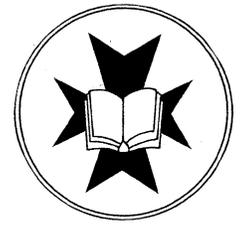


# St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017-

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## Week 7: w/c 16.10.17

Here we are at the end of another busy and successful half-term. There have been many highlights: the Harvest Festival, Miss Cooke's first class assembly, seeing Reception and Nursery settle so beautifully, and a very happy school!

As well as thanking the St John's team for all their hard work, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers who come in and give up their time to listen to readers or work with groups. This really is appreciated.

I hope you all have a good week off. It's a monster eight-week half-term when we return and the run-up to Christmas will soon be here!

Have a very relaxing half-term break and enjoy your family time, whatever you may be doing.

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

## Communication with Staff

I do enjoy my time on the playground in the mornings and actually miss it when I am unable to do it. Many of you are great at passing on concerns, communicating these brilliantly and in a calm and reasonable way. For that, I am very grateful because it makes my job easier in terms of getting to the bottom of any issues.

However, there have been several occasions this half-term when parents have been unnecessarily angry and, on some occasions, aggressive to members of staff. Sadly, this has been in front of the children, too. I would like to reiterate that this behaviour towards any member of the St John's team is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. From this point on, if any conversations are deemed to be aggressive or confrontational, the conversation will be terminated and referred to me. I know this only applies to a small minority and I know you will give me your full support in this.

## Diary Dates

<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>3.15pm Break up for October half-term break</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Back to school 3.15pm: Mad Science – final session
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	2.00pm: PTA Halloween Grandparents' Tea (Hall)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9.00am: Tapestry online learning journal coffee morning – Nursery & Reception parents pm: Braiswick mop-up photos (individual photos of children who were absent on 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct)
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	12.30pm: 6E parent sharing lunch
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	am: Year 4/5 CWSSP sports morning (selected children – Champion School)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am: 5S – class assembly
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4T final swimming lesson
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>Wear spots, stripes or flowers for Children in Need!</b>
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	3T swimming lessons start
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	pm: Year 5/6 indoor athletics (selected children – Kenilworth School)
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception – Year 4)
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.30pm: 5S parent sharing lunch
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	pm: Year 3/4 multiskills (selected children – Kenilworth School)
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.30pm: PTA Christmas Fair (Hall)
Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	pm: Year 6 Crossteach Christmas Experience (St John's Church)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am: Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am/2.30pm: KS1 Christmas performance
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm/6.30pm: KS2 Christmas performance
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	PTA Christmas Disco
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>3.15pm: Break up for Christmas holiday</b>
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

### Safeguarding

The online safety group have met every week to discuss the importance of keeping safe online. Last week, the Safeguarding Governors were in school looking at how leaders create a safeguarding culture and, more importantly, how this is evidenced. This was a very useful exercise to back up our own self-evaluation as a school.

### 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, please speak to Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

### Vacancy: Midday Supervisor

A vacancy has arisen for a Midday Supervisor. The hours of work will be 12.00pm to 1.10pm, Monday to Friday (term-time only). If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much with your support for the Book Fair. As always, your generosity will mean extra resources for our school. I will let you know exactly how much we have raised after half-term.

### Class Assemblies

5S	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov
4T	Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan
3T	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar
3B	Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar
2S	Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr
1C	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
2T	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun
RFB	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun
6E/6L	Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> July (leavers' assembly)

### Class 3T

I have already written to parents about Mrs Tennant's maternity cover. We are very lucky to have appointed Miss Poplawska, who will be covering from December through to the end of the school year. Miss Poplawska really shone at interview and she has so much commitment and dedication to teaching that I know she will fit in extremely well. She has attended Year 3 parents' evenings and will be in regularly from now on to ensure a smooth transition.

### Homework

Homework is sent home on a Thursday and is due in the following Tuesday. In KS2, there is a supportive homework club on a Monday lunchtime, where teachers are available if a child needs a bit of help or perhaps access to a computer. If homework isn't handed in on Tuesday, children are kept in to complete their homework during the 20 minutes of extra play after lunch on Wednesday.

### Easyfundraising

When you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for St John's PTA. **Simply follow the link at the top of the newsletter and join for free.** There are no catches or hidden charges and we would be really grateful for your donations.

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations

This year, nasal flu vaccinations will be offered to all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. The school nurses will be administering the vaccinations on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Consent packs will be sent home to all relevant children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

### School Lunches

**Please can we ask that you ensure that your child is familiar with their lunch pattern?** There have been a number of occasions recently where children requested a hot dinner at registration when in fact they'd brought in a packed lunch. Similarly, some children have said they've brought a packed lunch, but arrived in the hall and realised that this was not the case and have had to order a hot dinner! Please make sure that your child knows their lunch arrangements; if a hot dinner is ordered, we will have to charge for it regardless of whether your child has brought a packed lunch to school. Thank you for your understanding.

