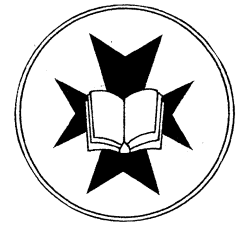


**St John's Primary School and Nursery**  
**- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017-**  
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**Week 3: 1.2.17**

February is finally here; it won't be long before spring is with us! We have been relatively lucky with the weather so far. However, just in case the weather changes and snow does arrive, we will give as much notice as we can if the school has to close. If this is the case, please check <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>.

We will also text parents as early as possible in the morning. Please remember a decision to close is never taken lightly. A number of factors need to be taken into consideration including the safety of the children, site safety and availability of staff who are able to get in to school.

Well done and thank you to 5E for their lovely class assembly last Friday. I really enjoyed it - what a lovely start to class assembly season!

Have a good week and very best wishes,

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

**Vacancy: Deputy Play Leader, Out of School Club**

Our popular and thriving Out of School Club has a vacancy for a Deputy Play Leader. Hours of work will be Monday to Friday, 3.00pm until 6.00pm, with flexibility to cover mornings when necessary. The job is term time only, with an additional week in the summer holiday. (Again, this may be flexible as we are considering future options for the club.) Rate of pay is £9.00 per hour. If you are interested, details are available on the [wmjobs](https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/11057/deputy-play-leader/) website: <https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/11057/deputy-play-leader/>.

**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 the remaining 2016/17 term dates.

**Policies**

Governors have just approved our safeguarding and inclusion policies. They will be posted on our website when it is next updated. Please do check the website for all our required published policies.

**Parent Forum**

**This has been rescheduled and will now take place at 6.00pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March.** Please come and have your voice heard. The agenda will be:

- Changes to lunchtime
- Whizzy Wednesday
- Fundamental British Values: do you know what they are? How can we incorporate these into educating our children?

**Safer Internet Day**

A letter went home recently 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.

**Science Week**

Thank you to our parents and friends who have volunteered to spare some time to speak to the children in National Science Week (w/c 13<sup>th</sup> March). If you work at JLR or a local engineering company, or perhaps lecture in maths or science, we would still love to hear from you! 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.

**Water**

We have cups in each classroom so that all children may help themselves to water during the course of the school day. You are also more than welcome to send your child in with a water bottle, but we would ask that this contains only water. Children should not be bringing squash, juice or other drinks to drink in the classroom. We are, however, happy for them to have a drink other than water (no fizzy drinks please) with their packed lunch.

**Crossing Patrol News**

Mick, our lovely crossing patrol, will be retiring on 3<sup>rd</sup> March after many years of dedicated service. He will be very sad to leave, but wants to spend more time with his family as he approaches his eightieth birthday! I know that many parents and children will miss him and will want to wish him all the very best for his retirement.

## Exciting Book News!

Last term, the children were all given the exciting opportunity to provide illustrations for a new book by author Lee Sterrey. We are delighted to inform you that the finished book, entitled 'The BookHob: Plight of the Hedgehogs', is now on sale at Kenilworth Books and features many of the children's fantastic artwork. It really has been a great project to be a part of and the finished book is definitely worth a read!

## Sporting News

Over the past couple of weeks, the children have had the opportunity to take part in a variety of sporting events. Year 6 took part in an indoor rowing competition at Champion School. The girls' team did particularly well, coming first in the relay with only two members on their team against others who had four! Year 5 sent a team to a dodgeball tournament (also held at Champion School) where they came second in their heat. A special mention to Elliott, who single-handedly managed to keep the opposing team at bay on two occasions! Last week, children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the indoor athletics tournament at Kenilworth School against the other primary schools in Kenilworth. They all worked their hardest and showed excellent team work. Overall, we came third out of eight schools.

A big well done to all the children who have taken part in these events.

## Term Dates 2016/2017

### **SPRING TERM**

#### 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
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<b>BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE</b>	- Mon	1	May	2017
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#### Half-Term

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

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	21	July	2017
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## One Day Without Us

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, 11.00am – 3.00pm**  
**Talisman Square, Kenilworth**

A group of parents from St John's are taking part in One Day Without Us – a national day to celebrate the contribution that migrants make to British society and to recognise that we are better together. There will be music, flag-themed face painting, world map activities and more. Please come along and enjoy the celebration; everyone is welcome. For more information, visit [www.1daywithoutus.org](http://www.1daywithoutus.org).

## Diary Dates

<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 sharing event / e-safety workshop
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	9.00am: Celebration assembly am: School Games talent auditions (KS2 choir)
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	3.30pm-6.00pm: Parents' evening
<b>Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	am: KS1 gymnastics tournament (selected children – Trinity School) Lunchtime: PTA Valentine Tombola
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	pm: Year 6 trip to USU performance (Kenilworth School) 2.15pm: RK parents' reflection event – <i>details to follow</i> 4.30pm-7.00pm: Parents' evening
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	9.00am: 1S class assembly 2.45pm: Year 3 parents' reflection event <b>3.15pm: Break up</b>
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: Celebration assembly
<b>Thu 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	PTA Bingo Night
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: 2B class assembly
<b>w/c 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	Science Week
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	6.00pm: Parent Forum
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: Celebration assembly
<b>Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2017</b>	pm: Year 6 tag rugby festival (Kenilworth School – <i>details to follow</i> )
<b>Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2017</b>	12.30pm: Year 2 parents' sharing lunch - <i>details to follow</i>
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: 2T class assembly
<b>Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Mar 2017</b>	PTA Easter Egg Tombola
<b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2017</b>	9.00am: Celebration assembly
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	9.00am: 3T class assembly
<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	am: Year 6 Easter event (St John's Church – <i>details to follow</i> ) pm: Swimming gala (Abbey Fields – selected children – <i>details to follow</i> )
<b>Thu 6<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	PTA Easter Disco
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	<b>3.15pm: Break up</b>
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr 2017</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

# ***St John's PTA***

## ***Parents and friends working to support our school***

Dear Parents, Carers and Family,

Welcome to the first edition of the quarterly newsletter to be published by the PTA. In this bulletin we hope to keep you updated on all the events the PTA are organising during each term. We also want you to know how much money we have raised, where it is being spent and for you to have your say!

### **THANKYOU**

Firstly, we would like to express our gratitude to each and every one of you for your support in last terms fundraising activities. We could not raise the money that enriches our children's school experience, provides opportunities and fond memories without your help. So a big Thank you to you all!

### **Money Money Money**

So what do we do with all the money the PTA raises? The PTA has bought the wooden playhouse in reception, iPads, gardening equipment and high-vis vests. We have also subsidised school trips and provided book bags to the reception class and hope to continue to do so. In addition to this, we would also like to be able to give each class a contribution to spend on what they need specific to their year group. However, this year we would like to aim high and raise money towards the development of our children's playground/outdoor learning opportunities. The plan is to let you have your say and provide you with a shortlist of items to vote on, so please watch this space!!!

### **SPRING TERM EVENTS 2017**

#### **Silver Smarties - February**

*We will give you some Smarties to eat  
But the empty tube you must keep  
20p pieces are what you must find  
Ask friends and family, they won't mind  
Fill up your tube (right to the top!)  
Return after half term and we'll collect the lot!*

#### **Valentines Day Dip - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

This Valentine's day we will be holding a lucky dip for the children during the school lunch hour. If you would like your child to participate then they will need to bring in £1 to have a go. There are a variety of prizes and every turn will win!

#### **Bingo Night with Fish and Chip Supper - 9<sup>th</sup> March (time to be confirmed)**

#### **Easter egg Tombola (Mufti Day) - 30<sup>th</sup> March**

***Please continue to help St John's PTA, enjoying supporting our school together***