

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - Friday 26th May 2017



HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON



Dear Parents,

It has been a little quieter in school this week with the Year 6 children, Mr. Sweetingham, Mrs. Cruickshank, Mrs. Thatcher and Mr. Bishop enjoying themselves in the super sunshine on the Isle of Wight. They all had a superb time and they couldn't have asked for better weather. I'm sure the Year 6 parents are extremely pleased to have their children home ... with all their washing; we are certainly very happy to have them all home safely. In our Collective Worship this week we celebrated Ascension Day (or Christmas Backwards Day) and had our termly visit from our special friends from Pathways, who re-enacted the story of Gideon with the children. These special times when we all come together as a school community always touch my heart as the children engage fully in the Bible stories and their beautiful singing gives me spiritual nourishment. Today we celebrated our wonderful city's unique history and heritage with the first ever London History Day where the children were provided with the opportunity to dress up as a famous Londoner and to hear about famous local people in our special assembly. We ended the week – and the half term – with a special treat of an ice pop on the field in the summer sunshine; another magical memory was created for our children.

Have a wonderful half term and we will see you all back in school on Monday 5th June. God bless.

Mrs. Mitri

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

This half term seems to have flown by! We have all enjoyed the warm weather this week and it has served as a good opportunity to get our outdoor water area up and running. A gentle reminder regarding school uniform: we are seeing lots of variations to uniform at the moment. Any shorts worn under summer dresses should not be visible. Leggings make the children hotter and are not part of our Foundation uniform. Skirts should be standard navy blue school skirts and not denim or fashion skirts. Shorts and jogging bottoms should have no logos on them. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this.
Mrs Stylianou



Achievements



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| Nursery | Theo O – Answering his name in the register Winnie – being a thoughtful and caring friend |
| Reception | Tiana – trying really hard with her whiteboard writing Aishani – being really helpful in the classroom |
| Year 1 | Rudy – having a growth mindset and persevering Lydia – making great progress in her reading and writing |
| Year 2 | Arta – Having a growth mindset and being a champion gymnast Jayden – Writing a fantastic 'senses' poem with great description |
| Year 3 | Kitty – really trying hard to improve her presentation Jack – being a wonderful role model and having a growth mindset |
| Year 4 | Zarah – making impressive and promising progress in assessment week Aria – making consistent & astounding progress in assessment week |
| Year 5 | Rashi – having a wonderful attitude and positivity Sami – having incredible general knowledge and an inquisitive mind |
| Year 6 | <i>On school journey to Isle of Wight</i> |

Attendance

This week, **Year 6** has the best attendance with an unbeatable **100%**.

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| Reception | 97.3% |
| Year 1 | 97.3% |
| Year 2 | 96.5% |
| Year 3 | 98.7% |
| Year 4 | 99.3% |
| Year 5 | 99.3% |
| Year 6 | 100.0% |
| Total attendance | 98.3% |

Playtime snacks

Parents are politely reminded that playtime snacks should only be fresh fruit and vegetables and that bottles should only contain water. Please remember that grapes and cherry tomatoes must be cut into quarters to prevent them being a choking hazard. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wake Up Whetstone 2017

This year, this event is being held on Sunday 4th June from 11am-5pm. It takes place on the Whetstone High Road and comprises a children's fun fair, sale of local produce, entertainment and arts and crafts. Our PTA will be running a second-hand book stall throughout the day, so please come along to give them your support – and to have some fun! Thank you to those who have donated books to this cause; further donations can be handed in to the stall on the day.

House Points

This week's House Points are as follows:

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| 1 st | St David | 262 |
| 2 nd | St George | 259 |
| 3 rd | St Andrew | 227 |
| 4 th | St Patrick | 158 |



Sport

Y5 tennis tournament at Oakleigh Park

Our team of four Year 5 children displayed a promising range of tennis skills at this tournament, finishing a highly creditable 9th out of 18 teams. They showed lots of determination, but were up against some very experienced opposition.

Mrs Dawlatly

SchoolMoney

We have had very positive feedback regarding this online payment system; we are glad to know that it is making the lives of our busy parents and carers easier! Queries have been raised, however, about how to make full payment for school lunches at the start of a term. Please note that the opening screen only shows payments incurred to date. To pay the amount in full, click on the 'Dinners' tab and enter the amount as a top-up payment. The 'Clubs' tab can likewise be used to make advance top-up payments for Breakfast and After School clubs. Please contact the office if you have any queries.

Lunch money for next half term

The cost for next half term's school lunches is £75.25. If possible, we would appreciate full payment in the first week after the break. Please remember that we need to be notified by half term should your child wish to switch between packed lunches and school dinners; after this time, they will not be able to change until the Autumn Term.

Keep in touch

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Diary Dates – 2017

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

Thursday 8th June – Y5 trip to the Natural History Museum

Wednesday 14th June – Y1 Class Assembly (rescheduled)

Thursday 15th June – Y6 trip to Kidzania

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

Monday 19th June – Y6 Junior Citizenship trip (Mill Hill)

Wednesday 21st June – Y3 Class Assembly

Wednesday 21st June at 3.30pm – Open Day

Thursday 22nd June – Y3 trip to the National Gallery

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

Collective Worship

Please remember that parents/carers are welcome to attend all of our church and school services on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The next service for YR-Y6 is on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

School Uniform Y1-Y6

Please would parents ensure that children return to school after half term in the correct summer uniform: Girls should be wearing a green summer dress or playsuit with white socks, or school trousers/shorts, a white shirt and a tie. Boys should be wearing school trousers/shorts, a white shirt and a tie. All children should have appropriate black school shoes (not trainers or sandals). Please also ensure that the children have a school cap and water with them every day.