

St John's Primary School Newsletter

10th May 2024

Dear Parents,

We have said goodbye this week to our School Business Manager, Mrs Wedgbury, who has worked at St John's for 11 years looking after everything to do with our budget, the premises, HR, health and safety—and all the unexpected jobs in between! Amongst the projects she led, Mrs Wedgbury successfully secured bids for a new roof, windows and internal doors over this period and coordinated the installation of new play equipment in both playgrounds. We are very grateful for all of her hard work over the years, will miss her and wish her well in her new role outside of education. We have recruited a replacement for her and our new School Business Manager will take up post in July.

The children really enjoyed their visits to the Life Education tent in the hall last week, themes for the classes included keeping themselves safe, healthy eating and making positive decisions. Even our older children enjoy seeing Harold the Giraffe!

Last week Year 5 led an assembly for the whole school all about their Junior Active Leader training and First Aid. They did really well to plan their assembly, deciding what to include and spoke confidently in front of the whole school. We look forward to them getting started as our new Junior Active Leaders.

Year 4 have been out exploring 'Wonderful Wallingford' as a launch to their new local History topic. Many of them learnt things they didn't know about their town. Do ask them about their trip. Foundation Stage visited Wallingford Library this week too.

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard this term ahead of their SATs tests which take place next week. They can be very proud of their efforts and how much they have achieved—we know they are ready to show off next week! The Year 6 staff team will be running a special SATs week breakfast club for Year 6 so they will have a hearty breakfast to set them up for each day.

We are once again recruiting for a parent governor. If anyone would like to put themselves forward or would like to find out more about what is involved, do get in touch. As well as a parent governor, we would also be interested in hearing from anyone who is not a parent but would be interested in being a community governor. Please let your local contacts know!

As always, we will be taking part in the Wallingford Carnival on Saturday 15th June. This year the theme is 'We can be heroes' and we will be honouring a local Wallingford Olympic hero. Ms Beckett and Mrs Ball have will be hosting a making evening on 6th June at 6.30pm so do come along to help if you are able to and keep the 15th June free.

Now that we finally have some sunny weather, please remember to send your children to school with hats and water bottles—thank you.

Enjoy the weekend!

Upcoming dates :

Week beginning 13th May—Year 6 SATs week

Week beginning 20th May—Year 4 Residential

Friday 24th May—9am—Open Morning for parents

Week beginning 27th May—Half Term

Monday 3rd June—INSET Day

Thursday 6th June—6.30pm—Carnival Making Evening

Saturday 15th June—Wallingford Carnival

Monday 24th June—9.30am—SPORTS DAY

Our Smart School Council Communication Team have been busy, here is their first newsletter....

SMART SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Hello everyone,

Here are some updates on our smart school council meetings and action teams.

From our last class council meetings, the most popular clubs were Cooking and Computing. There is now a Cooking Club running for Key Stage 1. We will see if an adult is willing to run a club for Key Stage 2 and if anyone will run a Computing Club.

We are so glad many people are contributing to our suggestion box.

One of the many requests we have had is about food; some people have asked to bring back the salad bar. We are not sure whether that means portion sizes, meal options etc. We are going to set a class question about this to find out more. Another popular subject was a Taylor swift club. The club would need to be run by pupils with an adult supporter and they will need to fill in an action from (available by the progress board).

In our last meeting we were considering having an extra-special star worth 10 house points that will possibly be awarded to our special book award winners.

We are happy to announce that some pupils along with Mrs Flavell are running a gardening club for year 4. We are asking for plant donations for the club.

There has been a request for children not to wear swimming hats in the pool. Unfortunately this request is not possible as it does not meet the safety requirements of the pool.

To sum it up there have been many notes in our suggestion box that have been taken to serious consideration as well as a new class question. We hope to see more action teams as well as more students getting involved.

From Esther and Zoe
Communication Team



Year 3 made models of the world as part of their Geography learning and took them home to teach their families about the layers of the earth.



Year 2 made bowls in the style of Clarice Cliff