

St John's Primary School Newsletter

23rd June 2023

Dear Parents,

The final term of the year is in full swing with lots of end of year events taking place. Our new Adventure Playground has been completed this week and the children are really enjoying using it. Do come and have a look at it if you haven't done so already.

Our Choir performed at the Festival of Voices last Friday alongside other Oxfordshire schools. The event is held at Dorchester Abbey and the children rehearse with other choirs in the afternoon before taking part in the performance in the evening. They sang beautifully and stood out for their super behaviour and support for each other also. Many thanks to Ms Beckett, Mrs Ball and Mrs Hudson for taking the children to the event.

Saturday was Wallingford Carnival Day! Thank you to all of the families who came along to be part of our float—you all looked fantastic. Our back garden creatures looks superb and we won 2nd place in the schools category. It was a lot of fun and lovely to be attending an in-person Carnival again.

Year 4 went away overnight to Court Hill on the Ridgeway this week, taking part in lots of Forest School and team-building activities. The staff who accompanied them were very proud of them—huge thanks to the staff for giving up their night (and their sleep) at home!

Year 2 had their 'Nearly a Sleepover', coming back to school in the evening in their pyjamas to play board games, hear stories and have hot chocolate. Some of our lovely Year 6 pupils also came along to support them. They all had a lovely evening and thank you to all of the staff who helped.

Year 6 took part in an 'It's your Move' event today at the Baptist Church. The event is organised to give the children an opportunity to meet and work alongside other Year 6 pupils in the area as well as some Wallingford School pupils to complete a challenge, and to think about their transition to secondary school. It is a really valuable experience and our Year 6 pupils participated really well.

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution towards the Virtual Life Bus lessons that are taking place at the moment. Children across the school are enjoying the sessions.

Our Sponsored Obstacle Course was a great success on Monday and all of our children showed great resilience and determination to complete as many laps as possible. Please do help them to collect sponsorship and help us raise lots of money for the school!

Finally, the teachers' union, the NEU, have announced two further days of strikes on 5th and 7th July. I will keep you updated on how this will affect St John's as soon as possible.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Week beginning 26th June—Year 5 Residential

Friday 23rd June and Monday 26th June—Life Bus sessions

Thursday 29th June—Zoolab visit for Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 4th July—9.15am—Sports Day

Thursday 6th July—Move Up day—visits to new classes

Tuesday 11th July and Wednesday 12th July—7pm—Year 5/6 Production

Wednesday 12th July—9am—10am—Open Morning for parents

Friday 14th July—Year 6 Leavers' Celebration

Friday 21st July—Break up at 1pm

Wallingford Carnival—St John's came 2nd place in the schools competition. Thank you to everyone who came along!



Year 1 have been doing lots of practical Maths including recognising and naming shapes, knowing their left and right and giving instructions.



Year 4 visit to the Ashmolean Museum—showing off their knowledge of the Egyptians from last term!



Sponsored Obstacle Course

All children took part in the Sponsored Obstacle Course on Monday and it was a great success!



St John's Choir performed at the Festival of Voices in Dorchester Abbey alongside lots of other schools this week. They sang and behaved beautifully.

Well done to our Choir—we are very proud of you!

Year 2 Nearly a Sleepover

Year 2 had a lovely time playing board games and drinking hot chocolate, supported by some very helpful Year 6s!



Year 4's Residential Trip to Court Hill this week

