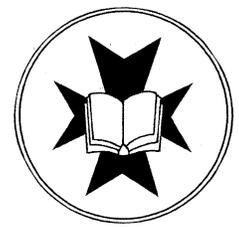


# St John's Primary, Nursery and Children's Centre News

## - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 -

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### Week 4: 21.5.14

Lots to fit into the newsletter this week, so I won't take up any more space! If I don't see you before Friday, have a lovely half term and I will see you all refreshed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Thank you all for your continued support.

**Mr D Barrow**

Headteacher & Head of Children's Centre

### Diary Dates

<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Break up</b>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jun</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	No Yr 5 swimming today
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6.00pm France meeting (Hall)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Yr 3/4 Bushcraft Camp
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Carnival non-uniform day ( <i>details to follow</i> )
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Yr 5 & 6 - residential trip to France
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	6.00pm New Nursery parents' induction meeting 6.30pm New Reception parents' induction meeting
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Kenilworth School Induction Day (for those Yr 6 children not in France)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jul	Non-uniform day & PTA Leavers' Disco ( <i>details to follow</i> ) 6.00pm Yr 2 Country Dancing at Kenilworth Castle ( <i>details to follow</i> )
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	pm Yr 6 transition session at Kenilworth School ( <i>details to follow</i> )
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Kenilworth Carnival - look out for Yr 3's float!
w/c Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Money Week
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 end-of-year play ( <i>pm &amp; eve performances - details to follow</i> )
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Jul	3.15-5.00pm PTA Summer Fair
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Armonico concert - Symphony Hall, Birmingham
Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Sports Day
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Children visiting new classes
<b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>9.05am YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Break up for summer holidays</b>
<b>Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

### Class Assemblies

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	1BM
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	2B
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun	1C
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jun	FYR
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jul	2T

### Celebration Assemblies

June	20 <sup>th</sup>
July	11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup>

### Children's Centre Tender Outcome

Many of you have been asking about the outcome of the Children's Centre tender. Unfortunately, this information cannot be released until 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please look out for a separate letter coming home on Friday.

### Staff News

Congratulations to Dr and Mrs Baker who welcomed the arrival of Peter Alexander on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May. He weighed a healthy 7 pounds 3 ounces, and is very, very adorable!

Good news for Miss Cotton too! She has managed to secure a position in Hertfordshire, where she is relocating. She will leave us at the end of the summer term. We wish her well on her new adventures and look forward to hearing any future news.

Mrs Hankinson will be returning to us for three weeks at the end of term, after which she'll be jetting off for a new life abroad. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing her well.

### Next Term's Theme

Next half term, we will be having a big push on "pride" and "being proud". This can take many forms: personal pride, being proud of achievements, and being proud to be part of our school.

We will also be introducing, for the seven weeks, pride points. All the teachers will have an array of tokens (or pride points) which they will give out every time they see any act that makes them feel proud. Each class will then accumulate the points, and points make prizes! The class with the most pride points each week will earn 15 minutes exclusive extra play on Friday!

The second half term is notoriously problematic, so we are hoping that by really pushing the positive, we can all make it through to the summer with our sanity intact!

### Scarlet Fever Update

There has been an increase in reported cases of scarlet fever. Attached is an information sheet on the illness from Public Health England.

### Nuts

You may be aware that several of our children have a severe nut allergy. This means that if they come into contact with any type of nut, it can trigger a severe allergic reaction. Please may I ask that you are mindful of this when preparing your child's lunch? If you could avoid food containing nuts, that would be very much appreciated.

### Survey Monkey

We are reviewing the service that our Out of School Club provides to parents and children to ensure that we continue to meet your needs, and as such are asking families who use the Out of School Club to complete an online survey.

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/oosclub](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/oosclub)

The purpose of this survey is to identify areas for future investment. We would be grateful if the survey could be completed before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014. Thank you for your support.

### St John's Blog

Did you know that we have a blog on our website where you can see what we've been up to? Let us know what you think via the comments section!

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

### Money Week

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July will see the whole school have an entrepreneurial week, which will also link with National Money Week. Children will learn to develop and improve their financial skills by looking at budgeting, saving and spending wisely. They will also be given the task to turn a small budget into the largest profit possible. To help them with this, we would like to invite in as many visitors as possible during the week. If you have any financial knowledge and would be willing to share your experiences with a class, then please contact Mrs Darlington on [darlington.s1@welearn365.com](mailto:darlington.s1@welearn365.com). Thank you.

### Out of School Club Update

Out of School Club is now taking bookings for their Summer Playscheme, details as follows:

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**8.00am – 6.00pm**

**Half day: £12.00 / Full day: £20.00**

For more information, pop into the Out of School Club and speak to Mrs Pryke.

Now that the sun has made an appearance, please make sure that your children have sun hats and suncream with them.

### Children's Centre - Bedtime Problems Discussion Group

## Bedtime problems discussion group

Getting up in the  
night?

Waking frequently  
during the night?



Not getting  
to sleep?

Not staying in bed?

**Tuesday July 8th**

**12.45–2.45pm**

at

St John's Children's Centre, Mortimer Road,  
Kenilworth CV8 1FS

Places need to be booked in advance and by  
**June 27th**

Please contact the Centre for more  
information or to book a place

Open Mon–Fri 9 – 4 or tel:01926 856397

A Triple P course for parents of children aged 0–12 years

### PTA Year 3 Carnival Float - Help Needed

Our Year 3 children are looking forward to taking part in Kenilworth Carnival on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July. The PTA is busy making plans for the float and, as such, would very much appreciate donations of toilet rolls, kitchen rolls, shoe boxes and big boxes. The PTA would also welcome offers of help on the day, and is keen to find somebody who has a PA system that could be used on the float itself. There will be a carnival meeting in the first week back after half term – details to follow.

### Armonico Concert

A letter went home last week to all 87 children who are taking part in the Armonico concert on 14<sup>th</sup> July at Birmingham Symphony Hall. **Please ensure that all slips and payments are returned no later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.** Thank you.

### Recorder Club

Due to lack of support, Recorder Club will not be continuing after half term. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.



## Scarlet Fever

PHE has reported increases in scarlet fever notifications across England during February 2014, with a total of 868 new cases reported. This is an increase from the same period in 2013 when 591 notified cases were reported.

Scarlet fever is caused by the group A streptococcus bacterium. Typically there are seasonal rises in scarlet fever between December and April each year, and also a cycle of increases and decreases in incidence that repeats over a period of several years. This most recent increase is likely to be part of that cycle.

### What is it?

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria (streptococci) and is characterised by a rash. These bacteria more often cause just a sore throat.

### How do you know if someone has it?

The main symptoms include a nasty sore throat and fever. The rash is a fine, raised, red rash (feels like sandpaper) which disappears momentarily when pressed. It appears most commonly on the neck, chest, under the arms, elbows and inner thighs. The rash does not usually affect the face, which is flushed. During convalescence, the skin usually peels on the fingers and toes.

### Is it infectious?

Yes, to close contacts of the patient and rarely by indirect contact through objects or hands.

### What is the incubation period?

Short, usually 1 - 3 days, rarely longer.

### Is there any treatment?

Penicillin reduces the length of the illness and the possibility of rare complications. There are alternatives for people allergic to penicillin.

**What should I do if someone has the illness?**

Consult your doctor who will confirm the diagnosis and decide about treatment.

The infected person should rest while they have fever.

Keep a child with fever cool by reducing clothing and bedclothes and by giving paracetamol as prescribed on the bottle.

If possible, babies and people with low resistance to infection (immunosuppression) should avoid contact with the patient.

**How soon can someone with the illness return to nursery/work?**

People are infectious from the day the sore throat starts until 24 hours after starting antibiotics. Individuals may return to nursery/work 24 hours from commencing antibiotics and feel well enough to do so.

**The local PHE team should be notified when an outbreak is suspected. The PHE team will provide advice on management and further documentation and guidance.**

For advice or more information contact your local Public Health England Team on:

**West Midlands East:** 0844 225 3560 Option 2 then Option 1

**West Midlands North:** 0844 225 3560 Option 2 then Option 2

**West Midlands West:** 0844 225 3560 Option 2 Option 3