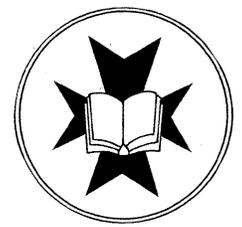




St John's Primary School and Nursery
- Wednesday 8th July 2015 -
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Week 6: 8.7.15

We are now on the downward slope towards the summer and it is one of our busiest times in school.

Everyone is working incredibly hard to ensure that the children have a good end to the current school year and a smooth transition into the new school year. My thanks to all of our hard working staff; it is very much appreciated.

Just to remind you that it is transition day next Wednesday when all the children will spend the day with their new teacher. They will line up as normal in the morning, register with their current teacher and then start the day with an assembly. At the end of the day at 3.15pm, you are very welcome to come into school to find out where your child's new class is and to say a brief hello to your child's teacher. We do have a staff meeting that day, so I would appreciate no in-depth discussions!

Have a good week,

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Staffing for September

You will all have received your new class information for September. You will note that there are some new names, but that some familiar names that are missing!

Mrs Duxbury, having successfully completed a very busy year, will be having a well-deserved break and will be saying goodbye. Mrs Duxbury has worked really hard with her current class (covering Mrs Baker's maternity leave). She will be missed, but I am keeping my fingers crossed that she will be back in some capacity in the future.

Mr Hobday will also be leaving us as he has been fortunate to secure a position at a school in Solihull. I know that his children have had a very happy year with him.

Mrs Hussain, our higher level teaching assistant, will be leaving at the end of the current school year too. I know many children have enjoyed spending time with her this year.

Mrs De Wit will be leaving to have her baby over the summer. She has provided PPA cover in a variety of classes this year. She travels a great distance to work at St John's; we all wish the De Wit family all the very best for the coming months.

We will be saying hello to Miss Williams and Mrs Pittarello, both of whom will be teaching in Year One. Miss Williams joins us from Dorset, whilst Mrs Pittarello has retrained as a teacher following a previous life as an accountant.

Mr Lee will be joining the Year Four team and has come to us from studying in Cheltenham. Miss Eggleton will be joining us in Year Five from her studies in Warwick.

Finally, Mrs Gorvett will be providing pastoral support in Years Five and Six for much of her time, in addition to providing nurture and social activities with small groups of children for the remainder of her time.

I am confident that we have a very strong team in place for September to enable St John's to continue to flourish.

Parent Forum

Our summer term Parent Forum will take place at 5.00pm today.

Kenilworth Carnival

Amazing news! We came first in the school's category and first overall! I know our fantastic Year Three parents have worked tirelessly, in their own time, to produce an award-winning float.

My thanks go to all of them and, without meaning to single anybody out, I know that Mrs Roberts and Mrs Richter acted as unofficial team leaders. Thank you one and all.



Year 6 Production

What a year it has been for our brilliant Year Six. They are certainly ending on a high with their performance on Tuesday and ending the week with their residential trip to Cannock Chase.

At the time of writing, I have not seen any of the performance. I like to have a surprise when it is performed for real! I know that a lot of effort has gone in to all aspects of this production; my thanks go to everyone involved.

Diary Dates

Wed 8 th Jul	3.30pm-4.30pm: New Reception stay & play session 5.00pm: Parent Forum
Thu 9 th Jul	3.30pm: Current Year 4 & 5 residential trip parents' information session
Thu 9 th - Sat 11 th Jul	Year 6 residential trip to Cannock Chase
Fri 10 th Jul	PTA Non-Uniform Day & Summer Fair (3.15pm-4.00pm)
Mon 13 th Jul	pm: Year 5 watching "Grease" (Kenilworth School)
Tue 14 th Jul	9.00am Sports Morning (PTA selling coffee and pastries)
Wed 15 th Jul	Classes move up a year for the day (including new Reception children)
Fri 17th Jul	Year 6 leavers' assembly Break up for summer holidays
w/c Mon 20th Jul	Out of School Club Summer Play Scheme
Wed 22 nd Jul	7.30pm: PTA meeting (The Gauntlet)
Fri 4 th Sep	INSET - school closed
Mon 7 th Sep	INSET - school closed
Tue 8th Sep	Back to school

PTA Summer Fair

Our wonderful PTA have worked hard to organise another great event this week.

The Summer Fair will start straight after school on Friday. **It will also be non-uniform day. Please could the children bring a prize for the bottle tombola in return for wearing their own clothes?** The PTA would also welcome donations of cakes - these should be brought to the playground when the children are dropped off in the morning please.

Last chance to get your summer raffle tickets back!
Prizes include: Weekend family pass to The Warwickshire Free entry for 4 to Hatton Country World
Free family entry to Charlecote Park
Free entry for 2 adults & 2 children to Stratford Butterfly Farm
Free entry for 2 to Warwick Castle
Number 11 – prix fixe lunch for 2
Pony ride with Mrs Benarous

Year Five London Trip

A lovely day was had by all when Year Five descended upon our capital city!

The weather was great, the children were impeccably behaved and we had a great day seeing the sights, a trip down the Thames and ice cream in the park. We won't mention the pelican who stole the show at the end!!!

Warwickshire County Boys Choir

Warwickshire Choristers are looking to recruit boys for the Warwickshire County Boys Choir. If you think you might be interested in this very successful choir, more info on applying can be found at www.choristers.org and <https://youtu.be/YiahAQqiztc>.

End of Term

Everyone gets tired at this time of the year, but it is still very much business as usual for the children and staff until at least next week.

It would be appreciated if you could check at home for anything that might belong to school such as home reading books, library books and any school PE team kits. If you discover anything, please return it to either your child's class teacher or the school office.

Once again, there is an ever-growing mountain of lost property. Please come and have a look through. We will try to put this out in the gazebo this week too.

We will be keeping a range of books again this year from each class (just in case we are inspected next year). Letters will come out accordingly to those children's whose books we are keeping.

Sports Morning

Mrs O'Callaghan has been seconded in to help organise our Sports Morning next week. Nursery and Reception will be having their own event at the top of the field and then Reception will join the rest of the school for the running races afterwards.

Please can we ask that your child wears a t-shirt to match the colour of their house: red, blue, green or yellow? This not only helps with the team spirit, but also the organisation!

Thank you in advance.

School Dinners

When we return to school in September, the cost of school dinners will be £2.15 (an increase of 5p).

Crossing Patrol

Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will be no school crossing patrol after school on Thursday 9th and Thursday 16th July.

Polar Explorers Holiday Club

A holiday club for primary school children at Kenilworth Methodist Church, details as follows:

Date: Monday 27th - Friday 31st July

Time: 9.30am - 12.00pm

Cost: £12 (£8 for each additional sibling)

For more info, visit www.kenilworthmethodist.org.

Children's Centre Summer Timetable

The St John's and Kenilworth Children's Centres' summer timetables are now available on our website. Visit www.st-johns.warwickshire.sch.uk for further details.