

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - Friday 5th May 2017



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Dear Parents,

This week we have been in rather a celebratory mood due to the fantastic results we have managed to achieve at the various sporting events that we have attended over the past two weeks. As a small school, it can be very hard to compete with the much larger schools in the borough; factors such as having a larger selection of children, more staff to help organise training and attendance at the event, as well as having larger funds to purchase equipment and sports coaches to help with training are all major factors in sporting success. Some of the larger schools have dedicated sports teaching assistants and teachers because they have more money. A comparison to Premiership football teams springs to mind: Chelsea is a much bigger club than Crystal Palace, for example. They have more money, a larger stadium, a bigger squad and more facilities. However, this did not stop Palace beating Chelsea 2-1 in April. Our teachers and teaching assistants do their utmost for our children, often in their own time, and our children always have a positive mindset. Passion, commitment and enthusiasm are but a few words to describe our school sporting ethos. This has culminated in our recent successes – our Girls Football Team winning the Central League, our Netball Team finishing 3rd in the league, our tennis players reaching the quarter finals out of 42 schools and our Year 2 footballers winning all but 1 match at the recent festival. We are extremely proud of all of our children and their efforts, no matter what the outcome. Have a good weekend! God bless.

Mr Sweetingham

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

House Points

This week's House Points are as follows:

1 st	St Andrew	257
2 nd	St Patrick	180
3 rd	St George	171
4 th	St David	167



Foundation Stage

Many thanks to all the parents who donated compost for our new growing area. Today we had a volunteer parent who worked with groups of children to start our planting. The children will be heavily in charge of caring for the produce that we are growing and there is a wealth of learning opportunities surrounding this topic. We are still in need of some more compost to fill our large growing area, so any more donations would be gratefully received!

Reception are continuing to enjoy some more structured PE sessions led by Mr Bishop. Next week's session will take place on Friday - please ensure that your child comes in suitable EYFS uniform for active learning.

Mrs Stylianou

Girls Football Final

After winning the group pool, our girls faced St Catherine's for the league title. As a school, we were immensely proud of the team for getting to the final and were all extremely excited. We started really well but, against the run of play, quickly found ourselves one-nil down. This, however, did not phase our girls, who kept pushing for the equaliser. 5 minutes in to the second half, we were level after Eva got the final touch from one of Alisha's long throws. St John's continued to dominate and deservedly brought the trophy home following a winning goal by Eva and a stunning last minute save by Chloe. It was an amazing effort by the whole team. Thank you to all the staff and parents who came to support the team and helped make it a memorable day for the amazing girls. Well Done, Girls – CHAMPIONS!!! Mr Bishop



Attendance

This week, Year 4 has the best attendance with a near perfect **99.6%**.

Reception	98.3%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	99.6%
Year 5	97.0%
Year 6	98.3%
Total attendance	97.8%

Bikers' Breakfast

This morning, before school, we held a Bikers' Breakfast to promote sustainable travel and to encourage children to cycle or scooter to school. To qualify for the free breakfast, children had to cycle or scooter to school on 5 occasions between Monday 24th April and Friday 5th May 2017, having a special passport signed on each occasion. It was lovely to see so many children take part in this healthy initiative; there was a lovely community feel in the school hall as children of all ages sat down together to share a range of breakfast items which included cereal, toast, bagels, eggs, bacon, jam, fruit, milk and juice. We hope many children continue to bike or scooter to school whenever possible!



Keep in touch

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Diary Dates – 2017

Friday 12th May – Y3 Football Tournament
Monday 15th May 8.45am-12pm– Y2/3 Girls Football Festival
Wednesday 17th May – Tri Golf event
Thursday 18th May – Y6 trip to Westminster Abbey
Monday 22nd-Friday 26th May – Y6 trip to Isle of Wight
Monday 22nd May – Y5 tennis competition (Oakleigh Park)
Wednesday 24th May – Y1 Class Assembly
Thursday 25th May – Pathways assembly
Monday 29th May - Friday 2nd June – Half Term week
Tuesday 6th June – Church Service YR-Y6 (parents welcome)
Friday 16th June at 9.30am – Sports Day (morning)
Wednesday 21st June at 3.30pm – Open Day
Friday 23rd June at 9.30am – Reserve Sports Day (morning)
Wednesday 28th June at 2.30pm – YR Graduation assembly
Saturday 1st July – Summer Fete
Wednesday 5th – Thursday 6th July – School Production

Sport

KS1 Teddy Bears' Picnic

A group of KS1 children, armed with a range of teddies and soft toys, had a fabulous time at this event, joining in many different activities including dodgeball and dance. Lots of fun was had by all; it was a privilege to see so many smiling faces throughout the afternoon! *Miss Lawson*

Y3/4 Mini Tennis competition

Our junior tennis team took part in the Barnet Mini tennis competition on Thursday. With 42 teams having entered, we did incredibly well to reach the Quarter Finals, showing some promising skills and great team spirit throughout. We were extremely proud of them! *Mrs Dawlaty and Mrs Solonos*



Achievements



Nursery	Lily – producing some lovely drawings Theo R – being a good friend
Reception	Zaki – making excellent progress in reading and producing super writing! Dominik – being a good friend to everyone in our class
Year 1	Kiko – producing a fantastic Learning Log about his bearded dragon Madelyn – making great progress in her reading
Year 2	Danielius – writing a great set of instructions Finley – producing a brilliant Learning Log about the Galapagos Islands
Year 3	Matthew G – persevering with his multiplication learning Matthew L – being a brilliant Talk Partner
Year 4	Luis – making huge strides win both handwriting and spellings Oliver – showing enthusiasm and passion when completing his learning journal
Year 5	Ellis – showing consistent effort and hard work in all lessons Kristina – revealing an enlightened career choice in her Learning Log
Year 6	Summer – always giving 100% in all her learning Eva – showing excellent team spirit and keeping her cool under pressure

Maintenance Fund

Thank you to those who have already made payments to our voluntary Maintenance Fund. If you have not yet done so, we would really appreciate it if you would do so as soon as possible – every payment is invaluable to the school.

Please note that we can now accept standing orders, enabling you to set up a regular payment during your child's time at school; a form can be downloaded from our website.

Thank you.