



Saint John's Church School Newsletter

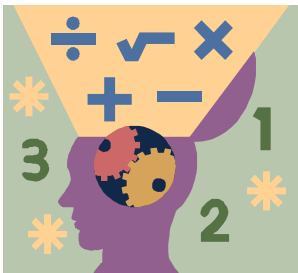


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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of staff at St John's. Staff work really hard to ensure all children here get a great education, tirelessly planning and coordinating - not just lessons but also clubs and trips. Many staff working every day from 8 to 6.

We dedicate our time and energy into securing funding to enable the children to benefit from a wide range of learning experiences. As you may already realise the many and varied trips and visits we arrange would be impossible without securing this funding; currently totalling £50,000. This enables the cost to you as the parent to be minimal.

This newsletter details a snapshot of activities organised by school.



Maths Day

Wednesday 3rd March is World Maths Day and St John's is participating! Parents are welcome to come into morning assembly at 9am or after 2pm to see the maths first hand.

Moon Landing

Please continue to check out our school website as our moon landing will appear shortly!

Community Cadets

Our Year 4 children are involved in a community project alongside the police; this increases their awareness of local issues.

Please speak to your child and ask them about it.

New Playground

The side gate has now reopened for access to school following the completion of the building work on the new play equipment. This is a joint project involving Cross keys, the City Council and St John's. A fence will be erected around the equipment to enable school to have sole use of the facility during the daytime.

Please report any vandalism to school.



Music Lessons

We run private music lessons in school, enabling your child to learn an instrument.

Should you wish your child to learn a new skill, please speak to Mrs Wynne.



Attendance

We are very close to reaching our target of 95% in attendance - and improving our Ofsted grading! Currently we are on 94.8%!!

Please assist us by ensuring your children are in school unless illness prevents. Wherever feasible please arrange appointments outside of school hours and holidays outside of term time.

Snowdon Trip

Our recent trip was another resounding success. The children were fantastic and a huge credit to both our school and to their parents.



Young Shakespeare Company

We have been receiving performances from the London based Young Shakespeare Company for a number of years now. Recently we were treated to a wonderful performance of 'Hamlet' and are looking forward to 'The Tempest' and 'Macbeth' in the future.

Swimming

We arrange swimming lessons at the Regional Pool on a weekly basis.

Currently Year 4 are taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



Dance Workshop

Congratulations to our Year 4 children who were selected to attend a special street dance workshop. They amazed us all in assembly with all they had learned.



Chinese New Year

Year 4 pupils have been celebrating Chinese New Year. Please speak to your child to find out what they have been up to.

Year 6 Booster and Easter School

We have already started booster sessions in school to help Year 6 children achieve their potential in the forthcoming SATs tests. We will also again be running our successful Easter School - details to follow.

Author

Our very own Miss Sandall has had her first book published! *Birdsong* is a colourful tale of noisy birds landing on the branch of a big tree. One flashy bird wants to rule the roost - until something small changes his tune.

There is a copy of the book in the Key Stage 1 library together with a display including an interview with Miss Sandall and some big birds created by the children in our Art Club. Do take a look next time you're there.

Forthcoming Trips

Year 2 to Leicester Space Centre
Years Reception and Year 1 to Sacrewell Farm
Year 6 to Duxford Imperial War Museum
Year 4s will be performing in The Tempest Musical at the Cresset

I would like to thank all parents and friends of St John's for your continuing support and we would appreciate any feedback you may have.