

St John's Primary School Newsletter

10th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended a parent teacher interview the week after half term. I hope you found the meetings useful and a good opportunity to find out more about how your child has settled into their new class, as well as how you can support them with their learning at home. We will be holding parent teacher interviews for pupils on the SEN register over the next fortnight.

Well done to the PTFA team for a successful Halloween Disco! The children had lots of fun dressing up and having their faces painted; parents enjoyed the opportunity to socialise too. As well as being a fun social event, it raised valuable funds for the school which will be going towards the purchase of more iPads and software for the children to use in classes. Our next PTFA event is the Christmas Film Night on Friday 8th December, so do put that date in your diaries.

This Friday is Children in Need Day. The children are invited to wear their home clothes and dress up in something spotty in return for a donation of £1 to Children in Need. There will also be a non-uniform day on Friday 1st December in return for hamper donations. We often theme the hampers and the PTFA will be in touch soon regarding the donations they are hoping for on that day.

We have booked two theatre trips for the last week of this term, one for Key Stage 1 to the Cornerstone in Didcot and one to the Watermill Theatre in Newbury for Key stage 2. The PTFA have kindly subsidised these trips for us and we will be sending more information shortly, along with requests for a contribution towards the ticket and the coach. This is a exciting opportunity for all children to go to the theatre with their classmates and teachers just before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

Our Open Morning this term will be on Wednesday 6th December at 9am and we hope to see lots of you again visiting classrooms and learning more about this term's learning.

It will be a busy few weeks leading up to Christmas so do keep an eye on the communications via email and Dojo!

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Friday 17th November—Children in Need Day—Be SPOTacular—dress up in something spotty!

Friday 17th November—PTFA Cake Sale

Friday 1st December—PTFA Non-uniform day for Hamper donations—PTFA will send more information

Wednesday 6th December—9am– 10am—Open Morning for parents

Friday 8th December—PTFA Film Night from 5.30pm

Tuesday 12th December—2pm —Infant Nativity

Wednesday 13th December—6pm—Infant Nativity

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th December—Christmas Theatre Trips

Wednesday 20th December—1pm—End of term

Thank you!

Many thanks to Claire and Bex who came in to fix our raised bed in the Key Stage 1 playground this week. It will definitely last us a bit longer now!

We are looking for some volunteers to help us remove the roots of two small trees in the Foundation Garden so that we can plant in the flower bed. It may need a pick axe!

If you could help, please get in touch. Thank you.



Vacancy for a clerk to the Governing Body

We have a vacancy for a clerk to our Governing Body. This involves preparing for and minute taking at 5 governing body meetings per year, as well as liaising with the Chair and Headteacher between meetings. Each meeting requires approximately 6-8 hours of work. Pay is £15 per hour. If any parent is interested, or knows anyone who might be interested, please contact us via the office and look. The job description is on our website.

Young Climate Warriors

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We were visited today by Katrina from Young Climate Warriors. Katrina led an assembly all about climate change—what it is, what is causing it and what we can all do to help. The children were brilliant at answering her questions. Do ask them about the assembly.

We will be starting to share the weekly challenges set by Young Climate Warriors with the children which you can support them to carry out at home. Children who manage to do three of the challenges before Christmas will get a certificate!

