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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to Term 6 at St John's. I hope that you and your family found some time to enjoy the warm weather during the half term break and that this newsletter finds you well.

Life at school is always extremely busy and this final term of the academic year looks set to be the busiest of them all. This newsletter will provide a little more detail with regard to some of these events, another copy of our list of diary dates for you, a photograph of the 3D model of our play area for you to compare with the actual works as they develop and a timetable for 'World Cup Week'. An electronic copy of this and past newsletters and an online diary, as well as a whole host of photographs, videos and other information can be found on our school website at [www.stjohnskeynsham.co.uk](http://www.stjohnskeynsham.co.uk)

### **Play Development Work Starts**

Those parents who accompany their children to school each day will no doubt have noticed that work on our new play area began in earnest over the half term break. The 'St John's Mine' is taking shape as are the sunken pathways. Such an extensive development, whilst exciting, will inevitably cause some disruption to daily school life and everyone's safety is at the forefront of my mind as work progresses.

Therefore, and for obvious reasons, please can you double your supervision of your children to ensure that everyone stays to the paths and that no-one cuts across the field in the morning and at home time. We want to remove the temptation for anyone to 'have a closer look' and harm themselves in the process, especially as heavy plant and materials will be used to hard landscape the play area. Thank-you.

I have attached a digital photograph of the 3D model of the play area to this newsletter. I hope that you might be able to use the photograph to help you work out what is being built at each at each stage of construction and the mark the progress of the project against the 3D design.

### **An extra INSET Day for 2010-11**

You may be aware that the previous government were considering adding an extra INSET Day in 2010-11 to allow time for schools to implement a new statutory national curriculum. This means that *there could be 6 and not 5 INSET Days in 2010-11.*

The curriculum of primary schools is a highly politicised and contentious area at the moment. There have been two independent reviews of the primary curriculum conducted recently by Sir Jim Rose and by Professor Robin Alexander. Somewhat independently of the recommendations of the reviews, (an area of some contention in education), the previous government went ahead and designed a new primary curriculum which has been sent to all schools. However, the government was unable to make the new curriculum *statutory in law* during the 'wash up' prior to the general election and it is therefore currently a non statutory guidance document. Therefore, the extra INSET Day designed to allow schools time to implement a new statutory curriculum may no longer be required.

I will write to confirm all of next years INSET dates as soon as the final decision on the extra INSET Day is made by national government.

### **Children's Charity Fair**

Two groups of children have requested to hold a charity fund raising fair in support of the NSPCC (our chosen annual charity for 2009-10) and Mencap. The fair will be held after school in the school hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The children have asked for any old toys that you might like to donate for 'recycling' at the fair and any cakes, bought or home made that you might be able to bring would be very gratefully received. I wish the girls every success with their efforts.

### **Cycle Training and Scooter Racks**

Year 5 began 5 weeks of cycle training on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. The training will be held on 5 consecutive Tuesdays and there will inevitably be a very large number of bikes on site over the next few weeks. The 'crocs' have been hugely successful in encouraging more and more children to cycle and scoot to school and this is really positive. However, could I respectfully ask that you remind your child to **fold their scooters and hang them neatly side by side on the crocs** as this is how the rack was designed to be used. That way we will be able to store more scooters on the rack negating the need for children to leave them on the ground in and around the area. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to keep our school neat, tidy and safe for all.

***For the attention of parent/carers of children in Year 5; please will you fill the bikes racks first and then, as before, park bikes carefully under the canopy of the school office.***

***Thank-you.***

## World Cup Week 'Mufti Day' and Timetable of Events

Our very own 'World Cup Week' takes place next week (w/c Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June). 'World Cup Week' is a joint project organised with Staple Hill Primary School and aims to;

- Provide our children with an opportunity to gain new and unique learning experiences in a school serving a culturally contrasting area to our own
- Promote multicultural experiences through the arts and to promote sport and physical activity by making a themed link with the world cup, which is itself a sporting event that both brings together, and unites, people with different cultures from around the world through the medium of football. We aim to achieve the same thing for our children with our links with Staple Hill School.

During the week we have organised for;

- A whole school 'World Cup' opening ceremony
- some of our children to visit Staple Hill and for their children to visit us to take part in art based workshops showing art and music from around the world
- all children will do world cup themed learning activities during the week
- a 'world cup' themed mufti day (as requested by the children through the School Council earlier in the school year and as I promised them).  
**Children might like to wear football kits or clothes in the colours of their favourite world cup team.**
- optional opportunities for children to watch some world cup matches in school through live streaming
- a visiting multi cultural singing teacher
- a visiting multi cultural drumming workshop
- a visiting missionary from the Sudan will visit to speak to the children about her experiences of life in Africa
- Bristol Rovers coaching staff will visit to coach the children and organise a penalty shoot out competition, before the children take part in,
- A cross school football tournament run by Mrs Burston (Wellsway PE Teacher) and her Junior Sports Leaders (Wellsway Students) held here at St John's
- A whole school 'World Cup' closing ceremony

We hope that the event will prove to be a huge success and that the children will really enjoy it. Look out for videos, photographs and 'blogs' on the school website to showcase the whole event. I have attached a timetable for the week to this newsletter for your information.

***For the attention of the parents/carers of children in Years 3 and 4; as transport places are limited sadly only some of the children will be able to visit Staple Hill Primary School. Children will be chosen using a random number generator. The visit to Staple Hill Primary School is covered by the annual trip permission slip (the slip signed by parents/carers annually to give permission for us to take children on local school trips and/or trips that do not require a voluntary contribution). You will be informed if your child is chosen. Please contact the school office if you do not wish for your child to attend and I will reallocate the place. Thank you.***

### **Growing Healthy Fruit and Vegetables**

The sharp eyed amongst you may have noticed that we have had some raised beds built behind the sheds at the front of the school. These are to compliment those beds already used by the infants in the Reception play area to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers to support their topic work on 'Growing' whilst the produce from the beds is used for children to use to cook in school.

Mr Robertson (one of our Year 4 Teachers) will soon be starting a gardening club and we hope to use the produce in the school kitchen. If you have any old short handled forks or trowels that you can donate to the school, or if you have any free time to help with the gardening club for an hour each Tuesday (12.30pm – 1.30pm) then please leave a message at the school office for Mr Robertson. We hope that our gardening club will begin on Tuesday 15 June and will run each week thereafter. Many thanks.

### **Sainsbury's and Tesco Voucher Scheme Ending**

The Sainsbury's and Tesco's voucher schemes will end on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Please can you send in any further vouchers you may have on or before that date. Many thanks to all of you who have been collecting. I will write to you in my next newsletter to inform you of the total number of vouchers collected and the equipment that we have chosen for the school. Thanks again.

### **And finally,**

With so much going on here at school, and with so much for both parents and children to remember, I intend making good use of the technologies I have available to me, such as the text service and the school website, to supplement my regular newsletters, which will no doubt be increasingly regular this term! I hope that you enjoy the remainder of the summer term here at school.

Yours sincerely

M Cottrell

Headteacher

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### Key Dates and Reminders:

The following are key dates for your diaries for the remainder of the school year. Parents will receive letters giving details of specific trips and events for your child's class in due course.

<b>TERM 6</b>	
Monday 7 June	School reopens for Term 6 (08:50 prompt)
Tuesday 8 June	Year 5 Cycle Training Day [1 <sup>st</sup> of 5 days – 15/22/29 June and 6 July] 'T1' gas powered drag car design and make challenge – Year 6
Wednesday 9 June	Year 5 and Year 6 Basketball Coaching Year 6 Dance Workshop – Wellsway Secondary School
Thursday 10 June	'T1' winning Year 6 team races their car competitively against other schools at Hayesfield School, Bath (St John's was the regional winner in 2009) Year 2 Pedestrian Training [1 <sup>st</sup> of 5 sessions – 17/24 June 1 July and 8 July] Reception 2010 Storytime (2.40pm – 3.05pm – 1 <sup>st</sup> of 5 sessions; 10/17/24 <sup>th</sup> June and 1/15 July – <b>not</b> 8 July) Visiting Artist in Year 3 – Indian Art Visiting French Pantomime Production <b><i>Children's Charity Fundraising Fair (3.30pm: school hall)</i></b>
Friday 11 June	School Photographer – Class photographs (Year 6 and Reception Classes) Year 6 visit 'The Lifeskills Centre', Bristol Year R visit Keynsham Library
Monday 14 June	Cultural Arts Week – in conjunction with Staple Hill Primary School, Bristol – please see attached timetable for the weeks events. International Singing Event All parents invited to Concert at 2.45pm <b>Mufti-Day</b>
Tuesday 15 June	Year 2 visit the 'SS Great Britain'
Wednesday 23 June	St John's Patronal Festival (12.00pm – 1.30pm)
Thursday 24 June	Infant Music Festival – Year 2 children only. Open morning for prospective parents of Reception class children – September 2011 (09:30am – 11:30am)
Friday 25 June	Odd Day – Theme: 'Around the World'
Monday 28 June	Junior Sports Day (10.30am – 12.00pm)
Wednesday 30 June	Infant Sports Day (11.00am – 12.00pm)

Thursday 1 July	Year 6 Secondary Induction Day (Wellsway and Broadlands) Year 3 end of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am)
Friday 2 July	Reserve Date for Sports Day
Monday 5 July	Year 6 Residential week – Fairthorne Manor (Botley) Reception 2010 – afternoon visit for Younger Group (1.30pm – 3.00pm)
Wednesday 7 July	Year 5 visit to the Forest of Dean Year 3 swimming – final session Reception 2010 – afternoon visit for Older Group (1.30pm – 3.00pm)
Thursday 8 July	Year Reception visit to Westonbirt Arboretum – 'Teddy Bears Picnic' Year 4 end of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am) Year 6 Annual School Reports posted
Friday 9 July	Year 3 visit 'Farmer Nick's Farm' (all day) Annual School Reports published
Saturday 10 July	St John's School Summer Fair (11.30am – 1.30pm)
Tuesday 13 July	Year 1 end of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am) Reception Parent Conferencing Day (1.15pm – 3.15pm) details to follow
Wednesday 14 July	Year 2 and Year 6 Parent Conferencing Day (details to follow)
Thursday 15 July	Reception Class end of year service for parents (9.30am – 10.00am)
Friday 16 July	Children's Instrumental Concert for parents (2.30pm – 3.00pm)
Tuesday 20 July	Year 2 end of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am)
Thursday 22 July	Year 6 Leavers Service for parents(2.00pm)
Friday 23 July	Last day of Term 6. School closes for the Summer Holiday at 3:15pm
	*****Summer Holiday*****
<b>Term 1 (2010/11)</b>	
<b>Wednesday 1 September</b>	<b>INSET Day – School closed</b>
Thursday 2 September	School reopens for Term 1 (08.50am prompt)