

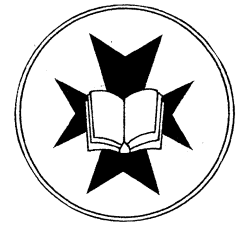
# St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018-

Aiming high; proud to learn together.

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## Week 3: w/c 22.1.18

Lots to celebrate at St John's this week! Firstly, we have broken the 300 pupils mark and now have 305 pupils on roll. When I first joined, we had 210 on roll and I was worried then that I wouldn't get to know the children's names. I still do value knowing every child individually, although I sometimes get siblings the wrong way round. I'm putting that down to an age thing though!

Our assembly theme this week has been pride: pride in ourselves, pride in our work, pride in other people. We have spoken about how other people's achievements can make us proud too. There are lots of people to draw inspiration from. We read the story of Rosa Parks, an instrumental woman who campaigned tirelessly for equal rights. I also asked the children what our world would be like without equality. I am so proud of our children who are remarkably tolerant, kind and compassionate young people.

With very best wishes

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

## Crossing Patrol

As you will know, we have been without a crossing patrol for a while now. Warwickshire County Council recently undertook a site survey and have made the decision that we do not need a school crossing patrol! I am sure you will agree that this is a very disappointing decision which could severely compromise the safety of our children. I will, of course, be writing to express my frustration with this and contacting Cllr Cockburn too. I would like to ask that you too join with me and write to the Local Authority expressing your concerns. Please email [dawngreensmith@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:dawngreensmith@warwickshire.gov.uk).

The Local Authority have said that they will do another site survey in the summer term when potentially more people will be crossing the road. I do fear that this will be too little too late, however.

## Safeguarding

All the evidence is ready to submit for our 360 degree safety mark. Thanks to Mr Sharp and Mr Lee for their hard work in preparing this. We will be assessed externally early in March and I will, of course, let you know the outcome. Our new staff starters have also received their safeguarding training. Governors will receive a safeguarding report and update in their next full governing body meeting.

## Welcome

A big welcome to Jaime Shilton and Dayna Barker, who have joined us as Midday Supervisors. We are also welcoming Denise Khan to the Out of School Club.

## Parent Forum Revamp

We have really persevered with our parent forum with a very small (but perfectly formed) group of parents attending. It is a chance for you to contribute to any policy revamps and to let us know of any issues affecting your child's education. This year, we are going to try to speak to as many of you as possible. As such, we would like to trial a coffee morning for each year group straight after your child's class assembly. The first of these will take place on **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January for parents and carers of Class 4T**. Parents will be able to come and have a coffee in the Out of School Club and speak to me and Mrs Baker in a less formal environment. Please do make every effort to stay behind.

## Parking

We have been notified by a number of local residents and concerned parents that one particular car persistently parks inconsiderately on both Walkers Way and Mortimer Road (including parking on the pavement and on the zig-zag lines). Please park with consideration for other motorists and pedestrians, whilst also observing the highway code. If you do witness inconsiderate parking, please call the Community Police on 101.

## Caretaker

Some of the more eagle-eyed amongst you may have noticed that Mr Russell is no longer with us. He officially left us at the end of December. We would like to wish him all the very best for the future.

We have appointed a new caretaker, who will be starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Some of you may know Mr Tony Haines as he lives locally and his daughter and foster children were pupils at St John's. We are very much looking forward to welcoming him on board and to him getting the school back to tip-top form!

Mrs Sue Margetts will become our cleaning supervisor and will take responsibility for the ensuring the cleaning team keep our lovely school clean and germ-free.

### Cleaning Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner. Hours of work: 3.30pm to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday (term time only + 2 weeks). Rate of pay: £7.50/hour. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

### Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

Year 6's height and weight checks will be taking place on the morning of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. If you wish to opt your child out or would like further information, please contact the School Health and Wellbeing Service:

Tel: **03300 245 204 (option 2)**

Email: **warwickshiresh&wbsevice@compass-uk.org**

### Isabelle's (Year 3) Charity Work

Isabelle in Year 3 has undertaken to complete four charity challenges this year, starting with a 10 mile trek in March for the Little Princess Trust. If you would like more information or feel you could contribute, you can read her story here:

**[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/victoriaksmith](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/victoriaksmith)**

### Isobel's (Year 5) Sporting Achievement

Isobel in Year 5 is a very keen and talented squash player. Last weekend, she came second in the Welsh national under-13s squash tournament. Congratulations on this amazing achievement!

### Parents' Evening

Parents' evenings are an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, discuss your child's progress and future needs, and to look at your child's work. This term, they will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Please make every effort to attend. Where possible, we would ask that separated parents attend the same appointment. If this isn't possible, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to arrange an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time.

We are once again asking you to self-register for an appointment. **Appointment sheets will be available in the entrance hall by the school office from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.**

### PTA Request

The PTA would love any unwanted Christmas gifts that could be used as prizes for upcoming PTA events. Just bring anything you think fits the bill to the school office. Thank you!

### Twitter

Keep up-to-date with all the latest St John's news by following us on Twitter **@stjohnsprimken**.

### Diary Dates

Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	am: Year 6 trip to Goodrest Farm am: Reception eye tests
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	9.00am: 4T class assembly 9.30am: Parent forum coffee morning – 4T
<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>3.30pm: PTA meeting (Staff Room – all welcome, including children!)</b>
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3.30pm/6.00pm: Swanage parents' information meeting
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am: Year 3 dodgeball (selected children – North Leamington School)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	2.30pm: Year 2 parent reflection event
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	am: Year 6 height and weight checks 3.30pm-5.30pm: Parents' evening
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	CWSSP talent show (cheerleading team – Spa Centre) 4.30pm-6.30pm: Parents' evening
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12.30pm: 3B parent sharing lunch
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 5 trip to National Space Centre 2.45pm: Year 4 parent reflection event <b>3.15pm: Break up for February half-term break</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

### Class Assemblies

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

### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Mon	Lunchtime	KS2 Chess	Mr Sharp
	Lunchtime	KS2 Mindfulness Colouring	Miss Cooke
	Lunchtime	KS1 Mindfulness Colouring	Miss Tonge
	After school	KS2 Netball	Miss Baker / Miss Eggleton
	After school	Cheerleading (Yr 5/6)	Miss Cossins
Tue	Lunchtime	KS2 Choir	Miss Cossins
Thu	Lunchtime	KS1 Choir	Miss Smyth
	After school	Dodgeball (Yr 4-6)	Coach Unlimited
Fri	After school	Dance (Yr 1-3)	Coach Unlimited

### Kenilworth Community in Action

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Kenilworth Methodist Church, Priory Road**

A free event! The morning is a conference packed with talks and workshops of interest to members of community groups and voluntary organisations. At 1.30pm, we invite everyone in Kenilworth to come and meet the town's community groups, voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises in person. Browse their stalls and displays and chat about their activities. At 2pm, Monica Fogarty, joint chief executive of Warwickshire County Council, will tell us about the opportunities presented by the new station, then volunteers will take to the microphone to showcase the activities they take part in. At 3pm, you can join a dementia awareness workshop and there are refreshments available throughout the afternoon. All welcome! For more info, visit **<https://www.kenilworthweb.co.uk/>** or find us on Facebook.