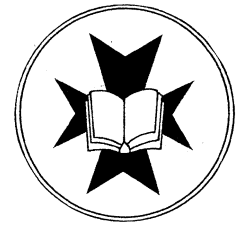


St John's Primary School and Nursery
- Wednesday 29th March 2017-
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Week 5: 29.3.17

I can't believe that we are nearly at the end of March and the Easter holidays are upon us. I think we are all feeling the loss of the hour at the weekend!

You will all be aware of the tragic events in London last week and the children have wanted to ask questions. We do look at "First News" in Monday assembly and encourage the children to ask questions and form their own opinions about current affairs and the news. There have been some really powerful images in the media over the weekend, particularly the women standing resolute on London Bridge. I always find that, when atrocities like this happen, it really works to focus on the fact that not everyone of a particular faith shares the same views as the very small minority.

Thank you to Miss Tonge for her super assembly last week. Mrs Baker said how much she enjoyed it and how confident the children were.

Have a good week and very best wishes,

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Head Lice

Despite numerous letters, head lice still prevail in school. In assembly this morning, I was surprised at how many children are not tying their hair up, however lovely it looks down. Please can I ask again that long hair should be tied back? This will not only prevent the spread of head lice, but important for PE too. Until the situation improves, we will be asking the children to tie up their hair if they arrive with it down.

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 fill in the slip that came home last week if you are able to come along to lend a hand on 8th April. Thank you.

PTA News

Well done Jacob Metcalfe and Toby Lawrence who won first and second prizes respectively for the silver smarties draw!

Thursday 30th March Non-Uniform Day & Easter Tombola 3.15pm - Hall

Note: Please collect your child as normal, then walk round to the hall

Thursday 6th April Non-Uniform Day & Easter Disco

Monday 24th April PTA Meeting 3.30pm - Staff Room

Friday 28th April Odd Sock Shop Lunchtime - in the playground
(Cost: £1 – children to bring in money on the day please)

Tuesday 9th May Grandparents' Spring Tea
Afternoon in school

St John's Church

This Sunday, Mrs Baker and I had the pleasure of being invited to the reordering of St John's Church. We took along some members of the choir to perform, too. It was a lovely celebration of the church and the community, and it was a real pleasure to represent our school. Thank you to the parents who came along and supported. Rev Attwood is very keen for the church to be more of a part of the community, so it can be used for a variety of functions. If you do get a chance to go and see the refurbishment, please do.

Out of School Club Parking

Thank you so much to the parents and carers who do read the newsletter and take on board what has been said! Back in October, I wrote to ask users of the Out of School Club asking for their co-operation in **not parking in the staff car park for drop off after 8.00am**. Several parents have taken this on board. Please can I ask again that **everyone co-operates with this?** It must be really frustrating for parents who do comply to see others who don't.

Crossing Patrol and Parking

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.

Stand Up to Cancer Day

Amelie and Jess in Year 5 would like to organise a Superheroes Day on Friday 28th April for Stand Up to Cancer Day. Children will be able to come into school dressed as a superhero, their hero or simply non-uniform. The children are asking for a voluntary contribution, which will go straight to the charity. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

KS2 Homework Club

As KS2 parents will be aware, homework is set on a Thursday to be handed in the following Tuesday. Mrs Tennant holds a KS2 homework club on Monday lunchtime. At this supportive club, Mrs Tennant is on hand to support and answer questions to enable the children to complete any unfinished homework, ready to be handed in on Tuesday morning.

All children who hand in completed homework on time have 20 minutes of extra play as a reward at the end of lunchtime on Wednesday. However, those children who fail to hand in completed homework on time stay in with Mrs Tennant during the 20 minutes of extra play and complete as much of their homework as they can during that time. This differs from the Monday homework club in that it is the final consequence for not completing homework and handing it in on time.

Diary Dates

Thu 30th Mar 2017	4T arts award trip to Leamington PTA Non-Uniform Day & Easter Tombola (3.15pm, Hall)
Fri 31st Mar 2017	9.00am: Celebration assembly
Tue 4th Apr 2017	am: Year 3 Easter event – details tbc pm: Year 6 Easter event (St John's 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: Gardening & Grounds Day
Mon 24th Apr 2017	Back to school Maths Challenge Event (Warwick University – selected Year 5/6 children) 3.30pm: PTA Meeting (Staff Room)
Fri 28th Apr 2017	Superheroes Day (Stand Up to Cancer)
Mon 1st May 2017	Bank Holiday – school closed
Sat 6th May 2017	10.30am: Gardening & Grounds Day
w/c Mon 8th May	Year 6 assessment week (SATs)
Tue 16th May 2017	4T – final swimming session
Tue 23rd May 2017	3T – first swimming session
Wed 24th May 2017	6.00pm: Parent Forum
Thu 25th May 2017	12.00pm: Year 1 parent sharing lunch
Fri 26th May 2017	3.15pm: Break up
Mon 5th June 2017	Back to school

Term Dates 2017/18

EASTER HOLIDAY 2017				
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	7	April	2017
SUMMER TERM 2017				
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 2017				
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	21	July	2017
AUTUMN TERM 2017				
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 2017				
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	22	December	2017
SPRING TERM 2018				
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 2018				
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 2018				
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 2018				
School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	20	July	2018

Please note that there will be one further INSET day (2017/18), the date of which is yet to be confirmed.

Christians Against Poverty Money Management Course – FREE!

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>

Kenilworth Lions Giant Easter Egg Raffle

Win a giant Easter egg - over 1kg of the finest Belgian chocolate! Tickets (£1) available from the Children's Centre - in aid of the Daffodil Appeal Marie Curie Cancer Care.



Dear Parent

Your child recently completed a health questionnaire within school which highlighted that many children within your child's school setting have not had their eyes tested.

NHS eye tests information for children

Children should have an eye test every two years, as problems can occur at any age. Certain behaviours can be a sign that there is a problem such as:

- sitting too close to the TV or insisting on watching TV in the dark
- rubbing their eyes a lot
- holding objects very close to their face
- blinking a lot
- Showing signs of a squint – the eyes don't look into the same direction. One eye may turn inwards, outwards, upwards or downwards, while the other eye looks forward
- Problems navigating in the dark e.g. entering a tunnel or the cinema

Even if none of the symptoms above are displayed, there could still be an underlying eye condition. If you are worried about your child's sight or there is a history of squint or lazy eye in the family, take your child to an ophthalmic practitioner or optometrist, who will see children of any age.



Don't worry about the costs, as all NHS sight tests are free for children under the age of 16.



Children do not have to be able to read to have their eyes examined. It's possible to see whether the child has a squint or needs glasses without asking them any questions, using age-appropriate tests and equipment.

If your child has not had an eye test in the last 2 years, we would recommend that you contact your local optician and make an appointment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Steve Hamer'.

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