

# St John's Primary School Newsletter

## 17th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had lots of extra visits and visitors to school over the last few weeks and the term is racing by!

Well done to our choir who performed a choral work called 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo' at St Mary's Church on Saturday alongside other local choirs. There were lots of songs to learn and the children attended extra rehearsals at the church leading up to the day. They performed brilliantly and the staff accompanying them were very proud of them all. They also gave the school a performance of one of the songs in assembly on Monday, complete with actions, which we really enjoyed. Thank you to Mrs Ball, Ms Beckett, Mrs Hudson and Mrs Worth for supporting the children in rehearsals and giving up their time to take them.

Our next performers will be Year 3 and 4 who are preparing a performance poetry performance for after the Easter holidays. There will be an afternoon performance on 25th April and an evening performance on 27th April. More information, and poems to learn, will be coming out to Year 3 and 4 parents soon.

We have had a number of visitors to our school assemblies over the last fortnight and you can see more details of these in this newsletter. If you play an instrument, or have a job linked to a curriculum subject, we would love to hear from you and invite you in to talk to the children in assembly—do get in touch.

Continuing our celebration of books, Foundation Stage and Year 1 went on a visit to Wallingford Library. We also had another author visit in school. James Catchpole led assemblies for each Key Stage and a workshop for Years 3 and 4. After the Easter holiday, on Thursday 20th April, the 'Roving Bookshop' will be in school for the day when children will be able to choose some books for their class and buy a book for themselves.

Year 6 visited the Rewley Road Fire Station in Oxford to take part in Junior Citizens, a programme run by the emergency services to teach children how to stay safe in every day life. During their visit, the children experienced eight different real life scenarios, worked as a team to identify the dangers and made 999 phone calls with all of the relevant information needed. It is always a really valuable experience and I am pleased that we can once again take part after a break of a couple of years.

If your child is on the SEN register, you will have received notification of an appointment day and time which will be before the end of term. Do confirm that you are able to attend.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

### Upcoming dates :

Tuesday 21st March—Down Syndrome Awareness Day—wear odd socks and bring a £1!

Week beginning 27th March—Year 6 Residential

Friday 31st March—Open Morning for parents—9—10am

Friday 31st March—End of term at 1pm

Monday 17th April—start of term

Thursday 20th April—Roving Bookshop in school

Friday 21st April—PTFA Disco

Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th April—Year 3 and 4 poetry performance

## Year 3 Football



We can proudly say we only lost one game - huge improvements! We played four games during the tournament, with a bonus runners up match at the end. We got stuck into challenges, made some mighty saves and even a couple of shots on target. All in all, we had ten very enthusiastic Year 3's excited to be chasing the ball around the sports park!

*Miss Curley*



### 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

#### Perseverance



## Assembly Visitors

### Music

Aoife Liptrot kindly came to a whole school assembly to show her collection of guitars and explain to the children the parts of the instruments and how to play them. She also talked about some famous guitarists and played and sang for the children. Huge thanks to Aoife for giving up her time to do this—the children particularly loved the electric guitar!



### Archeology



Charles spoke to our Key Stage 2 children about what inspired him to become an archeologist, his work in Nigeria and Egypt and about some of the finds in the Anglo Saxon cemetery in Wallingford. He was really engaging. The children were gripped and asked lots of interesting questions about archeology and his finds!

Thank you to Charles and Sue (from Wallingford Museum) for coming along to see us.

## Police Officer Visit to Key Stage 1



PCSO Sue Haynes visited Year 1 and Year 2 to talk to them about the book, PC Ben, and all about the role of the Police.



## Foundation Stage visit to Wallingford Library

## **Year 1 Science**



In Year One we are learning all about our bodies and our senses. This week we have been investigating how brilliant our noses are. We sniffed different things and talked about them. Some smells we liked, others we didn't and some we had a difference of opinions. Generally we all liked smelling the chocolate powder but the garlic, lemon, cinnamon and cumin divided opinion!