



St John's Primary School and Nursery - Thursday 29th March 2018 -

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Week 3: w/c 26.3.18

It's been a lovely end to the spring term and it was super to see some sunshine again.

As usual, we have packed a lot into this short half term and have lots to say thank you for. Firstly, Year 6 had an amazing residential visit in Swanage. They shared their photos and experiences in Monday's assembly. Thank you to all the adults who went for making this possible. We also held our third community gardening day, with our biggest turnout yet. Again, thank you to all the staff and parents who came and transformed our courtyard, vegetable plots and kitchen. The community spirit of St John's always lifts me. Finally, our talented choir performed at the Royal Albert Hall with Armonico.

All that, along with super class assemblies and lots of learning too.

Have a wonderful Easter break. With very best wishes,

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

National Support School

It is a great privilege to be recognised as a national support school, and my role as a National Leader in Education is very rewarding and challenging. It is also recognition of the strong team we have in place here at St John's. My deployment as a National Leader does mean that there are times when I am not in school (although I am fully informed of what is happening!). On those occasions, please don't hesitate to contact the following members of Senior Leadership:

- Mrs Eastham – Acting Deputy Head
- Mr Lee – Acting Key Stage Two Phase Leader
- Miss Tonge – Key Stage One Phase Leader

Good Luck Mrs Baker!

Mrs Baker will be commencing her maternity leave on the first Tuesday back after Easter, so we all wish her lots of love and best wishes as she prepares for the arrival of her second child. Mrs Baker has already planned her Keep in Touch Days and we will see her most mornings on the school drop-off. See you soon, Mrs Baker!

Safeguarding

The Senior Leadership Team continues to meet fortnightly to discuss any issues with children and families. Our school counsellor also gives us updates where appropriate.

While Mrs Baker is on maternity leave, the Designated Safeguarding Leads are:

- Mr Barrow
- Mrs Eastham
- Mr Lee

Kenilworth Designated Leads have also met to discuss safeguarding priorities across the town.

Charity Sale

Isobel in Year 5 is organising a home craft sale to raise money for Sadie's Stray Dog Rescue. It will take place after school on Wednesday 25th April in the gazebo.

Nits!

A very small minority of parents seem to think that I am personally responsible for any outbreaks of nits in school! In many cases, I don't even get to know about it as there are systems in place to communicate outbreaks to parents. If there are episodes of nits, where possible the class teacher will let the individual child's parents know. A text is then sent to all parents in the year group advising them to look out for nits. The onus is then on the parents to treat their child accordingly.

I know I keep saying this time and again, but if your child has long hair, it needs to be tied up please. Plaits form a good barrier of defence for the nits too!

Governors' Update

I am very pleased to inform you that Daryl Molyneux has been elected as our new Chair of Governors. I am very much looking forward to working with him over the coming year. Daryl brings much financial and strategic expertise to the role. Look out for more information after Easter! Trisha Coopey will continue in her role of Vice Chair.

Parent Forum

Thank you to the parents who stayed behind following Miss Baker's class assembly. Mrs Baker was very pleased with the detailed feedback you were able to give.

Packed Lunches

Water is available at lunchtimes for children to have with their packed lunches. If you would like your child to drink something other than water (no fizzy drinks please), please include it in their lunchbox. Thank you.

Twitter

Keep up-to-date with all the latest St John's news by following us on Twitter [@stjohnsprimken](https://twitter.com/stjohnsprimken).



Warwickshire Education Strategy Consultation

You will have had some information on the Warwickshire Education Strategy (2018 – 2023) in the previous newsletter. The proposed strategy will guide and support education in Warwickshire for the next five years and is currently in a period of consultation (5th March – 2nd April).

Further information about the consultation, how to take part and the full draft strategy can be found here: <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/communities-group/education-strategy/>.

To register your comments, simply visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask.

Kenilworth Runners – May Day Activities

Kenilworth Runners are inviting all local primary school children to their running event in Abbey Fields on Monday 7th May. There will be a one-mile fun run and a Year 5 and 6 schools' challenge. Years 5 and 6 will receive a registration form after Easter. Children up to Year 4 can register for the fun run online at www.mayday-10k.co.uk.

Parent Forum

Parents and carers of 2S are invited to join us for the next in our new-look Parent Forum coffee mornings after 2S's class assembly on Wednesday 25th April. Parents will be able to come and have a coffee in the Out of School Club and speak to me in a less formal environment. Please do make every effort to stay behind.

Class Assemblies

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)

Diary Dates

Thu 29 th Mar	3.15pm: Break up for Easter holiday
Mon 16 th Apr	Back to school
Tue 17 th Apr	3.30pm/6.00pm: Swanage parent information meetings (parents of children currently in Year 5)
Wed 18 th Apr	Year 4 trip to Rugby Art Gallery
Tue 24 th Apr	4.00pm: KDPSA cross country race (selected children – Years 5/6 – Abbey Fields)
Wed 25 th Apr	9.00am: 2S class assembly 9.30am: Parent forum – 2S 5.00pm: PTA Bingo Night
Thu 26 th Apr	12.00pm: 2T parent sharing lunch

Term Dates 2018-2019

AUTUMN TERM

INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	3	September	2018
School opens at 8.45 am	- Tue	4	September	2018

Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	26	October	2018
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	5	November	2018
School opens at 8.45 am	- Tue	6	November	2018

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	21	December	2018
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SPRING TERM

INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	7	January	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	- Tue	8	January	2019

Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	15	February	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	25	February	2019

EASTER HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	12	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY	- Fri	19	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	- Mon	22	April	2019

SUMMER TERM

School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	29	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE	- Mon	6	May	2019

Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	24	May	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	3	June	2019

SUMMER HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	19	July	2019
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	22	July	2019

Please note that there will be one further INSET day (2018/19), the date of which is yet to be confirmed.