

St John's Primary School Newsletter

27th March 2024

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see lots of you at our Open Morning this morning, sharing the children's learning from this term. We have had some super topics this term and I know the children will have loved telling you all about what they had learnt.

We have had lots of trips and enrichment experiences taking place this term. You can see some of the photographs from these events in this newsletter. Trips out have included Crocodiles of the World for Year 3, the Oxford Story Museum for Year 2, Windsor Castle for Year 1 and Science Oxford for Foundation Stage and Year 4. It has been busy! Thank you to the staff who put lots of time into doing pre-visits and planning and organising these fantastic experiences for the children. They really bring the learning to life.

Year 3 and 4 have stunned us with their fabulous performances of 'Hoodwinked' this week! The children were really confident on stage, sang brilliantly—complete with actions—and many of them had also learnt an impressive amount of lines. We definitely have some budding entertainers in those two classes! Thank you and well done to the Mrs Long and Miss Curley for directing the show so well and to the whole Year 3/4 team for supporting the children in all of the rehearsals.

We enjoyed two charity days this term too. We 'wore something funny for money' and raised £292 for Comic Relief. The children also wore their favourite socks to mark World Down Syndrome Day and learnt more about Down Syndrome in a whole school assembly. Thank you for supporting them with their dressing up!

Yesterday, St John's hosted a Tag Rugby Tournament at the Hithercroft Sports Park for the Wallingford Partnership of Schools. Wallingford Rugby Club ran an hour of training for the children prior to the tournament beginning. A huge thank you to Mrs Williams, our PE Coordinator, for organising the tournament and to Ms Beckett and Mr Wootton for also helping out. St John's entered two teams and one of them came fourth out of 12. Well done to them!

Sadly we say goodbye today to Mrs Tracy Hill, who has been a Teaching Assistant at St John's for 5 years. Mrs Hill has been a skilled and highly valued member of the team, covering many roles across the school and always going the extra mile for the children. She will be hugely missed by staff and children alike but we wish her well as she moves on to pastures new.

Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 15th April.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Easter Holidays— 29th March—12th April

Monday 15th April—Term 5 starts

Tuesday 16th March—Year 5 to Dorchester Abbey

Week beginning 15h April—Year 4 Swimming starts

Week beginning 22nd April—Junior Active Leaders for Year 5

Friday 26th April—PTFA Spring Disco

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April—Life Education Workshops

Wednesday 1st May—7pm—PTFA meeting

Week beginning 13th May—Year 6 SATs week

Friday 17th May—PTFA Quiz Night

Week beginning 27th May—Half Term



Crocodiles of the World—Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed seeing meercats, crocodiles, alligators, giant tortoises and snakes at Crocodiles of the World. The highlight was feeding time for the crocodiles!

Science Oxford
Foundation Stage



World Book day activities



Comic Relief

Wearing something funny for money—and pulling funny faces!

We raised £292.



Year One visited Wallingford Museum as part of our castles topic. The children tried on chain mail and helmets, and investigated a vessel which would have served as a tap. They learnt about Wallingford Castle and made castles in DT.