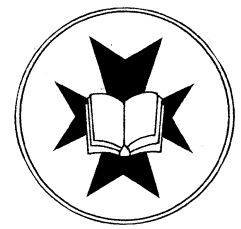


**St John's Primary School and Nursery**  
**- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 -**  
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**Week 3: 18.1.17**

Despite the dreary weather this week, lots of things are happening at St John's to keep the children enthused and motivated about their learning.

We are working really hard to inject some creativity into our curriculum, so have launched Whizzy Wednesdays! This obviously takes place on Wednesday afternoons; the children choose a more creative workshop to attend in their Key Stage. There are lots of activities going on, including dance, drama, paper craft, art, maths challenge, and practical science. It is a big shift for us - children and teachers included! Hopefully you are getting some positive feedback about this.

Have a good week and very best wishes,

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

**INSET day**

As you know, we have one remaining INSET day to set for this academic year. I have now set the date for **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. I do hope this is enough notice for childcare provision and the like. Please see overleaf for an updated list of 2016/17 term dates.

**Lunchtime Update**

When the weather has been kind, the children have been enjoying the new lunchtime provision. Thank you to the Midday Supervisors and the play leaders, who have worked hard to make it a success.

Thank you to our parents for being really positive about this too. We are still receiving steady donations, and Sophia's mum in Year 2 has very kindly offered to make some boy-friendly dressing up clothes, which is really lovely.

Speaking of costumes, we also have to say a big thank you to **Sainsbury's** who donated £44 of vouchers to enable us to buy some more dressing up clothes. Mr McDonnell very kindly organised this and Mrs Hadfield purchased the costumes. Many thanks again; your kindness is much appreciated.

**Sainsbury's**

**Holidays in Term Time**

Thank you for your continued support in our drive to reduce holidays during term time.

Please could I clarify that all holidays during term time will be **unauthorised** unless there are exceptional circumstances? These exceptional circumstances should be explained clearly in a letter or in person with me.

**Nits Update**

We've had quite a few episodes of nits recently. A parent has contacted us to recommend a metal nit comb called a Nitty Gritty, which costs approximately £8. Unlike other nit combs, you don't have to use any chemicals (only some cheap conditioner) and it's really good at grabbing hold of the nits and eggs when combing through.

**Science Week**

We are looking for adults who work (or have a background) in science, maths or engineering who would be willing to spare some time to come and speak to the children in National Science Week (w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March). Perhaps you work at JLR or a local engineering company, or maybe you lecture in maths or science. Or perhaps you know somebody who works in these areas and would be happy to come in and share their knowledge whilst enthusing the children. If you, or somebody you know, are able to help, please get in touch with Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office. Thank you.

**Safer Internet Day**

At the end of last week, a letter went home to all children from Reception upwards regarding keeping children safe online. Our whole-school Safer Internet Day will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. On that date, parents are invited to join us to share our learning and to take part in e-safety workshops at 2.45pm. Further information on supporting young children online can be found at <http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Supporting-young-people-online.pdf>.

### Diary Dates

<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	am: Reception / Year 6 height and weight checks pm: Sportshall athletics (Kenilworth School - selected Year 5/6 children)
<b>Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	12.30pm: Year 4 parents' sharing lunch
<b>Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	am: Reception Wriggle Dance workshop
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	9.00am: 5E class assembly
<b>Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017</b>	pm: Reception trip to Spa Centre to see "The Colour of Me"
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017</b>	6.00pm: Parent Forum
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017</b>	12.30pm: Year 3 parents' sharing lunch
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2017</b>	9.00am: 1C class assembly
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	Safer Internet Day 2.45pm: Parent event / workshop
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	3.30pm-6.00pm: Parents' evening
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	4.30pm-7.00pm: Parents' evening
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	9.00am: 1S class assembly <b>3.15pm: Break up</b>
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	Science Week

### Term Dates 2016/2017

#### **SPRING TERM**

<b>BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>	- Mon	2	January	2017
<b>INSET DAY CLOSURE</b>	- Tue	3	January	2017
School opens at 8.45 am	- Wed	4	January	2017

#### **Half-Term**

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	17	February	2017
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	27	February	2017

#### **EASTER HOLIDAY**

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	7	April	2017
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#### **SUMMER TERM**

School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	24	April	2017
<b>BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>	- Mon	1	May	2017

#### **Half-Term**

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	26	May	2017
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	5	June	2017
<b>INSET DAY CLOSURE</b>	- Fri	23	June	2017

#### **SUMMER HOLIDAY**

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	21	July	2017
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