



St John's CE Primary Newsletter



11th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great start to the launch of Marathon Kids! Well done to pupils and parents who took part in the event.

We were lucky with the sunny weather on Friday last week. There were smiles all round from pupils and parents; as everyone took turns to complete the challenge of 800 metres.



Thank you to Mr Snow and Mr Greenhill for a successful launch. We are all aiming to run the equivalent of 5k this term, so please encourage your children to keep trying.

More information will follow with day and time that your child's class will be taking part in Marathon Kids.



Justice means being fair and balanced like King Solomon. The children learnt about the famous case of the two mothers and the baby. To reach a fair and balanced judgement, King Solomon listened to both sides of the case and then asked a poignant question.

The mother who loved the child the most was willing to give up the baby than have any harm come to the child. Justice is being fair to all!

Well done to Miss Nieto, who has successfully completed the Learning Mentor Induction.

Kind Regards

Ms S Rutherford
(Head of School)

Primary Curriculum

Lunch time Staff are pleased to see the children are demonstrating justice at play times. This week to celebrate the behaviour of the children learning to share, take turns and organise themselves the lunch time staff have increased the range of activities such as keep fit with Mr Greenhill, fun with music area and Mr Snow's MARA-FUN running club. We are working to make our lunch times even more fun!



The Month of May – SATs have begun!

It is that time of the year when pupils in year 2 and 6 complete SATs tests in Reading, Mathematics, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. We believe it is important for everyone to become familiar with this experience and at the same time we are completing class assessments too. Both Year 2 and Year 6 have been working hard. Keep going and do your best!

Swimming with KS2

Swimming and water safety is a part of the National Curriculum. It is a life skill that every child should be able to do by the time they leave primary school. Swimming lessons started on Thursday this week.

This year Jade and Onyx will be attending lessons at Crystal Palace at the end of their session they will be able to:

- Use a range of strokes effectively
- Perform safe self-rescue indifferent water based situations
- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of 25metres
- Use appropriate arm and leg actions



All children require a swimming hat, swimming costume (girls), trunks (boys) and a towel in a spare plastic bag. With your support we hope the majority of children will master this sport and become confident swimmers.

Summer Uniform

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, children can now wear summer uniform, please see the school website for details. Regular school shoes should still be worn, trainers and sandals are not part of the school uniform.

Parent Forum

Thank you to the members who attended the meeting.

PTA

The St John's PTA has now achieved charity status and are legally able to raise funds. We will be holding a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings store in Penge on 9th June from 9am until 4pm.

We will be selling sausage sandwiches from outside the store, raising money for the school. We would love volunteers to man the stall, run the BBQ or just to help out on the day. If you could help for 1h or 2h periods, please let your school rep know. All parents, carers, and children are welcome.



Registered Charity No: 1178204.

See class reps list:

Post	Name
Chair	Emily Dew
Vice Chair	Fay Marshall
Secretary	Aysha Kibria
Treasurer	Will Skinner
School Events Coordinator	Mel Skinner
Parents Events Coordinator	Katy Chapman
Class rep Ruby	Diana Craig
Class rep Pearl	Lucy Chapman
Class rep Topaz	Claire Tolhurst
Class rep Sapphire	Marcelle Neil
Class rep Opal	Vacancy
Class rep Diamond	Cristina de Paula
Class rep Amethyst	Tessa Bannister
Class rep Aquamarine	Debbie Moody
Class rep Tiger Eye	Nina Julius
Class rep Onyx	Vacancy
Class rep Jade	Aysha Kibria
Class rep Emerald	Fiona Barnes

Baroness Floella Benjamin

Baroness Floella Benjamin has sent the school a lovely letter following on from her visit to the school on Friday 16th March thanking the school for making her feel so welcome.

Baroness Floella said *"I loved chatting to the children, who are a credit to the school. Their confidence and self-belief shone bright. I truly believe this will help to build a solid foundation for their future wellbeing. As I always say 'Childhood lasts a lifetime'!"*

Attendance & Punctuality



We are determined to stay at the expected 96% and above for attendance. Here is this week's attendance for each class.

Well Done to Opal Class for 100% attendance this week. Who can get 100% attendance next week?



Well done to our top classes for gaining Dojo points this week!

- Pearl 100%
- Ruby 100%
- Emerald 100%

Family Engagement

St John's is encouraging happy and successful learners using Dojos, these have brought the school community together this year:

Please take a look at the Dojo website for more information or speak with Ms Brewer for any advice.

<https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/schoolwide/?redirect=true>



KS2 Sats Week

- Wednesday 16th May** Sex Education DVD - Year 5 Parents welcome – 2.30pm
- Thursday 17th May** Royal Wedding School Dinner Menu
- Friday 18th May** Come to school dressed in Red, White or Blue to celebrate the Royal Wedding.
PTA second hand uniform sale – 2.45 – 3.45pm in School Playground