



**St John's Primary School and Nursery**  
**- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 -**  
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**Week 3: 20.1.16**

Winter is well and truly here with the arrival of the frost and snow flurries last week. It seems timely to remind children and families about bringing in those named winter essentials: coats, hats, gloves and scarves. We try to go outside as much as possible, so please support us in this.

Our fantastic children never cease to amaze me with their excellent behaviour, respectful attitude and manners. It has been a lovely week! I have been lucky enough to teach in Year Three, meet with some of Year Four who have organised a charity day (see further down in newsletter). I'm also looking forward to 6B's class assembly. Having caught some of their rehearsals, it promises to be a real treat. I am very proud of our school and rightly so!

Have a good week,

**Mr D Barrow**  
 Head Teacher

**Parents' Assessment Information Evening**

**If you would like to know how your child is assessed and how we will be reporting achievement, then this is a MUST ATTEND!**

We will be holding an assessment information evening next **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 6.00pm**. This will give you the information we have about what we are assessing and reporting at St John's, along with what we know about testing in Years 2 and 6. We would encourage as many of you as possible to attend.

- Mr Barrow and Mrs Baker will give an overview of the changes at St John's, what those changes means for your child, and how we will be reporting in all year groups.
- Miss Blower and Mrs Benarous will then lead two groups: one on Key Stage One tests and the other on Key Stage Two tests. **Parents in Years 2 and 6 are very much encouraged to stay for this. All parents are welcome, however.**

If you plan to come along, please complete the slip on the reverse of this newsletter.

**Diary Dates**

Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 9.00am Class assembly – 6B (6B parents and carers welcome) pm: Yr 1 & 5 fire safety visit
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	am: Yr 3-6 (selected children) boccia & archery tournament (Campion School) 5E start swimming lessons
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	am: Yr 1 trip to St John's Museum, Warwick 6.00pm Parents' assessment information evening
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	<b>Dress as an Animal Day (in aid of Parkinson's Society)</b> 9.00am Celebration Assembly am: Yr 5/6 girls' (selected children) cross country event (Warwick Preparatory School)
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Yr 5/6 Zoolab workshops
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.00am Celebration Assembly
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents' evening 2.30-6.00pm 2B, 6B & SENDCo 3.30-6.00pm All other year groups
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	pm: Year 6 watching USU performance (Kenilworth School) 5.00-7.30pm Parents' evening (all year groups & SENDCo)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 9.00am Class assembly – 5E 3.15pm Break up for February half term holiday 3.15pm PTA Valentine's Day Cake Sale (playground)
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Back to school 7.30pm PTA meeting (staff room)

**Class Assemblies**

Date	Class
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2016	6B
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2016	5E
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	4L
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016	4P
15 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	3T
29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	3CT
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	1W
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	1P
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	2B
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	RG
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	RF

### Dress as an Animal Day

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016, we will be having a **Dress as an Animal Day in aid of the Parkinson's Society**. Please come to school dressed as an animal. If you cannot dress up as something animal-related, you could bring in an animal toy or just wear your own clothes. We can assure you that this is happening! As well as dressing as an animal, you need to bring in £1 (or, if you would like to, you can bring in £1.50 to be helpful). We are doing this in memory of Gianluca's grandad.

Thank you from *Gianluca, Ella and Izzy (4L)*

### PTA News

#### **Sweetheart Valentine's Day Cake Sale**

**3.15pm, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** (on the playground)

Cake donations gratefully received.

Please bring to school at drop-off. Thank you.

Year 3 will be having a float at this year's Kenilworth Carnival (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July). All Year 3 children and parents are invited to help design and man the float. St John's came first last year, so it would be wonderful to make it two years in a row! If you can help, please contact Rachel Coyle at [rachcoyle@googlemail.com](mailto:rachcoyle@googlemail.com).

The next PTA meeting will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in the staff room. All are welcome to attend.

### Premier After-School Clubs

Premier after-school clubs have now started. Thursday's hockey club has been opened out to Years 3 and 4. There is good availability in all clubs, so do let the office know if your child is interested.

Day	Time	Club
Wednesday	3.15 – 4.30pm	Indoor Athletics (Years 1 & 2)
Thursday	3.15 – 4.30pm	Hockey (Years 3 - 6)
Friday	3.15 – 4.30pm	Gymnastics (Years 3 & 4)

### School Dinners

A number of families have outstanding balances for dinner money. Dinners should be paid for in advance please. If you think you have an outstanding balance, please settle your account as soon as possible. If you're unsure what you owe, please check with Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir. Thank you.

### Year 5/6 Residential Trip to Swanage

The next instalment for the Year 5/6 residential trip to Swanage is due next Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please check with Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir if you're uncertain what you currently owe. As a reminder, below is the payment schedule.

Instalment	Amount	Due date
DEPOSIT	£40.00	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
1	£40.00	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2015
2	£40.00	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
3	£40.00	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
4	£40.00	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
5	£40.00	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2016
6	£40.00	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2016
7	£38.00	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will take place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016. Please make every effort to attend.

With our larger classes (in particular Years 2, 5 and 6), we will only be able to accommodate one appointment per child. Therefore, where possible, we would ask that separated parents attend the same appointment. If this isn't possible, please speak to your child's class teacher, who will be happy to arrange an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Parents' evenings are an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher, discuss your child's progress and future needs, and to also look at your child's work.

**We are once again asking you to self-register for an appointment.** Appointment sheets will be available in the entrance hall by the school office from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

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### **PARENTS' ASSESSMENT INFORMATION EVENING – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016, 6.00pm**

I am able to attend the information evening

Number of seats required: .....

Signed: .....

Print name: .....