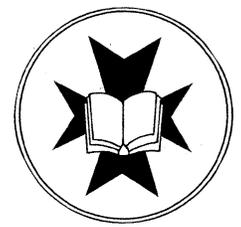


**St John's Primary School and Nursery**  
**- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 -**  
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**Week 1: 4.11.15**

Welcome back to a very foggy and murky start to the half term. I hope you all enjoyed your half term, whatever you were up to.

It is another very hectic half term as we approach the run-up to Christmas. There are two important events for parents running that we would very much like you to attend: the Taking Care project information session with Ann Seal on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and an assessment update and information evening, the date of which will be set by the next newsletter publication!

Have a good week,

**Mr D Barrow**  
 Head Teacher

**Data Collection Sheets / Parental Consent**

Data collection sheets came home before half term. **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 make any changes, it would be helpful if these could be highlighted. Thank you for your co-operation with this. You should also have received a **parental consent form for activities and photography**. Please complete **both sides of the form** and return to school. Thank you.

**Diary Dates**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov        | Years 1 & 2 trip to Twycross Zoo   |
| Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov       | pm 4L swimming lessons start   |
| Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov       | School photographs (Braiswick)   |
| <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> | <b>INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |
| Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov       | 5.30pm Taking Care parent workshop   |
| Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov       | am Reception coffee morning - Tapestry   |
| Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov       | Non-uniform day in return for donations to the PTA chocolate tombola (Kenilworth Christmas lights switch-on) |
| Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec       | Nursery & Reception Christmas performance  |
| Tue 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec       | Key Stage One Christmas performance  |
| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec       | Key Stage Two Christmas performance  |
| <b>Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> | Non-uniform day - details to follow<br><b>3.15pm Break up for Christmas holiday</b>                          |
| <b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  | <b>INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  | <b>INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>  | <b>Back to school</b>  |

**School Photographs**

**Braiswick Photographic will be coming to take photographs of the children on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.** Following the success of last year's photographs, the session will start at 8.00am for family groups and sibling photographs. Once the school day starts, 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.

If you wish to have a family group or any sibling photographs taken, please come along to the school hall before school from 8.00am. This applies to siblings who are already in school as well as families who wish to include a non-St-John's sibling in a photograph. **To clarify, all sibling photographs will be taken before the start of the school day. No sibling photographs will be taken during the school day.** On the morning, please go straight to the side hall door to wait for your photograph to be taken. Please be assured that if the photographers are running late and your child is late to registration, this will not be a problem and your child will not be marked as late.

**It would be helpful if you could let the office know if you plan to have a sibling photograph taken please so that we can provide the photographers with a list of who to expect.**

**Parent Forum**

The Parent Forum planned for 9<sup>th</sup> November has been postponed until the New Year. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Office Update**

Just to let you know that in order to give the office some uninterrupted time to complete essential tasks, the answer machine will be switched on for telephone calls between 9.30am and 11.00am. It will be checked periodically for urgent messages. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Also any money, slips etc can be handed to Mr Barrow or Senior Leadership on duty in the playground from 8.40am or, indeed, sent in with your child to give directly to their teacher.

### Learning Webs

Learning webs will be coming home on Friday of this week (6<sup>th</sup> November).

### Dinner Money

School lunches for children in Years 3 to 6 are £2.15 per day. Please ensure that you pay in advance, ideally half-termly via ParentPay. There are 35 school days until the Christmas break. Below is a ready-reckoner to help you calculate what is due.

| No of lunches per week | Amount due this term |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1                      | £15.05               |
| 2                      | £30.10               |
| 3                      | £45.15               |
| 4                      | £60.20               |
| 5                      | £75.25               |

### Lunch Menu

The lunch menu will change on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Look out for the menu in book bags soon.

### Poppies

We will once again be supporting the Poppy Appeal this year. Children will be able to buy poppies for a suggested minimum donation of 50p. Also available this year are:

| Item                 | Suggested donation |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Friendship bracelets | £1.00              |
| Slap rulers          | £1.00              |
| Wristbands           | 50p                |
| Reflectors           | 50p                |
| Pencils              | 50p                |

Thank you for your support.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank to those of you who supported our recent Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £95.80, which will make a real difference to the lives of people facing cancer. Thank you once again.

### Children's Centre - Job Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen for an Early Years Practitioner at the Children's Centre:

Term-time only, 20 hours per week (Monday 8.30am - 4.30pm, Tuesday 8.30am - 4.30pm, Wednesday 8.30am - 1.30pm). To support delivery of our Ready Rangers Nursery provision for two-year-olds in Kenilworth. Minimum Level 2 qualification. Working with our fantastic team to provide children with good quality play and learning experiences within a Children's Centre setting.

For further details and an application form, visit [www.barnardos.org.uk](http://www.barnardos.org.uk). Closing date: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

### Marco Pierre White Pumpkin Competition

A number of St John's children recently entered a pumpkin carving competition run by Marco Pierre White's restaurant in Kenilworth. Congratulations to Kieran S-D, Anna, Anita, Alivia, Khem, William S, Tabitha, Alex F and Erin C, who were all finalists and were invited to the restaurant during half term to see their carved pumpkin design. And well done to Anna from Year 6, who was voted overall winner! Here she is with her winning design.



### Taking Care Parent Workshop

As mentioned earlier, Ann Seal from Warwickshire's safeguarding team will be holding a Taking Care parent workshop in school at **5.30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015**.

The Taking Care programme has been running in all classes since September. The programme aims to teach children about feeling safe and building networks of support that they can use if they do not feel safe. The curriculum is based on the Protective Behaviours process. The workshop will look at:

- using safe language
- how our body lets us know if we are not feeling safe
- safe and unsafe secrets
- the importance of children learning to name their body parts correctly
- building a safe support network

A letter went home at the beginning of October about this. If you wish attend, please return the reply slip or let Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the office know.

### After School Sports Clubs

**Premier Sport after school clubs start this week.**

There is currently space available in all clubs. If you're interested, please speak to Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir.

| Day / Date  | Time      | Club      | Year    |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>– 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | 3.30-4.30 | TAG RUGBY | 4, 5, 6 |
| Thu 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>– 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 3.30-4.30 | ARCHERY   | 1 – 6   |
| Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov<br>– 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 3.30-4.30 | HOCKEY    | 1, 2, 3 |