



St John's Primary School

13th September 2024

Perseverance, Ambition, Curiosity, Kindness

Dates for your diary:

- 25th September at 2pm & 6pm - Phonics Workshop (primarily for Reception & Year 1 Parents / carers, but all welcome)
- 26th September at 2pm "Stay and Play" for parents of children in Foundation Stage
- 2nd October School Photos
- 3rd October Year 6 visit to Steam
- 7th October INSET Day – School closed for children
- 9th October at 2pm and 6pm – Maths Workshop for Foundation Stage and Year 1 parents/carers
- 14th October PC Michael Dix visiting Years 5 & 6
- 16th October at 9am – Harvest Festival for Foundation and KS1 parents
- 24th October at 2pm & 2.30pm – Stay and Learn for parents / carers across all classes.
- 6th November Flu Vaccinations
- 12th November 3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' Evening
- 14th November 3:30 – 7.00pm Parents' Evening
- 25th November INSET Day - School closed for children
- 26th November Year 6 visit to Cineworld Didcot.
- Carol Service at St Mary's TBC
- 11th December Years 3 & 4 visit to Watermill Theatre
- 12th December Years 5 & 6 visit to Watermill Theatre
- 16th – 20th December Year 6 Residential to Yenworthy
- 20th December at 1pm End of Term
- 6th January 2025 INSET Day - School closed for children
- 7th January 2025 Start of Spring Term
- 2nd April 2025 pm Easter Service at St Mary's
- 4th April 2025 at 1:00pm End of Term
- 2nd June 2025 INSET - School closed for children

Welcome to our first newsletter of the school year and to my first ever St John's newsletter! I am delighted to have joined the St John's community, and it has been a real pleasure meeting many of you across the last two weeks. I look forward to working with you to build upon St John's successes and many strengths.

We have welcomed Miss Harris and Miss Archer to our teaching team and our new Foundation class into the school. All of the children across the year groups have settled into school really well, with our Foundation children being assisted beautifully by our Year 6 pupils.

You will have seen that work was completed across the summer to resurface the playground and, despite an extra 89 and a missing 42, the playground is not flooding as it was. The groundsmen will be

back to correct their numerical errors on the number squares and do some final finishing touches in October. We are also in touch with the council about the overgrowth of weeds at the front entrance, which is causing narrowing of the path and extra flooding of the pavement. If you would like to add weight to this, please do so via Fixmystreet – thank you.

The weather is really changeable at the moment, so please do send your children in with a coat, even if it seems lovely first thing. We have already had hail, so who knows what next week will hold!

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!

Across the next few weeks, we will be asking for your opinion on how we communicate with you and also setting up a Parents' Forum, so that we can hear your thoughts on a regular basis. Please do get involved if you can.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!



Curiosity in Foundation Stage!



Perseverance in Year 3!



Support available for families.

South Oxfordshire District Council is working in partnership with organisations including Citizens Advice to help families who are finding it difficult affording food and/or energy bills.

If you are financially struggling, please contact Citizens Advice who may be able to help and can talk through support available which might include voucher support (subject to eligibility and voucher criteria). Please contact Citizens Advice as soon as you can as the voucher scheme closes on the 30 September 2024 (or sooner if all funds are spent). They will connect back with you as soon as is possible, please note there could be a short wait for an appointment. Email: admin@citizensadviceosav.org.uk tel: 0808 278 7907

PLEASE BE AWARE that homeowners in Trenchard Drive will reverse out of their drives in the mornings as you are arriving to school. Please do not let your children run ahead!