

*ST JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Parent/Carer

Cake Sale for Haiti

Our children have requested that the school holds a fund raising event in support of the relief effort for the people of Haiti. Having discussed various options with the children it would seem that the favoured event would be a cake sale. The cake sale will be held at 3.15pm in the school hall on the last day of term 3, Friday 12th February 2010. I hope that the cake sale will be both a great fund raising opportunity and also a 'sweet' end to Term 3. Please bring cakes for sale to the school office on Friday morning. Thank you for your support.

Parents Open Evening

Attached to this newsletter is an invitation for you to attend a Parents Open Evening on either Thursday 4th March or Tuesday 9th March 2010 (3.30pm - 6.30pm). The Open Evening will provide you with an opportunity to formally discuss your child's progress. Please ensure that you return your slip to your child's Class Teacher no later than Thursday 11th February 2010 when staff will meet to organise appointments. Open Evening reply slips will be issued with confirmation of the date and time of your appointment on Friday 12th February.

Flora Challenge Tokens

The school is once again collecting Flora Challenge Tokens. The tokens can be used to purchase cooking equipment for use by our children. The school has already benefitted enormously from the previous scheme. Please return any tokens that you have collected to Mrs Matthews in the school office. Thank-you.

Parent Governor Election

I am writing to inform you that the deadline for nominations for the position of Parent Governor at St. John's elapsed at midday on Friday. I can confirm that I received one nomination for the single Parent Governor vacancy and as a result it will not be necessary to hold an election. As Returning Officer I would like to announce that Mrs L Tredget has been duly appointed to serve a further term of office as a Parent Governor at our school.

Bedtime Story Evening

Our bedtime story evening was extremely well attended and was a huge success. The staff did a fantastic job of organising and leading the event and the PTA were equally as kind, once again ensuring that the children were fed and watered with hot chocolate and biscuits. I should like to extend my thanks to all who gave of their time to support the event and of course specifically to Mrs Parrett who once again led a fantastic camp fire sing song to round off the evening.

World Book Day

This year, World Book Day takes place on Thursday 4th March 2010. To mark the event our infant children will pair up with a junior child during the afternoon to share a book together. Look out for photographs on our website.

Music Tuition

Please note that the deadline for informing the school that your child will no longer require music tuition during terms 5 and 6 of 2010 is Friday 12th February 2010. Notice of cancellation is required in writing. Please address your correspondence to the Headteacher. Thank you.

St John's Children Celebrate Sporting Excellence

The past two weekends have been full of sporting success for the children of St. John's. The weekend before last saw Hannah Goddard (Year 6) win the trampoline regional final. Hannah was also a member of the winning regional trampoline team. Whilst in football Alex O'Neil (Year 4) and Joshua Lewis (Year 4) won selection to play for the Southampton Academy Under 10's. Both boys played in Southampton's 7 - 4 win over West Bromwich Albion at the weekend. My congratulations to all three children.

Scooter and Bike Racks - 'Name the Crocs Competition!'

Having had the hard standing for the 'crocs' completed on Friday of last week, the next stage is to be secure them in place. Weather permitting this will take place tomorrow morning. The bespoke fixtures and fittings to complete the project are still being fabricated but I would hope that the finishing touches will be added to the 'crocs' during the half term closure. The aim is for the 'crocs' to be ready for use when the children return to school in Term 4.

The children have suggested that it would be fun to name each croc so that they can identify which of them is guarding their bike or scooter whilst they work! This sounds like a great idea and so we intend to hold a 'name the crocs' competition when we return to school in Term 4. In the meantime, you might like to spend a little time this week looking at the unique features of each croc before giving some thought to what might be a suitable name for the latest additions to the St John's school role!

Text and Email Alerts - Teachers2Parents

You will no doubt recall that I wrote to you recently to inform you that I had shortlisted three potential providers of a text and email alert service for St John's. I have now selected 'Teachers2Parents' as our provider of choice and have negotiated a trial period during which time we can assess the usefulness of the service. The trial will take place during this week when I will test the operability and potential benefits of using the service in house. I intend for the service to go fully live for parents early in Term 4. I will write to you with final details as to how you can access the service upon our return to school after half term and again at the end of the trial period in order to seek your views on the service before committing to the provider. In the meantime, and by way of preparation for the service going live, please ensure that the school office has up to date mobile telephone numbers and email addresses for your family - the service can inevitably only ever be as reliable as the current details that we hold on file.

New Sports Clubs for Term 4 - Tri Golf and Street Dance

In order to further extend and enrich the sporting opportunities available to our children, Term 4 will see the introduction of a Tri-Golf (Mr S Hughes) and Street Dance Club (Miss K Jones - our regular dance instructor). With the introduction of these new clubs the school now offers an extra curricular sports club Monday through Friday.

If your child/children are interested in joining Tri-Golf or Street Dance Club, or indeed any of our sports clubs, please see Mrs Matthews in the school office for more details.

Sports Clubs are for Y2-Y6 children

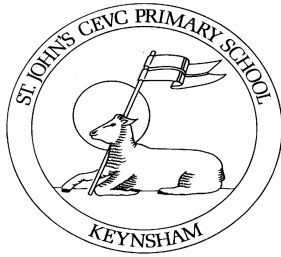
Monday	Street Dance £15.00	3.15pm - 4.15pm	(starting 22 February) 22 February, 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 March
Tuesday	Tri-Golf FREE CLUB	3.15pm - 4.15pm	(starting 23 February) 23 February, 2, 16, 23, and 30 March
Wednesday	Tennis	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Continuation of course
Thursday	Gym	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Continuation of course
Friday	Cricket	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Continuation of course

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

Please Note:

Copies of this newsletter and other information such as diary dates and useful web links can be found on our school website. New additions will be made to the website on a regular basis. Please add the website to your favourites list and check regularly for updates or perhaps you might prefer to make the St. John's site your homepage. Thank you.



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We shall be holding Open Evenings at the following times for all classes.

Thursday 4 March	3.30pm - 6.30pm
Tuesday 9 March	3.30pm - 6.30pm

Please would you note the times and return the slip below by **Thursday 11 February** indicating on which day you would like to see your child's class teacher. If either day would be convenient please mark accordingly. An appointment will then be made and a note sent to you informing you of the times.

REMINDER

Open evenings are only for the parents or legal guardians of the children. Please ensure that you complete details of children in other classes.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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Child's name _____ Class Y _____

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I have a child/children in other classes

Name _____ Class Y _____

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