy
- Pros and cons of a school Facebook page
- Parent charter
- Reading initiatives

Parent Governor

Sadly, Helen Brown will be stepping down from the Governing Body. I would like to thank her for her contributions to our school and to wish her all the very best.

Toni Derrick will also be coming to the end of her term as Parent Governor shortly. Now that her youngest son is at Kenilworth School, she feels that the time is right to step down. Our thanks go to her for all that she has done. She will be missed.

This means that we have vacancies for two Parent Representatives on the Governing Body.

A separate letter from Mrs Weir, Clerk to Governors, accompanies this newsletter. If you have the necessary skills to join us, please do consider putting your name forward.

School Photographs

Rainbow Photographic will be coming to take photographs of the children on Wednesday 19th October. Following the success of last year's photographs, **the session will start at 8.00am for family groups and sibling photographs.** Once the school day starts, each child in school will then have an individual photo taken, followed by class photos. By having the photography session in October, you'll be able to order photographs in time for Christmas.

If you wish to have a family group or any sibling photographs taken, please come along to the school hall before school from 8.00am. This applies to siblings who are already in school as well as families who wish to include a non-St-John's sibling in a photograph. **To clarify, all sibling photographs will be taken before the start of the school day. No sibling photographs will be taken during the school day.** On the morning, please go straight to the side hall door to wait for your photograph to be taken. Please be assured that if the photographers are running late and your child is late to registration, this will not be a problem and your child will not be marked as late.

It would be helpful if you could let the office know if you plan to have a sibling photograph taken please so that we can provide the photographers with a list of who to expect.

Staff Car Park

Please may I make a polite request to parents who use our popular Out of School Club? The volume of cars in and out of the staff car park is making it very difficult for staff to park. **If you arrive between 8.00am and 8.45am, please could you keep the car park free?** Similarly, the car park needs to be vacated by 5.55pm so that the caretaker can lock up on time.

End of Day Collection Arrangements

We are still missing a large number of end of day collection arrangements. If we've not had your information, you'll have received a reminder text already. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, from a safeguarding point of view, it is important that we know who is authorised to collect your child. If you have not returned your details for this academic year, please return to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.