

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - Friday 19th May 2017



HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON



Dear Parents,

This week, Year 6 went on their school trip to Westminster Abbey. They had a brilliant time, where they got to see the coronation chair, tombs of past kings and queens and had the opportunity to take part in quiet reflection. Also this week, Year 5 took part in a drama experience with a focus on road safety. They learnt, rehearsed and performed throughout the day and in the afternoon they shared their learning in a school assembly. This week, Mrs Mitri and I joined some of the children in their class collective worship. It was a real pleasure sharing reflective and spiritual moments led by the children. The Parent and Carer Council met for the second time this term to discuss future developments for the school. It was an extremely productive meeting which has led to some great lines of enquiry – one being, regular inspirational people assemblies. Thank you to all those who attended. Finally, after the Year 6 SATs, the children, Mrs Cruickshank, Mr Bishop, Mrs Thatcher and I will be departing on Monday morning to visit beautiful (and hopefully sunny!) Isle of Wight. Have a good weekend. God bless.

Mr Sweetingham

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

Summer Camp!

This year we will be hosting a multi-sports camp at St John's in conjunction with All For Sport – who teach our children PE. There will be an exciting range of activities on offer between 31st July to 4th August and 7th to 11th August. Whilst the cost of a week at the camp will be £79 for external children, our pupils will be able to book a place at the exclusive price of **£60**. The daily rate is £20. The camp will run from 10am until 4pm; however, an early drop-off from 8:30am will be available for a cost of £3 and a late pick up will also be offered up until 5pm, also for £3. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to enjoy some well-organised activities in a familiar and local surrounding and we are sure you will be as excited by this opportunity as we are!

Foundation Stage

We have enjoyed learning about growing vegetables and a healthy diet this week in Foundation stage. The children are enjoying caring for our produce that we are growing with our seeds from Waitrose. Every day we see a change and they are enjoying making observations and watching them grow. Now that they are getting bigger, we will transfer them to a larger growing area outdoors. Next week we will continue to focus on the same story in order to extend our learning. Could parents please be mindful of the correct Foundation Stage uniform – we are seeing lots of variations at the moment! It is also important that children bring a waterproof coat each day as the weather is very changeable at the moment.

Mrs Stylianou



Achievements



Nursery	Jessie – for fully embracing little school! Austin – being a superstar eater at lunch club
Reception	Rosie – Showing excellent effort in her independent writing Kamil – Showing excellent effort in his independent writing
Year 1	Logan – independently making his own Tudor house Aiyanna – writing an excellent recount about the Great Fire of London
Year 2	Alfie – working hard at his Maths and persevering Gina-Marie – for her lovely self-portrait using flowers and plants
Year 3	Sebi – being a brilliant Talk Partner and working so hard Amy – giving a beautiful reading in our class worship
Year 4	Elena – for her beautiful hand-writing and excellent progress in symmetry Lonnie – for his independence when planning his detailed well-structured autobiography
Year 5	Maddy – giving a confident performance in Year 5's Play in a Day Antain – producing a beautifully presented and interesting Learning Log
Year 6	Urmi – putting in fantastic effort when painting Monet Haystacks Alisha – asking fantastic questions on our Westminster Abbey trip.

Attendance

This week, **Year 4** has the best attendance with an excellent **98.7%**.

Reception	96.0%
Year 1	76.0%
Year 2	96.8%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	97.6%
Total attendance	93.9%

Green Fingers week

Our catering managers, ISS, have been holding their 'Green Fingers week' this week, helping to teach the children about the seed-to-plate food journey. Special taster sessions have taken place every lunchtime, including food such as kale muffins, carrot cake, tomato salsa, mint raita and sage new potatoes. Children have then been able to give their feedback on the dish, which assists ISS in developing new menus. As part of this promotion, we have also been given a gardening voucher which we can redeem for a box full of baby vegetables and herb plants packed in golden straw! This fun and informative initiative by ISS helps the children improve their understanding of from where our food comes, whilst also encouraging them to try new foods!

House Points

This week's House Points are as follows:

1st	St David	242
2nd	St George	219
3rd	St Andrew	211
4th	St Patrick	176



Sport

Y2/3 Girls Football Festival

Despite some dismal weather, we all had lots of fun at this festival, taking part in several matches during the morning. Our girls showed great enthusiasm and team spirit. We were very proud of them!

Mrs Marriott and Mrs Solonos

Y5 Tri Golf event

Our Year 5 Tri-Golf team showed great growth mindsets at this event, persevering against strong opposition and trying their hardest at all times. Despite only recently learning the sport, they improved their skills as the event progressed - in particular, their ability to pitch the ball. Thankfully located indoors due to persistent heavy rain, the children all enjoyed taking part and were a pleasure to accompany.

Mrs Thatcher

Safety

Please do not allow your children to scoot or ride bikes in the playground or down the pathways leading in to it; we wish to minimise the chance of any accidents occurring! Also, please ensure that children do not swing on or climb over the hand rails by the main path. Not only are the children at risk of hurting themselves but the edge of the brick wall is beginning to crumble as a result of this. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep in touch

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Diary Dates – 2017

Monday 22nd-Friday 26th May – Y6 trip to Isle of Wight

Monday 22nd May – Y5 tennis competition (Oakleigh Park)

Thursday 25th May – Pathways assembly

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – Half Term week

Tuesday 6th June – Church Service YR-Y6 (parents welcome)

Tuesday 6th June – Y1/Y2 scooter training

Wednesday 7th June – Kwik Cricket

Wednesday 7th June – Y1 visit from Perform for Schools

Wednesday 14th June – Y1 Class Assembly (rescheduled)

Friday 16th June at 9.30am – Sports Day (morning)

Wednesday 21st June – Y3 Class Assembly

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 July – YR Class Assembly

Wednesday 5th – Thursday 6th July – School Production

Friday 7th July – Governors' AGM drop-in session - TBC

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.

Amounts due are £60 for a single child and an additional £30 per child thereafter.

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.