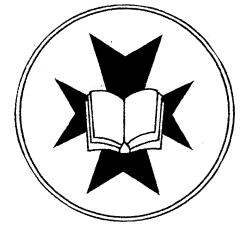


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Week 6: w/c 04.12.17

Christmas preparations at school are well underway, although mine at home still haven't started! Please can I say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Symonds for donating us another fantastic Christmas tree for the hall. It always looks beautiful and it marks the start of Christmas at St John's.

Lots of contributions and news this week, so I will leave space for these!

Thank you so much for your positivity and support; it is really appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Mrs Tennant

Mrs Tennant officially starts her maternity leave today. She has been amazing, keeping going almost to the end. I'm sure you will have noticed how she has been perseverance personified! Mrs Tennant has been working at home this week, getting all her data up-to-date ready for a smooth handover. I would like to thank Mrs Tennant and send all our best wishes for a safe arrival.

The Governing Body

We are very lucky at St John's to have a small, but perfectly formed, governing body. Between them, they provide a wealth of experience in different areas. They are also responsible for holding the Head Teacher and leadership of the school to account. You can see individual profiles on our website, but here are the names of our Governors;

Trevor Martin (Chair)
Trisha Coopey (Vice Chair /
Chair of Performance and Standards)
Daryl Molyneux (Chair of Resources)
Rich Owens
Beth Cordrey
Ruth Cooper
Rebecca Augustus
Andrew Attwood
Katie Harrison (Staff Governor)
Mary Baker (Deputy Head)

Our fantastic clerk, Cathy Weir, will be leaving at the end of this term. Cathy has been an amazing and efficient clerk and is leaving big shoes to fill. She will still be the school's Business Manager, which is good news. She will be replaced by Margot Brown, who was the previous Head at Priors Field, bringing with her a wealth of educational experience.

The date of the next governors' meeting is Monday 5th February. In this meeting, the Head Teacher will present a detailed safeguarding report. We will also be discussing the academies agenda and the future of the Children's Centre following the decision made by the Local Authority to not include Kenilworth in its plans for Community Hubs.

If you have any views on this, you can contact the governors personally (parent governors are usually on the playground at some point during the week!) or via the governors' email address:

stjohnsgovernors@welearn365.com

Fundraising Day

Phoebe in Year 4 has been very concerned about the refugee situation, so is organising a crazy hair day on Friday 15th December. Please see below! A donation of £1 and/or a selection box will go straight to the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre.

Message from Phoebe:

A few weeks ago, Mrs Baker told us about the war in Yemen and Africa and how thousands of children will die of starvation before Christmas.

I feel upset and want to help raise money for the Coventry Refugee Centre for Christmas from us all at St John's.

We are having a crazy hair day on Friday 15th December for a £1 donation as well as collecting chocolate selection boxes for children who will not even be getting any presents.

Thank you for supporting this. So, let's all have fun!

Lucy Miles

As you will be aware, Lucy Miles passed away suddenly on 26th November. Jeremy, Zach and Josh have set up a Justgiving page for those who would like to donate in Lucy's memory:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lucy-miles-dec18>

If you have already brought a contribution to the office, this will be uploaded to Justgiving next week.

Message from Jeremy, Zach and Josh:

In all of the heartbreak, we know that Lucy would want those who feel able to donate to Zoe's Place – a charity that looks after children in the most difficult of circumstances.

Thank you.

Jeremy, Zach and Josh

Safeguarding

The online safety group have continued to meet each week, with staff in attendance.

The junior leadership team have met and discussed all aspects of lunchtime, good and bad, so we can make changes there too.

Volunteers in school have also received policies, the Keeping Children Safe in Education document, as well as safeguarding training.

Push on Pride

The children have responded really well to our Push on Pride this half-term. Not only is it about showing pride in the environment, but it's also about having pride in ourselves.

Several classes have won spot prizes for tidy cloakrooms; I'm sure this doesn't apply to their bedrooms at home!

Office Postbox

If the office staff are busy or unavailable, don't forget that we have a postbox in the foyer for any slips, forms or correspondence. If you're posting cash or cheques, please ensure that you pop them in an envelope. Thank you.

Art at Kenilworth

Well done to Phoebe, Sophie and Bradley whose artwork was displayed recently at the Rotary Club Art Show at the Holiday Inn, along with a montage of artwork from other children in Key Stage 2. St John's was voted best primary school for the second year running! For more information, see www.artatkenilworth.org.uk.

Miss Taylor

Out of School Club

If you require before or after school sessions in Out of School Club next term, please ensure that you return your booking forms as soon as possible in order to guarantee your place. Thank you.

Christmas Performances

All tickets for the performances (Reception, KS1 and KS2) have now been issued. If you requested tickets but haven't yet received them, please check book bags! If you have any queries, please speak to Mrs Morris in the school office.



Diary Dates

Tue 12 th Dec	4.00pm: After-school dance club performance to parents/carers
Wed 13 th Dec	2.30pm: Year 3 fabulous finish
Thu 14 th Dec	pm: Year 6 Crossteach Christmas Experience (St John's Church)
Fri 15 th Dec	Crazy Hair Day (in return for £1 donation / Christmas selection box) 2.30pm: Year 1 & 2 fabulous finish
Mon 18th Dec	2.00pm: Reception & KS1 Christmas performance
Tue 19th Dec	2.00pm / 6.00pm: Reception & KS1 Christmas performance
Wed 20th Dec	10.30am: Nursery Christmas performance 2.00pm/6.00pm: KS2 Christmas performance
Thu 21st Dec	9.15am: KS2 Christmas performance 12.00pm: Whole-school Christmas lunch
Fri 22nd Dec	3.15pm: Break up for Christmas holiday
Fri 5th Jan	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 8th Jan	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 9th Jan	Back to school
Thu 25 th Jan	After school: PTA New Year disco

Class Assemblies

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