

St John's Primary School Newsletter

14th November 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended a parent teacher interview last week. The mixture of in-person and online meetings worked well this time and thankfully most parents were able to get their preference. Hopefully you found the meetings useful and learnt more about how your child is doing in school this year as well as ways in which you can help at home. Letters have been sent to parents of children on the SEN register offering a parent teacher interview over the next couple of weeks, so please do return your slip confirming attendance to Ms Shepherd.

Thank you to the PTFA for organising and running a successful Halloween Disco last week. It was well attended and the children had a great time! You may also have seen that the PTFA have also set up a Crowdfunder page to try and raise money to replace the older adventure playground in the Junior Playground. If you would like to pledge money or share the link with friends and family, you can find it here— [St. John's Primary - New Playground Equipment - a Sports crowdfunding project in Wallingford by Paul Nash \(crowdfunder.co.uk\)](#) The PTFA are also looking for volunteers for their 'Love your Forest School' afternoon on Saturday, 19th November. Do email them if you can help for an hour or so.

Year 5 and 6 both went on trips to launch their topics in the first week of term. Year 5 are learning about the Victorians and visited Reading Museum, where they had the opportunity to dress up as Victorians and experience a Victorian school room. Year 6 split their day between the Pitt Rivers Museum and Natural History Museum. During the Pitt Rivers visit they learnt about the Maya Civilisation, their History topic, and during the afternoon at the Natural History Museum learnt about Classification, their Science topic. You can see some photographs in this newsletter.

Over the next few months, we will be gathering your views on a range of topics and are starting with a survey on behaviour and personal development at St John's. I would be grateful if you would take 3-5 minutes to complete it by following this link—[stjohnswallingford.feedback/personaldevelopment \(Ombea \(stjohnswallingford.feedback\)\)](#) We are also surveying the children and staff.

A reminder that this Friday is Children in Need Day. Children can come to school wearing something (or more than one thing!) spotty, and bring £1 to donate. We will run some fun Children in Need Day activities during the day.

Kind Regards,
Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Friday 18th November—Children in Need—wear something spotty!

Saturday 19th November—Love Your Forest School

Wednesday 23rd November—7pm—PTFA meeting

Wednesday 23rd November—Maths Workshops for parents of Foundation Stage and Year 1 (afternoon and evening)

Friday 25th November—Non-uniform day for hamper donations—look out for class themes!

Friday 2nd December—PTFA Christmas Film Night

Monday 12th December—Infant Nativity—6pm

Tuesday 13th December—Infant Nativity—2pm

Tuesday 13th December—Open Morning for parents (9-10am)

Wednesday 14th December—Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December—Cake Sale

Tuesday 20th December—1pm—End of term



Sports Fixtures



We have two Wallingford Partnership tournaments coming up in the next two week—a Year 5/6 Football Tournament and a Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament.

Look out for match reports in the next newsletter!

Internet Safety

Unfortunately, only a few parents attended our Internet Safety talk with a CEOP ambassador last Thursday.

We will share the key messages with you in an information sheet and look into disseminating this important information in a different way in the future e.g. as an online talk or video.

Anti-Bullying Week

14th- 18th November 2022

We talked in assembly today about the definition of bullying and what to do if we experienced it, witnessed it or were told about it.

The theme this year is 'Reach Out' and ask for help from friends, teachers and parents.

More information can be found—[Parents and Carers \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](https://www.parentscarers.org.uk/)

[Anti-Bullying Week 2022: Reach Out - official Primary School film - YouTube](#)

Children have been invited to make an Anti-Bullying Poster to display around school which they can do at home and bring in.

Wallingford Food Bank

Do please contact us if you would like to access support from the Food Bank. We can provide vouchers for our families who need them.

Value of the fortnight

Peace

We observed the two minute silence together on Friday 11th November at 11am



Christmas Events in Wallingford

Please follow this link for a round up of Christmas events taking place in Wallingford :

<https://mailchi.mp/b97811794f61/christmas-in-wallingford-2022-round-up-of-events>



Year 6 Visit to Pitt Rivers and Natural History Museum

We visited the Natural History Museum as part of our Classification unit in Science, and the Pitt Rivers Museum to launch our Maya Civilisation topic. We used our art skills to sketch Maya artefacts and lots of living creatures. We learnt lots of new things and got lots of compliments about our impeccable behaviour!

