

St John's Primary School Newsletter

24th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe we have come to the end of term and the end of the school year. So many exciting activities taking place has made St John's very busy over the past few weeks and staff have organised some lovely experiences for the children. Amongst them were a residential for Year 5, a sleepover in school for Year 3, Year 5 and 6's wonderful performance of 'Oliver', a visit from Zoolab, a Roving Bookshop and a Summer Fair! Thank you to the staff for organising these events and to the PTFA and parents for a lovely day and a successful Summer Fair which raised £1000 for the school.

We say goodbye to our lovely Year 6 class today. They astounded us with their fabulous performances in 'Oliver' last week and enjoyed their Leavers' Party on Friday! The children have all grown into lovely young people who are all definitely ready for the next stage of their education. We are very proud of them and all they have achieved – both academically and personally. I wish them all the very best in their new schools and for the future.

As I come to the end of ten years as Headteacher at St John's, it has been an emotional week for me too. It has truly been a privilege to be the Headteacher here and work in this school community for so long and I am very proud of all the St John's team has achieved. Working with your children, their siblings and all the families who have come through the school has been a joy. The children always love to learn, are brave when facing new challenges and kind to each other. They have never ceased to make me proud with their achievements and the confidence they show in trying new things. All of this would not be possible without the talented and dedicated team of staff, who always go the extra mile to ensure children learn well, enjoy their time at school and who provide the care and nurture the children need. It has been a real pleasure working with them all – past staff members and present, and I thank them all for their hard work and support over the years. I am grateful too to all of you, the parents, who have supported your children with their learning and contributed to the life of the

school in voluntary roles, events, trips and school activities. I am going to miss everyone very much and take with me so many fond memories of my years at St John's. This is a very special community and I know it will continue to be so in the years to come. My enormous thanks to you all for such a generous gift, beautiful flowers and your lovely words at the tea party on Tuesday – and in my book. I have lots to treasure and I am really touched by everyone's thoughtfulness.

Mrs Claire Linfield takes over as Headteacher on 1st September and I know she really looks forward to taking on the role and welcoming the children back on Tuesday 3rd September.

I wish you all a very happy and relaxing summer break.

With all best wishes,

Nicky Hughes

Headteacher