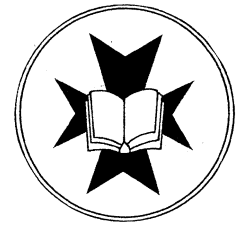


St John's Primary School and Nursery

- Wednesday 15th March 2017-

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Week 3: 15.3.17

Happy Wednesday to you all! We are right in the middle of a very exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week here at St John's, and the children are having their curriculum enriched by a lovely range of activities, guest speakers and visits. Their Maths learning is based on an associated book too. **We look forward to welcoming you to the reflection events in each year group on Friday at 2.45pm.** I would also like to take the opportunity to thank you if you have volunteered to come in, to help with resources, or have taken an interest in any way; it is much appreciated. I would also like to extend my thanks to our very hard working staff who are excellent at making events like this a success.

Thank you too to Miss Baker for her lovely class assembly last week. It was extremely interesting to hear the story behind the Great Fire of London.

Have a good week and very best wishes,

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Parent Forum

This will take place at 6.00pm TODAY. 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?

Diary Dates

Wed 15th Mar 2017	6.00pm: Parent Forum
Thu 16th Mar 2017	am: Year 1 trip to MAD Museum
Fri 17th Mar 2017	9.00am: Celebration assembly 2.45pm: Science Week reflection events
Mon 20th Mar 2017	Year 5 fundamental British values workshop
Wed 22nd Mar 2017	pm: Year 6 tag rugby festival (Kenilworth School)
Thu 23rd Mar 2017	12.00pm: Year 2 parents' sharing lunch
Fri 24th Mar 2017	9.00am: 2T class assembly
Sun 26th Mar 2017	10.00am: KS2 choir singing at the re-dedication of St John's Church
Mon 27th Mar 2017	Year 5 fundamental British values workshop
Wed 29th Mar 2017	Year 4 trip to Roman Art Gallery & Museum, Rugby – <i>details to follow</i>
Thu 30th Mar 2017	4T arts award trip to Leamington – <i>details to follow</i> PTA Non-Uniform Day & Easter Tombola (3.15pm, Playground)

Fri 31st Mar 2017	9.00am: Celebration assembly
Tue 4th Apr 2017	am: Year 6 Easter event (St John's Church) am: Year 3 Easter event (St Nicholas' Church) pm: Swimming gala (Abbey Fields – selected children)
Thu 6th Apr 2017	PTA Non-Uniform Day & Easter Disco
Fri 7th Apr 2017	9.00am: 3T class assembly 3.15pm: Break up
Sat 8th Apr 2017	10.30am: Grounds Day
Mon 24th Apr 2017	Back to school 3.30pm: PTA Meeting (Staff Room)
Sat 6th May 2017	10.30am: Grounds Day

Term Dates 2016/17

EASTER HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 7 April 2017

SUMMER TERM

School opens at 8.45 am - Mon 24 April 2017

BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE - 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

INSET DAY CLOSURE - Fri 23 June 2017

SUMMER HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 21 July 2017

Term Dates 2017/18

Please note that there will be one further INSET day, the date of which is yet to be confirmed.

AUTUMN TERM

INSET DAY CLOSURE - Fri 1 September 2017

INSET DAY CLOSURE - Mon 4 September 2017

School opens at 8.45am - Tue 5 September 2017

Half-term

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 20 October 2017

School opens at 8.45 am - Mon 30 October 2017

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 22 December 2017

SPRING TERM

INSET DAY CLOSURE - Fri 5 January 2018

INSET DAY CLOSURE - Mon 8 January 2018

School opens at 8.45 am - Tue 9 January 2018

Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 16 February 2018

School opens at 8.45 am - Mon 26 February 2018

EASTER HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm - Thu 29 March 2018

BANK HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY - Fri 30 March 2018

BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY - Mon 2 April 2018

SUMMER TERM

School opens at 8.45 am - Mon 16 April 2018

BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE - Mon 7 May 2018

Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 25 May 2018

School opens at 8.45 am - Mon 4 June 2018

SUMMER HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 20 July 2018

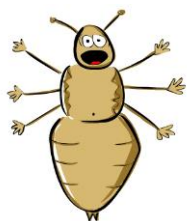
Dinner Money

Dinner money is now due for the remainder of the spring term. We would appreciate it if accounts could be paid up to and including Friday 7th April so that, in turn, we are able to settle the bill that we have now received from Warwickshire County Caterers. Thank you.

Crossing Patrol

Please be aware there is no crossing patrol for the foreseeable future until the County Council have recruited somebody to replace Mick. I will let you know as soon as we have any news on this front. Please also be aware that this emphasises the need for you all to park safely and courteously and reduce your speed on Mortimer Road. Thank you.

Head Lice



Head lice are being particularly persistent at the moment, with recurrent cases across the whole school, particularly in KS1. Please check your child(ren)'s hair regularly and treat appropriately.

Eggs can be very tricky to spot and have a habit of camouflaging themselves. Hot spots tend to be at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. It is really important that children with long hair should have it tied back please to limit the spread of these unwelcome visitors! If it becomes apparent during the school day that a child has head lice, we will need to contact parents so that the child can be collected from school and treated at home.

Grounds Days

We're planning to hold school grounds clear-up and gardening days on Saturday 8th April and Saturday 6th May (10.30am onwards). Along with volunteers from Barnardo's, we would also welcome volunteers from the St John's community. Sausage sandwiches and tea will be provided by Mr Barrow and Mrs Baker! All help will be very gratefully received. Please look out for a letter in book bags soon asking if you are able to come along to lend a hand. Thank you.

PTA News

Socks needed! Do you have any old, brightly-coloured socks at home that are going spare? If so, the PTA would love to have them please for a forthcoming activity! They don't need to be pairs – just anything brightly-coloured and clean!

A huge thank you to all the St John's community for supporting the recent PTA Silver Smarties event. It raised over £600 for school, which is amazing! Look

out for the PTA newsletter which will let you know how you can choose what the money is spent on. The winners of the cinema vouchers (1st: £30 voucher / 2nd: £20 voucher) will be announced in celebration assembly on Friday.

Coming Up...

Thursday 30th March	Easter Tombola In the playground after school
Thursday 6th April	Non-Uniform Day and Easter Disco
Monday 24th April	PTA Meeting 3.30pm, Staff Room
Friday 28th April	Odd Sock Shop In the playground at lunchtime (Cost: £1 – children to bring in money on the day please)
Tuesday 9th May	Grandparents' Spring Tea Afternoon in school

Money Management Course – FREE!

The CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Money Course for adults is a free course that will teach you budgeting skills, enabling you to get to grips with your finances so that you can budget, save and prevent debt. The CAP Money Course will help you take complete control of your finances. Details of courses in Kenilworth are as follows:

St John's Children's Centre, Mortimer Road

Monday 8th, 15th, 22nd May, 9.30am – 11.30am

The Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Car Park

Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th July, 7.00pm – 9.00pm

For further information, please visit:

<https://capuk.org/i-want-help/courses/cap-money-course/find-your-local-course>

Taking Care / Protective Behaviours

On Monday of this week, some Park Hill children were approached outside school by a group of teenagers and adults, and were asked to get into a car. Fortunately, the children behaved sensibly and did not do this. With this in mind, you may wish to remind your child(ren) of protective behaviours, especially as we are heading towards lighter evenings when more children are outside.

In school, we do not teach "Stranger Danger" because strangers could be a way for children to find help if they are lost or away from their parents. However, we do remind children that not all adults and older children can be trusted and that, if they are ever in a situation where they feel any of their early warning signs, then they should stop and find a way to get to a safer place. This could be through returning home, using their network or seeking help from another parent, e.g. an adult working in a shop or an adult from school.