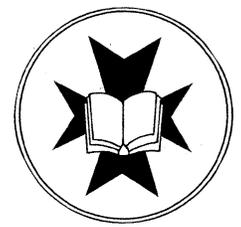


St John's Primary School and Nursery
- Wednesday 8th October 2014 -
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Week 6: 08.10.14

A packed newsletter this week. I wanted to say a huge thank you for your Harvest donations which are very gratefully received. Please see the picture below, arranged by our House Captains!



Have a very good week.

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Pride Points

This week's winner was 6ED. They enjoyed their extra playtime after the Harvest Festival last Friday.

Twitter!

You can now follow us:
[@stjohnsprimken](https://twitter.com/stjohnsprimken)

Don't forget that we also have the website, text messages, emails and paper copies of communications. If we can improve even further, please let us know.

Parents' Evenings

Please note that Parents' Evenings are scheduled for the week after half term. A letter will be coming out on Friday of this week, and once again we are encouraging you to self-register for an appointment in the Entrance Hall. Please make every effort to attend. In this first meeting we will:

- let you know how your child has settled;
- let you know their end of year target;
- share any Individual Education Plans (IEP).

Diary Dates

Mon 13 th Oct	5.30pm Parent Forum <i>Parents' Evening appointment sheets available in Entrance Hall</i>
Thu 23 rd Oct	7.30pm PTA meeting, Staff Room
Fri 24th Oct	Non-Uniform Day & St John's Has Talent Finals <i>£1 donation for taking part and/or non-uniform</i> 3.15pm Break up for October half term
Mon 3rd - Thu 6th Nov	Scholastic Book Fair (Library)
Mon 3rd Nov	Back to school Parents' Evening NK, 1D: 3.30-6.00pm RF, RG, 2B, 2H, 3OM, 3T, 4P: 3.30-5.30pm 5B, 6ED: 3.30-6.30pm
Tue 4 th Nov	Year 4/5 trip to "Tarzan", Coventry Skydome
Wed 5 th Nov	<u>Parents' Evening</u> NK, 1D, 5B, 6ED: 5.00-7.30pm RF, RG, 2B, 2H, 3OM, 3T, 4P: 5.30-7.30pm
Thu 6 th Nov	Year 3/4 trip to Children's Bookshow, Warwick Arts Centre
Wed 12 th Nov	am School photographs (with Braiswick Photographic)
Thu 13 th Nov	Year 5/6 trip to Skills Show, NEC
Fri 14 th Nov	Children in Need fundraising – <i>details to follow</i> PTA Bingo Night - <i>details to follow</i>
Fri 12 th Dec	Whole-school Christmas lunch
Mon 15 th Dec	am: Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Tue 16 th Dec	pm: Key Stage 1 Christmas performance
Wed 17 th Dec	pm: Key Stage 2 Christmas performance
Thu 18th Dec	3.15pm Break up for Christmas
Fri 19 th Dec	INSET day
Tue 6th Jan 2015	Back to school

Class Assemblies

Please note that class assemblies will now take place on Wednesdays at 9.00am. Each class's parents and carers are welcome to attend.

19 th Nov	5B
14 th Jan	4P
4 th Feb	3OM
11 th Mar	3T
22 nd Apr	2B
6 th May	2H
17 th Jun	1D
1 st Jul	RG / RF

St John's Has Talent

To end our whole-school "All About Me" topic, we would like to celebrate the children's talents with **St John's Has Talent**. If your child can dance, sing, play an instrument, perform magic, is a budding comedian, or has any other talent that they'd like to show us, then please encourage them to take part. Heats will take place during the last week of term, with the final being held on Friday 24th October, which will also be a non-uniform day.

Entrance: £1 (including non-uniform)

Non-uniform only: £1

There will be a small prize for both the KS1 and KS2 winner.

Developing our Courtyard Area

We are developing our courtyard area as an outside writing and learning environment. This area will be somewhere the children can use to help inspire their writing and creativity. As such, we're asking for contributions of figures (e.g. dinosaurs, superheroes, fairies), small furniture (e.g. chairs, toadstools), windchimes and other sensory equipment, and perhaps even a little tent or wigwam – basically, anything that might help to create a magical, exciting and inspirational space. Thank you in advance.

Mrs Darlington

Data Collection Sheets

Data collection sheets for Years 1 to 6 were sent home on 12th September. **It is very important that you check details, sign and return to school as soon as possible, even if there have been no changes.** If you do make any changes, it would be helpful if these could be highlighted. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

PTA Update

We are asking the children to design their own Christmas cards again. This year, the children will be completing them in school. A proof of your child's design will be sent home with an order sheet to be returned to the school office with any orders.

Thank you to everyone who donated or bought cakes at last week's cake sale. We raised £56 for Macmillan Nurses.

The next PTA Meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd October in the Staff Room.

Our next event will be a Bingo Night on Friday 14th November - more details to follow shortly.

Parent Forum

This will now be held on Monday 13th October at 5.30pm.

The Parent Forum is an opportunity to meet with Senior Leadership to discuss issues around school improvement.

It is open to anyone, although it would be helpful to email the school office and let them know if you plan to attend so that we can arrange enough seating. **To date, we have just three parents attending, so please do try to join us.**

On the agenda this time:

- School uniform
- School routines
- Our Learning Improvement Plan
- Our school grounds
- **New item! Residential visits**
- AOB - please submit prior to the meeting

Child Car Seat Clinic

New legislation recently came into force regarding car child restraints. Warwickshire County Council will be running a free car seat clinic at Waitrose on Wednesday 22nd October between 10.00am and 3.00pm. Consultants will be available to advise on the new regulations, as well as on buying and fitting car seats.

School Photographs

Braiswick Photographic will be coming to take photographs of the children on Wednesday 12th November. 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. By having the photography session in November, you'll be able to order photographs in time for Christmas presents for relatives.

Reception 2015

If your child was born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011, they are due to start school in September 2015. You can apply for their school place now at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions or by calling 01926 742037. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2015. If you or anybody you know would like to look round our lovely school, please speak to the office to make an appointment.