



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

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Week 4: 28.1.14

The weeks are flying by in the blink of an eye of late. A full newsletter this week, so I will crack straight on!

Nursery and Reception Canopy Extensions

You may remember that we would like to extend the Nursery and Reception class canopy areas to enable the children to access more outside learning. The work was put out to tender and the Governors approved Arden Construction's quote.

The work is due to start on Monday 3rd February. This will inevitably mean short-term disruption for long-term benefits. In summary, this will mean:

- The project is aiming to be complete by the end of half term - 21st February.
- Mrs McDonald's Reception class will have to line up in a new place. Look out for Mrs McDonald in her new location on Monday!
- The Reception children will not be able to use their entrance for the duration of the project. They will need to come into school via the current Year 2 entrance.
- The Nursery class will not be able to use their outside area for the first week of construction, but parents can still use the same entrance.

I am sure you will agree that this will really enhance the learning opportunities and environment for the children. Please can I thank you for your co-operation with this?

Have a good week,

Mr D Barrow

Head Teacher & Head of Children's Centre

Exciting News!

It is not very often that an act of generosity comes out of the blue. In fact, in 10 years of being a Head Teacher, this is the first time something like this has happened. I'm very pleased to report that we have had a very generous and kind donation of £10,000 towards our laptop fund. The donation comes from a past pupil who wanted to give something back to his Infant and Junior School. I am so grateful for this wonderful donation and it will be wisely spent, ensuring that our children are equipped for the 21st Century curriculum they deserve. Further information to follow.

Diary Dates

Thu 30 th Jan	10.00am Yvonne Buckley, County Catering, available to answer any questions you might have about KS1 free school meals
Fri 31 st Jan	6B class assembly
Tue 11 th Feb	Reception eye screening (<i>please ensure that you have returned your consent form</i>)
Thu 13 th Feb	Whole-school theme day - "Around the World in an Afternoon"
Fri 14 th Feb	5S class assembly Break up 3.15pm PTA Valentine's Cake Sale
Mon 24 th Feb	Back to school
Tue 25 th Feb	No Yr 4 swimming today
Thu 27 th Feb	am School photographs 7.30pm PTA meeting - Staff Room
Tue 4 th Mar	Yr 4 swimming starts again today (4 th , 11 th , 18 th Mar)
Fri 14 th Mar	3/4ED class assembly
Fri 21 st Mar	PTA Family Event - details coming soon
Tue 25 th Mar	Yr 5 swimming lessons start today (25 th Mar, 1 st , 8 th Apr, 6 th , 13 th , 20 th May, 10 th , 17 th , 24 th June, 1 st , 8 th July)
Fri 28 th Mar	3/4H class assembly
Wed 9 th Apr	Non uniform day/PTA Disco (3.15pm-4.30pm) Cost: £2 (inc disco) £1 (non uniform only)
Thu 10 th Apr	2B class assembly Break up for Easter holiday
Mon 28 th Apr	Back to school
Tue 29 th Apr	No Yr 5 swimming today
Mon 5 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Fri 9 th May	2T class assembly
Fri 23 rd May	1BM class assembly Break up
Mon 2 nd Jun	Back to school
Tue 3 rd Jun	No Yr 5 swimming today
Fri 6 th - Sat 7 th Jun	Yr 3/4 Bushcraft Camp
Fri 13 th Jun	1C class assembly
Fri 27 th Jun	FYR class assembly
Fri 18 th Jul	9.05am YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY Break up for summer holidays

Mrs Fitchett

Mrs Fitchett, after many years loyal and devoted service to St John's, has decided that she would like to retire at the end of this term.

It won't be the last we see of her though because both of her grandchildren will be at St John's!

I would like to personally thank Mrs Fitchett for all her hard work, not just in school, but outside of school too. She will be sadly missed, but we all wish her well.

We will keep you informed about goodbye celebrations!

Going online

We are currently investigating an online payment and communication system. This will enable parents to pay for trips and dinners online, book parents' evening appointments, receive correspondence, view trip balances and statements, and much more!

In order for this to be viable, we would now like to actively encourage all parents to start receiving correspondence via email rather than hard copy. If you don't already receive emails, please let Mrs Morris have your details.

Theme Day - "Around the World in an Afternoon"

On Thursday 13th February, we're having another theme day. Children will be able to come to school wearing either the traditional dress of their learning theme country or the colours of the relevant country's national flag. Parents will then be invited to join their child's class from 2.00pm to see what the children have been learning. Further details to follow from individual class teachers. Watch this space!

Class Assemblies

All parents and carers for the class in question are welcome to join us at class assemblies, which will start at 9.05am and finish no later than 9.45am. Please note that Celebration Assembly will not take place on these dates.

Fri 31 st Jan	6B
Fri 14 th Feb	5S
Fri 14 th Mar	3/4ED
Fri 28 th Mar	3/4H
Thu 10 th Apr	2B
Fri 9 th May	2T
Fri 23 rd May	1BM
Fri 13 th Jun	1C
Fri 27 th Jun	FYR

Celebration Assembly dates

Celebration Assemblies will take place on the following dates. Please note that the final Celebration Assembly of the year on 18th July will be the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly.

January	24 th
February	7 th , 28 th
March	7 th , 21 st
April	4 th
May	2 nd , 16 th
June	6 th , 20 th
July	4 th , 11 th , 18 th

School Photographs

Brairswick Photographic will be coming to take photographs of the children on Thursday 27th February. The session will start at 9.00am with family groups for anyone with pre-school children / younger siblings who don't already attend St John's. This will be followed by school-age sibling groups. Each child in school will then have an individual photo taken, followed by class photos.

Fit2Dance - Children's Dance Classes

Every Thursday

The Wardens Cricket Club, Glasshouse Lane, Kenilworth

5.00-6.00pm Disco/Pop

6.00-7.00pm Street Dance

For more details, contact Liz on 07890 118923

PTA Update

PTA Family Event

Friday 21st March 2014

Watch out for more details coming soon.

Non Uniform Day & PTA Disco

Wednesday 9th April 2014

3.15pm to 4.30pm

Cost: £2 (for non uniform and entrance to the disco, to include a bag of sweets and a drink of squash) or £1 (non uniform only)

Members of the PTA would welcome feedback about the new disco times, non uniform day etc, and are always available in the playground for a chat. Alternatively, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, you can email the PTA at stjohnsPTA@welearn365.com. For up-to-date news and details of forthcoming events, visit the PTA's Facebook page - [StJohnsKenilworthPTA](#).

The next PTA meeting is at 7.30pm on Thursday 27th February in the Staff Room - everyone welcome.