

St John's Primary School Newsletter

21st October 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had such a busy and productive first term! It was lovely that lots of you could come and see your child's learning this afternoon at our Open Afternoon. A particular highlight was Year 2's Circus Show—well done to all of the children for a really entertaining and confident performance!

Congratulations to all our successful School and Eco Councillors! I would like to also say a big well done to all of the children who put themselves forward for election and wrote speeches which they delivered to their classes. You were all very brave to do so! Mrs Rudd will lead the Eco Council, the School Council will meet with me and we are looking forward to working with the new councillors. We will hold the first meetings on Thursday 3rd November after school; thereafter meetings will be on alternate Wednesdays after school. We will email all of the dates separately.

On Thursday we held our NSPCC assemblies for Years 1 –6. In these assemblies children learnt about speaking out to stay safe and were asked to think about who their trusted adults were, as well as learning the phone number for Childline. The assemblies were pitched at an appropriate level for the age groups of the children, but did cover some of the ways children can be harmed and a story about a child who had to seek help. Your children may talk to you about the assemblies at home and there is more information on the NSPCC website for parents should you want it.

The results of our survey asking whether parents would prefer in person or virtual meetings for parents evenings was approximately 50% in favour of each one. We are therefore offering one evening of in person meetings and one evening of virtual meetings for each class during the week beginning 7th November. This meetings are for children who are not on the SEN register. We will offer meetings for parents of pupils on the SEN register later in November. Please see the proposed days at the end of this newsletter. Booking will be available via School Cloud from Monday 31st October.

Wishing you all a very happy half term holiday. We look forward to seeing all of the children back on Tuesday 1st November.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Monday 31st Oct—INSET Day

Monday 31st Oct —3.30—4.30pm—Prospective Parents Tour

Friday 4th November—PTFA Halloween Disco (6-7pm KS1 and 7.15—8.15pm KS2)

Week beginning 7th November—Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 10th November—7pm—Internet Safety Talk for parents

Saturday 12th November - 10.30—11.30—Prospective Parents Tour

Wednesday 16th November—Cake Sale

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

Friday 2nd December—PTFA Christmas Film Night

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

Thursday 15th December—Cake Sale

Tuesday 20th December—End of term

Sports Tournaments

Update from Miss Thickpenny, PE Coordinator

What a week it has been for our St John's sports teams! We are thrilled that our local tournaments are up and running again. The children have seized the opportunity not only to demonstrate their sporting ability, but above all to be fantastic role models and to expertly represent our St John's values of humility, resilience, perseverance and respect.

Last Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 girls' football teams showed the skills of true future Lioness'. Both our St John's Tigers and St John's Panthers worked brilliantly as a team, executing fantastic gameplay both in defence and attack. There were also many sterling goals scored, resulting in our St John's Panthers earning second place and our St John's Tigers earning fourth place overall; an outstanding performance for our first tournament of the season.

On Tuesday, it was the turn of our Year 5 and 6 netballers to represent St John's in the local tournament. Having been formed last year, the children have worked hard to develop their skills on the court and have formed an excellent bond as a team. On the day of the tournament, both the St John's Reds and St John's Blues put this training into practice, demonstrating excellent movement throughout the court, impressive interceptions and splendid set plays into the shooting circle. Our accurate shooting resulted in the St John's Reds soaring through to the final and our St John's Blues coming second in their group to win a place in the play-off for third and fourth place. Our St John's Blues played valiantly in their final game, showing excellent perseverance and winning fourth place. The final was such an exciting and skilled game to watch, resulting in St John's Reds bringing home the trophy with an 8-0 win.

It has been a privilege to take the children to the events so far and observe not only their fantastic success but also their determination to do well and represent the school with such exemplary attitudes. We look forward to many more upcoming events this year and the opportunity to demonstrate both our sporting prowess and sportsmanship skills.



St John's Phone Box Opening

St John's Phone Box was officially opened and handed over and to us by the Mayor of Wallingford this week.

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INTERNET SAFETY

Talk for parents from a CEOP ambassador

Thursday 10th November 7pm

School Hall

Please come along to learn about how to keep your children safe online, including updates on recent apps, age limits, dangers to look out for etc.

It is also an opportunity to ask questions. It will be a really useful session!

An illustration at the bottom of the page shows three blue hands holding various electronic devices: a smartphone, a tablet, and a laptop. Above these devices is a large, dense cloud of colorful icons representing various digital concepts such as social media, communication, security, and technology. The entire graphic is set against a white background with a yellow border.

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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

Humility

Parent Teacher Interviews (pupils not on the SEN register)

Week beginning 7th November

Booking available via School Cloud from Monday 31st October —

<http://sjps.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Mrs Ball, Foundation Stage—	In person –meetings - Tuesday 8th November Virtual meetings—Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th November
Mrs Rudd, Year 1—	In person meetings—Tuesday 8th November Virtual meetings—Wednesday 9th November
Mrs Shaw, Year 2—	In person meetings—Tuesday 8th November Virtual meetings—Thursday 10th November
Miss Curley, Year 3—	In person meetings—Tuesday 8th November Virtual meetings—Monday 7th November
Miss Thickpenny—	In person meetings—Tuesday 8th November Virtual meetings—Wednesday 9th November
Mrs Johnson—	In person meetings—Tuesday 8th November Virtual meetings—Monday 7th November
Ms Beckett—	In person meetings—Tuesday 8th November Virtual meetings— Wednesday 9th November

In order to allow teachers to hold parent teacher interviews, there will be no teacher led clubs this week—this will affect Computing, Netball, Choir, Languages.