

St John's Primary School Newsletter

31st March 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter Holidays!

It was lovely to have so many parents visiting classrooms today to see the children's learning and take part in lessons. As well as having an opportunity to see work, parents watched a Phonics lesson in Foundation Stage and helped with sewing in Years 1 and 4. Some parents also visited our Key Stage 2 library—thank you to Jenny for opening it up for them. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to spend time in the classrooms and find out more about what your child has been doing in school this term. We will schedule a visit for a different day and time next term.

There have been many highlights of the term! Foundation Stage have been becoming transport experts, Year 1 have been developing their historian skills looking at toys from the past and beginning to use timelines, Year 2 have enjoyed a Mad Hatter's Tea Party and made papier mache bowls in the style of Clarice Cliff, Year 3 have been doing all things comics and comic-related inspired by a visit from a cartoonist, Year 4 have learnt all about Tutankhamun and have been designing and making elaborate Egyptian collars, Year 5 have made their own podcasts and Year 6 have been on residential for a week in North Devon!

We have also been visited by Pastor Simon this week, both in assembly and in classes to support our RE curriculum. We finished the term with an Easter assembly this morning. Thank you to Pastor Simon for giving up his time to come into school.

Year 4 have just finished a block of swimming lessons at Didcot Wave and it will be the turn of Year 5 to go swimming after Easter. Some were quite nervous at the start, but all of the children have improved in confidence throughout the lessons. Our Netball team made it to the final of the Wallingford partnership of schools tournament and were beaten in the final match, despite playing brilliantly! Thank you again to Miss Thickpenny for coaching the children and taking them to the tournament.

Thank you to all of the staff for their energy and creativity throughout the term and a special thank you to Ms Beckett, Mr Beckett, Mrs Carr and Mr Wootton for taking the children on residential to Yenworthy this week. There will be some tired children and adults returning home later tonight but judging by the photographs, they have had a fabulous time!

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 17th April.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Friday 31st March—End of Term

Monday 17th April—Term 5 starts

Thursday 20th April—Roving Bookshop in school

Friday 21st April—PTFA School Disco

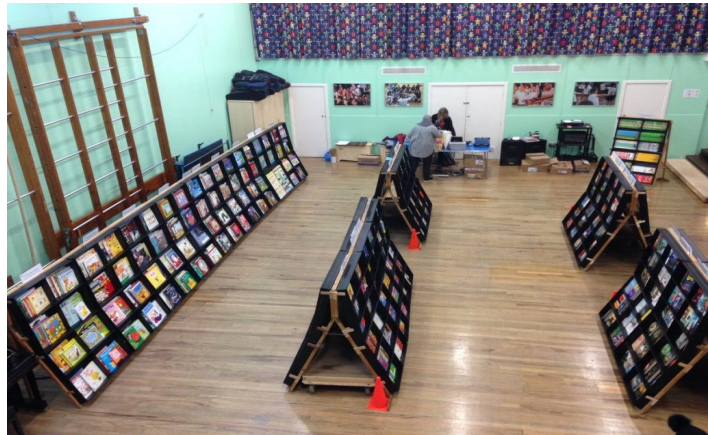
Tuesday 25th April—2pm—Year 3/4 performance

Wednesday 26th April—Family Links Parenting Workshop starts

Thursday 27th April—6pm—Year 3/4 Performance

We are looking forward to welcoming the Roving Bookshop to school on Thursday 20th April. They will set up in the hall and sell a wide range of lovely books, including fiction, graphic novels, poetry and non-fiction. The bookshop will be open to parents from 8:30am to 9:00am, and again from 3:15pm to 4:00pm. If you are unable to attend but would like your child to buy a book of their choice, you can send money in to school - more details to follow. Each class will be visiting the bookshop during the day, with a class budget to spend on books. So there will be lots of opportunities for browsing and choosing! Please do support the visit by buying a book/books. If sufficient purchases are made, we will not have to pay a fee to host the bookshop, and we will receive commission - to give us free books for school!

Roving Bookshop
Thursday 20th April



Year 1 History

Ordering toys through time

Family Links

After the Easter holidays we will be offering parents and carers the opportunity to attend a short course of four Parenting Workshops based on the excellent 'Family Links' programme, which forms the basis of our PSHE learning at St. John's. The workshops are a brilliant opportunity to find out more about how the Family Links programme can help you to nurture and support your children's emotional development, build strong family relationships and cope with the many challenges of being a parent!

The 2-hour workshops will run on four Wednesday evenings in April and May, starting at 6:30 pm, in school.

If you are interested in attending, or would like to attend a future course, please complete the Google Form found at this link; <https://forms.gle/V3Nhw9pXodaoRRvFA>



Parenting
Puzzle
Workshops



No dogs

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school premises. Please do not bring dogs onto the playground during drop off and pick up. Thank you.



We raised £184 by wearing our odd socks on World Down Syndrome Day—thank you to everyone who contributed!

Value of the Fortnight

Courage



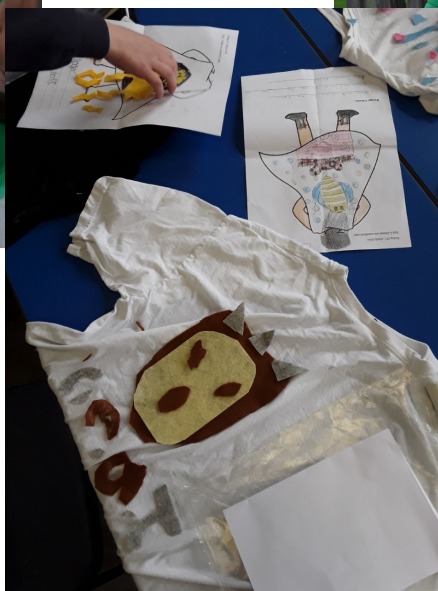
Year 2 enjoying a Mad Hatter's Tea Party!

As the culmination of their Alice in Wonderland topic, Year 2 made hats and enjoyed a Mad Hatter's Tea Party yesterday.



Year 3 'We can be heroes' topic

Inspired by a visit from Neil Cameron, a cartoonist, Year 3 have been creating and publishing their own cartoons and have designed and made super-hero capes for their own super-hero character!



Year 4 have been learning sewing skills and designing and making their own Egyptian collars.



Year 4 Science

Year 4's Science topic this term has been Sound. Here they are experimenting with string telephones.



Year 6 have had a fabulous week's residential at Yenworthy in North Devon and are due back home tonight!



Year 1—decorating their puppets during Open Morning today

