



**St John's Primary School and Nursery**  
**- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 -**  
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**Week 7: 18.5.16**

This has been a long half term and we seem to have been working at a pace from the start!

I want to congratulate Year 6 on their impeccable behaviour and attitude throughout the tests last week. The tests certainly seemed to challenge and stretch the children to full capacity, but everyone coped well. Thank you to the staff in Year 6 for all their input prior to and during the tests. Also, thank you to the rest of the staff for assisting with readers and room alterations. Nobody knows the outcome of the tests, but as soon as the fog lifts the information will be shared with you!

Year 2 are also working hard at the moment; they have their reading test this week, having piloted the maths test early. Again, thank you to the staff involved for making this experience as stress-free as possible.

You may also have heard about the government U-turn on academies. The governors and I still plan to attend briefing events this term to gain as much information as possible.

Thank you 1W for a lovely class assembly too. Miss Blower (and the staff) said how super the children were.

Have a good week,

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

**Goodbye Mrs Gorvett**

Sadly, we have had to say goodbye to Mrs Gorvett, our pastoral TA in Year 6. She has been fortunate enough to secure a permanent position at a school in Leamington. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her new role.

**Staffing**

It is that time of year again when everyone wants to know what is happening in September, who is going where and who with! The answer to that is we don't have an answer until at least 31<sup>st</sup> May, which is the staffing deadline for resignations! I will let you know as soon as everything has been finalised and all interviews have taken place.

**Safeguarding**

I have been noticing a lot of parents accessing all areas of the school in the morning and after school, particularly when dropping off or collecting children from the Out of School Club. I am going to ask the OOSC to ensure that children bring all of their belongings to the club so that when the children are dismissed from the club they can go straight home. If you need to see me or your child's class teacher, please make an appointment in the usual way. Parents and children should not be accessing classrooms out of hours please.

**PTA News**

The PTA family picnic will now take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June (5.00pm - 7.00pm). This is probably a wise move, given the strange weather we have had of late!

**Swanage**

I'm really looking forward to going on the Year 5 and 6 residential trip to Swanage, which is where I was born! Thanks to Mrs Benarous for her very informative presentations. Please can you make sure that you have returned your medical forms (OSA2) to the school office as soon as possible? Please also ensure that you are up-to-date with your payments. Many thanks for your co-operation.

**Bikeability**

We will be running Bikeability courses for Years 5 and 6 in the week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Letters and consent forms went home recently. Please ensure that the reply slip and two consent forms are returned to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Sunscreen**

Now that the better weather is here, please don't forget to apply sunscreen to your children in the mornings. Hats (named please) are also recommended as we head towards a glorious summer! I do not have a problem with sunglasses for children who suffer from hayfever if it helps alleviate symptoms.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

It would be appreciated if all Active Kids vouchers could be brought in to school by half term, i.e. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you.

## Term Dates 2016/17

Please note that there will be a further two INSET days, the dates of which are yet to be confirmed.

### **AUTUMN TERM**

**INSET DAY CLOSURE** - Thursday 1 September 2016  
**INSET DAY CLOSURE** - Friday 2 September 2016  
 School opens at 8.45am - Monday 5 September 2016

### **Half-term**

School closes at 3.15 pm - Friday 21 October 2016  
 School opens at 8.45 am - Monday 31 October 2016  
**INSET DAY CLOSURE** - Friday 18 November 2016

### **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

School closes at 3.15 pm - Friday 16 December 2016

### **SPRING TERM**

**BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE** - Monday 2 January 2017  
 School opens at 8.45 am - Tuesday 3 January 2017

### **Half-Term**

School closes at 3.15 pm - Friday 17 February 2017  
 School opens at 8.45 am - Monday 27 February 2017

### **EASTER HOLIDAY**

School closes at 3.15 pm - Friday 7 April 2017

### **SUMMER TERM**

School opens at 8.45 am - Monday 24 April 2017  
**BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSURE** - Monday 1 May 2017

### **Half-Term**

School closes at 3.15 pm - Friday 26 May 2017  
 School opens at 8.45 am - Monday 5 June 2017

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY**

School closes at 3.15 pm - Friday 21 July 2017

## Diary Dates

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Scholastic Book Fair
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> May	pm: 3CT – last swimming session
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 planting day (school grounds)
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	7.30pm: PTA meeting (staff room)
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> May	pm: 3B – first swimming session
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Roman toga day pm: Year 6 rounders tournament (Kenilworth School)
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Reception dress up day (come as your favourite Julia Donaldson character) <b>3.15pm: Break up for May half-term holiday</b>
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 residential trip to Swanage
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June	5.00pm-7.00pm: PTA Family Picnic
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00pm: KDPSA Years 3-6 athletics field event qualifiers (selected children - Kenilworth School)
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00pm: KDPSA Years 3-6 athletics track event qualifiers (selected children – Edmonscote)
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> – Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 6 Bikeability
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	6.00pm: Parent Forum
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Bikeability
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm: New Reception parents' induction meeting
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June	am: Reception trip to Warwick Arts Centre Central Warwickshire Common Induction Day (Year 6 moving up to new schools for the day)
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 3 taking part in Kenilworth Carnival
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm: KDPSA country dancing festival (Kenilworth Castle)
<b>Thu 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>1.30pm / 6.30pm: Year 6 end-of-year performance</b>
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July	End-of-year reports home to parents 3.30pm-5.00pm PTA Summer Fair
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception trip to Twycross Zoo
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Leavers' Disco
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> July	am: Sports Morning
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July	St John's induction day (classes move up a year for the day) 3.30pm-3.45pm: Say hello to your child's new teacher
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	9.00am: Leavers' assembly <b>3.15pm: Break up for summer holiday</b>

### St John's Out of School Club – Summer Play Scheme

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Activities to include (subject to availability):

**Art \* Craft activities \* Food tasting**  
**Paddling pool \* Circus skills \* Bouncy castle**  
**Zoo lab \* Movie afternoon**  
**And lots of outside play!**

Opening times: 8.00am – 6.00pm

Lunch: 12.00pm – 1.00pm

*Packed lunches required for all day sessions*  
*Mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks provided*

Half day or full day sessions available

£125.00 per week \* £25.00 per day

£13.00 per half day

To book places, contact Out of School Club staff  
 or call 01926 854450 (between 8.00am and 9.00am /  
 3.00pm and 6.00pm)

**Places reserved ONLY when payment received.**

Thank you.



### Class Assemblies

Date	Class
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2016	1D
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	2B
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2016	RG
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	RF