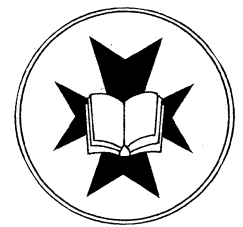


**St John's Primary School and Nursery**  
**- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 -**  
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**Week 1: 2.11.16**

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break and managed to take advantage of the mostly dry weather. It was lovely to see you all on Monday morning, eager for the school day to start!

A very brief newsletter this week but, nevertheless, some important information for you all.

Have a very good week,

**Mr D Barrow**  
 Head Teacher

**Diary Dates**

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	6.00pm: Parent Forum 6.45pm: PTA AGM
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	12.30pm: Year 6 parents'/carers' sharing lunch
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3/6 Drone Day – <i>details to follow</i>
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Whole-school Singing Playgrounds visit 5S swimming lessons start
Thu 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 trip to National Space Centre
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am: Year 1 trip to Guru Nanak Parkash Gurdwara, Coventry – <i>details to follow</i>
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Reception trip to Umberslade Farm
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	am: Year 1/2/3 nasal flu vaccinations 3.45pm-5.15pm: Year 6 space, rocket & robotics club (Kenilworth School)
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA non-uniform day (chocolate tombola)
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	pm: Year 5/6 trip to Warwick University Christmas science lecture – <i>details to follow</i> 6.30pm: KS2 Choir performing at Hatton Country World – <i>details to follow</i>
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.00pm-7.30pm: Singing Playgrounds Song Leaders' celebration concert (All Saints Parish Church, Leamington Spa) – <i>details to follow</i>
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am: Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.15pm / 6.00pm: KS1 Christmas performances
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.15pm / 6.00pm: KS2 Christmas performances
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Break up for Christmas holiday</b>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2017</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2017</b>	<b>INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

**Staffing Update**

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Benarous at the end of this term. She has secured a non-class-based Assistant Headship leading on teaching and learning at a school in Coventry. It has been lovely to have Mrs Benarous as part of our team for the last three-and-a-bit years. Our loss is certainly Coventry's gain. I know that you will join me in wishing her all the very best in her new role.

Luckily, we have managed to secure Mrs McPherson, who the children all know, to cover Mrs Benarous' teaching commitment. Mrs Baker will provide the planning time cover in that class. 4B are lucky to have two excellent teachers after Christmas! A more personal letter went to parents of 4B before the half-term break.

We also appointed Mrs Vikki Smith to provide additional support in 4B, starting straightaway this term. I know that she will prove to be a positive and upbeat member of the staff team.

**Parent Forum & PTA AGM**

**Addition of PTA Annual General Meeting at 6.45pm**

Parents and carers are very welcome to join our Parent Forum **TONIGHT at 6.00pm!** We will be holding the PTA Annual General Meeting afterwards (at 6.45pm) to appoint new committee members. Please come and support us. Even if you do not want a formal role on the committee, you will always be welcome to attend meetings and help with fundraising events.

As a reminder, at the parent forum we will be discussing:

- 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

**Kenilworth Cluster Training Day**

Please remember that it is our cluster training day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. **School will be closed on this date!**

### Crossing Patrol

Please note there will be no crossing patrol between Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Sadly, we don't have a relief lollipop person to cover absence.

### Football News!

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, our Year 5 and 6 footballers competed in the Kenilworth primary schools' 7-a-side football tournament at Park Hill Primary. Against stiff competition, they won three matches, drew one and lost one, and were eventually crowned overall winners! Congratulations to our team – Year 6: Callum, Oliver, Tommy, Jonah, Alex, Luis and Owen / Year 5: Luke and Sam R. Our winners' cup is on proud display in the KS2 corridor near the office.



### Parent Governor Vacancies

We have been unable to fill the two parent governor vacancies. The deadline for applications has been extended to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. If you have the necessary skills to join us, please consider putting your name forward. If you would like to talk to somebody about what the role entails, do please speak to the school office.

### Poppies

Once again, we will be supporting The Poppy Appeal, the Royal British Legion's fundraising campaign.

From tomorrow, our Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies and other additional items during morning break and lunchtime. If your child would like to purchase a poppy, the suggested minimum donation amount is 50p.

Also available this year are:

Item	Suggested donation
Friendship bracelets	£1.00
Slap rulers	£1.00
Wristbands	50p
Reflectors	50p

