



# St John's Primary, Nursery and Children's Centre News

## - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 -

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#### Week 1: 5.11.13

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and survived the very blustery wind and rain!

We had an amazing start to our half term with our school celebration of Diwali. Mrs Darlington organised a fantastic day where all the children were mixed up together to learn about the festival of lights. Year 6 were brilliant leading the rest of the children. The staff worked very hard to ensure the children had an enjoyable and knowledgeable day! Please come and have a look at the display in the main entrance. Photos will be uploaded on to our new website...

... Speaking of which, our brand new website went live yesterday. Please have a look. The intention is to try and give you as much information as possible about our school. Please note the new address:

[www.st-johns.warwickshire.sch.uk](http://www.st-johns.warwickshire.sch.uk)

It has been designed with you in mind and we would be very interested in your feedback.

Thank you for filling in the parent questionnaire at Parent's Evening too. This will ensure that we get as many responses as we can and, with your help, continue to move the school forward.

Have a good week,

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

#### Nursery and Reception Places for 2014

The deadline is also approaching for Reception 2014. If you know of anyone who is eligible for a place, please point them in our direction. We do not have an open day as such; instead, we prefer to show parents around individually so that we are able to answer any questions personally. If you do know anyone, please encourage them to come and have a look around.

Similarly, we are also taking names for Nursery 2014. We are able to offer five free mornings and five bolt-on lunch and afternoon sessions for an additional £50 per week. Please pass this on to anyone you may know who will benefit. Thank you so much for supporting our school.

#### Diary Dates

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 3/4 trip to Cadbury's World <u>Parents' Evening</u> FYN, Yr 1, 2T, Yr 3/4: 5.30-7.30pm FYR, Yr 5, Yr 6: 5.00-7.30pm 2B 5.30-6.40pm
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	7.30pm PTA Meeting (Staff Room)
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Day ( <i>see below</i> ) 6.00-8.00pm PTA Family Quiz Night
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PTA Non-Uniform Day <i>Wear your own clothes in return for a chocolate donation</i>
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	3.15-4.30pm PTA Winter Fair
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am KS2 panto trip - "Aladdin", Spa Centre 5.30-6.30pm PTA Christmas Disco
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	am KS1 panto trip - "Aladdin", Spa Centre
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day ( <i>see below</i> )
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage One Christmas performance
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Key Stage Two Christmas performance
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas lunch ( <i>please note change of date</i> )
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	pm: Carols around the Christmas tree <b>Finish for Christmas break</b>
<b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

#### Fundraising Events

At this time of year there are always a lot of things going on. We would like to participate in two events this year and we have tried to make it as easy for parents as possible. The two dates to note are:

#### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need Day

Children to wear their pyjamas and bring their favourite teddy.

#### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

Children to wear a Christmas-themed jumper or their favourite winter cosy jumper.

For both events, we are asking for a minimum donation of £1.00 please, which will go directly to the respective charities. Thank you as always for your support with these events, which is very much appreciated.

# PTA News

## Family Quiz Night

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 6.00-8.00pm (School Hall)

Tickets £3 each, under 4s go free

Pizza and squash included in the ticket price

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, cakes and biscuits for sale. A great night's entertainment for all the family and fantastic prizes to be won.

Tickets will be available for sale at Parents' Evenings.

## Non-Uniform Day

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Wear your own clothes and in return, please send in any boxes of chocolates, chocolate advent calendars or bars of chocolate to go on our Chocolate Tombola Stall at Kenilworth lights switch-on.

## Winter Fair

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 3.15-4.30pm

(School Hall / some classrooms)

To include a programme of performances from the children.

## Christmas Disco

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 5.30-6.30pm (School Hall)

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions you can email the PTA at [stjohnsPTA@welearn365.com](mailto:stjohnsPTA@welearn365.com). We also have a Facebook page [StJohnsKenilworthPTA](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsKenilworthPTA) with news and up-and-coming events. Please like the page so that we can keep you informed.

## Christmas Lunch

Please note that the date of our Christmas Lunch has changed to **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. If you would like your children to participate in this gastronomic delight, please send £2.00 to the school office in an envelope clearly marked with Christmas Lunch and your child's name **no later than Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. Please look out for a letter in book bags / via email tomorrow (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November).

## Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school this week. If you would like your child to purchase one for Remembrance Day, please send your child in with some change to donate.

## Trip Money

I'm sure that you will have noticed that the children are enjoying going on trips and visits as part of their curriculum enhancement for their topic work. These are essential for bringing a topic alive and stimulating creativity.

We do try to keep the costs to a minimum, only charging for travel, insurance and entry where appropriate. We do not make a profit on these trips. In fact, recently we have been making big losses that we have had to subsidise. This money then has to be taken out of the school budget to make up the shortfall. Sadly, this means that we have less money to spend on books and resources.

Now, more than ever, we fully understand that money has to go further in families and we absolutely appreciate that some families have genuine difficulties in paying the amounts requested.

If this is the case, please come and see me in complete confidence. There are ways round this such as paying weekly or making a reduced contribution.

Sadly, if the level of non-payment that we have been experiencing continues, we will have to cancel the trips because we cannot keep the level of subsidy up that the school is currently making.

Even if you can make a nominal payment, that would be very much appreciated. Thank you to those parents who always pay the full amount and on time. It is genuinely appreciated.