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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the Easter school closure I write to you with details of the work of the school.

### **Ofsted**

You may recall that I wrote to you recently with a reminder that our school is due an inspection at any time. However, since writing, I have received further correspondence from the inspectorate. Her Majesty's Chief Inspector (HMCI), Christine Gilbert, has written to inform me that as we are a school currently judged by Ofsted to be 'outstanding', the school has been subject to an 'interim assessment' by Her Majesty's Inspectors (the highest ranking inspectors in Ofsted). The assessment has found that our standards remain 'outstanding' and as such **we at St John's are not to be inspected again** unless school performance raises cause for concern. Instead, we will now be subject to an annual 'interim assessment' to monitor the standards that we achieve in all areas of school life.

May I extend to you my thanks on behalf of staff and governors for your on-going support of the work of our school. Our attendance and punctuality were judged to be 'outstanding' following our interim assessment. Your support in achieving and maintaining such a high level of provision for our children is greatly appreciated.

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector has also written to Parent/Carers and I attach a copy of Christine Gilbert's letter for your information. Thank you.

### **St John's achieves the national 'ICT Mark'**

I also write to advise you that following a successful assessment on Thursday 24th March 2011 I have received confirmation that St. John's has been awarded the national **ICT Mark** from BECTA. ICT Mark recognises excellence and innovation in the use of ICT within educational establishments. My thanks goes to Mr Spens (Deputy Headteacher and ICT Subject Leader) who led the application on behalf of the school and to the children, staff and the Chair of Governors who were involved in the very thorough assessment procedure.

### **Easter Service**

We will once again hold our annual Easter Service at St John's Church on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 10.00am. My thanks to those parents/grand parents that have already volunteered to help walk our children to the church. We shall be leaving for church at 9.45am. If you are able to help, please see Mrs Collins in the school office for more details. The service will be led by the clergy and as it is a family celebration I would like to extend an invitation to all parent/carers and grandparents to join us at church in order that our service might be an opportunity for us all to come together in worship as a school community.

### **New Club**

The School Council recently consulted their peers with regard to the school offering a new After School Club. As you can imagine, School Council was inundated with many excellent suggestions from the children. Mrs Vye (PE Subject Leader) compiled a short list of the most popular suggestions and parent/carers were recently asked to confirm their support in respect of one or more of the children's suggestions. Following consultation, I can now inform you that we will be introducing a Cheerleading Club after the Easter break. The club is to be coached by Gina Connell, an experienced coach and national cheerleading champion. Mrs Vye has arranged for Ms Connell to lead a demonstration session on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 following which we shall write to you with the final details such as dates and times of the club should your child/ren express an interest.

### **Swimming**

The final swimming session for our Year 4 children is to be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2011. After the Easter break Year 3 will begin their swimming sessions. Year 3's first swimming session will be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Should you be able to help walk our children to Keynsham Leisure Centre please see Mrs Collins in the school office who will give you more details. We still need (grand) parent/carer volunteers to fill some sessions. Thank you.

### **Paternity Leave**

Mr Spens (Deputy Headteacher) and his wife are expecting an addition to their household during the Easter break. I'm sure that you will join me in wishing Mr Spens and his family all the very best at this exciting time. A separate letter explaining who will provide paternity cover for Mr Spens is to be sent to the parent/carers of children in Year 6.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher