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Dear Parents/Carers

The start to Term 5 has brought us many things, including the warmth of Easter sunshine and a royal wedding. However, the unusually late Easter and the extra Bank Holiday afforded to us in respect of the Royal Wedding, have also meant that the start to Term 5 has also been characterised by short weeks and disruption. As we draw to the close of SAT's week (Assessment Week 3) we look forward to regaining a sense of the familiar rhythm of school life and to all that the summer terms will bring. With the warmth of the summer stretching before us I write to you with key dates for the closing weeks and months of 2010-2011.

Easter Fair

Mrs Lucas (Chair of our school PTA) has asked that I pass on her thanks on behalf of the PTA committee for your support of our Easter Fair. She informs me that, as a result of your support, the school raised £265.00. A great effort!

Having made a large contribution toward our play area project, the PTA have now kindly agreed to fund the purchase of a new 42" flat screen television, DVD player and stand for the school. My thanks go to the committee for their ongoing commitment to raising funds to support the work of St John's.

Children's' Fair

May I also extend my thanks to those of you who were able to support the girls' fair held after school on Wednesday 11th May 2011. The fair was a great success and everyone seemed to have a fine time together, eating, tackling challenges and recycling books, games and toys in the girls' 'nearly new' sale. In total £101.43 was raised. A huge 'well done' to Sophie F, Isabelle G, Paige C, Jasmine W and Rachel H from Year 5. The girls are raising funds for a Friendship bench for the playground; an idea put forward by the children at School Council in Term 4.

School Sports Day

It has been decided this year to hold both the Key Stage 1 (infants) and Key Stage 2 (juniors) Sports Day events on the same morning – **Wednesday 29th June 2011**. We hope this will simplify things for parents who have children in both KS1 and KS2.

The morning will be as follows:

KS1 – 9.15am – 10.15am

KS2 – 10.45am – 12.15pm

The PTA has kindly volunteered to serve hot and cold drinks and cakes in the hall between 10.15am – 10.45am. We hope you can come along for this fun morning.

(In case of rain – Reserve Sports Day will be Friday 1st July 2011.)

Apex Saturday opportunities for children in Years 1 - 6

We have just received details of the Apex Saturday workshops for Term 6. If your child would like to be considered for one of these courses and, importantly, you are able provide transport to the venue where the course is being held, then please can you let Mrs Collins at the office know. Apex courses usually run for up to two hours either on Saturday mornings or afternoons. Topics cover sport, art and crafts, maths, drama, cookery, history and much more; every one with the emphasis on having lots of fun. The venues are all around the BaNES area.

Apex Summer holiday opportunity - For children in Years 4 – 6 there is also a four day Apex summer holiday course running from Monday 25th – Thursday 28th July 2011 at Hayesfield Lower School, Bath. If you are interested in this, please contact the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Text Messaging

We regularly send out texts to keep parents and carers informed and up-to-date. If for any reason you are not receiving regular texts please can you contact the office and let us know. Also please can you continue to keep us informed of any mobile telephone number changes. Thank you.

Lost Property

We are holding various lost items of clothing at the office. In addition, several children have recently misplaced sweatshirts. (Most probably during lunchtime play.) Please can parents/carers regularly check their children's clothing to ensure they have their own and not another child's. Please could you also continue to ensure that all clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name for easy identification.

PE Kits

Please can all children have a PE kit in school in a suitable, named, drawstring bag. As the children will be spending more time outside for PE they also need suitable slip-on daps (plimsolls) or trainers.

Mr Spens' New baby!

We are pleased to tell you that Mr Spens and his wife are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, Toby, born 14th April 2011.

Yours sincerely

Mr M R Cottrell

TERM 5 – 2011	
Thursday 19 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 – Visit from nurse (letter to follow)
Friday 20 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 – Visit by train to Victoria Art Gallery, Bath
Tuesday 24 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 – Artist Liz Bennington (Viking art) • New Reception 2011 parents' induction meeting - 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 – Sulis Club Tournament, Bath (8-aside) and Kwik Cricket Team, Keynsham Cricket club • Y5 Class assembly (<i>end of year service for parents (9.15am – 9.45am)</i>)
Thursday 26 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School photographer – Y6 leavers and Reception group photographs • Last day of Term 5. School closes at 3.15pm.
Friday 27 th May	INSET Day – School closed
	** Whitsun Holiday **
TERM 6 – 2011	
Monday 6 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School reopens for Term 6 (8.50am prompt) • Reception 2011 Story time 2.40pm – 3.05pm • No Streetdance – re-starts 13 June 2011
Tuesday 7 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 Cycle training - (week 1 of 5 – other dates 14th, 21st, 28th June and 5th July) – further details to follow
Thursday 9 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 Pedestrian Training (week 1 of 5 – other dates 16th, 30th June, 7th July and Wednesday 13th July) - further details to follow • Gym club recommences 3.15pm – 4.15pm (Session 5)
Friday 10 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket club recommences 3.15pm – 4.15pm (Session 4)
Monday 13 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2011 Story time 2.40pm – 3.05pm • Streetdance recommences 3.15pm – 4.15pm (Session 4)
Tuesday 14 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 Cycle training (week 2)
Wednesday 15 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Leavers day at Wells Cathedral (details to follow)
Thursday 16 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 Pedestrian Training (week 2)
Friday 17 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODD DAY
Monday 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2011 Story time 2.40pm – 3.05pm
Tuesday 21 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 Cycle Training (week 3)
Thursday 23 rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2012 Open Morning 9.30am – 11.30am (Y6 to act as guides) • Patronal Festival 12.00 – 2.00pm (Parents/grandparents welcome – more details to follow.)
Monday 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2011 Story time 2.40pm – 3.05pm
Tuesday 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 - Viking Living History Re-enactor visiting for day • Y5 Cycle training (week 4)
Wednesday 29 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Sports day KS1 9.15am – 10.15am KS2 10.45am – 12.15pm (Refreshments 10.15am – 10.45am)
Thursday 30 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 End of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am) • Y2 Pedestrian Training (week 3) • Secondary Transfer Day of St John's Y6 Children to Oldfield Girls (all day)

Friday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve Sports Day
Saturday 2nd July	SUMMER FAIR 11.30am – 1.30pm
Monday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Residential week – Fairthorne Manor (Botley) • Reception 2011 visit (younger group) 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Tuesday 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 Visit to SS Great Britain (details to follow) • Y5 Cycle training (week 5 – final session) • Reception 2011 Visit (older group) 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 6 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y5 visit to the Forest of Dean • Y3 swimming – final session
Thursday 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR visit to Westonbirt Arboretum • Y2 Pedestrian Training (week 4) • Secondary Transfer Day of St John's Y6 Children to Broadlands (all day)
Friday 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y3 Visit to Lower Stock Farm • Y4 Visit to Folly Farm • Annual School reports published
Monday 11 th July	<p><i>'Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish!' week (details to follow)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2011 Story time 2.40pm – 3.05pm
Tuesday 12 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y1 end of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am) • Secondary Transfer Day of St John's Y6 Children to Wellsway (a.m.) • YR parent conferencing (details to follow)
Wednesday 13 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian Training (week 5) – please note change of day • Y2 and Y6 Parent conferencing (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y4 end of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am) • Gym club (last session)
Friday 15 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR end of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am) • BRISTOL DINOSAUR PROJECT VISITING SCHOOL • Cricket club (last session)
Monday 18 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception 2011 Story time 2.40pm – 3.05pm • Streetdance (last session)
Tuesday 19 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 end of year service for parents (9.05am – 9.30am)
Wednesday 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Music Concert for Parents (9.15am) To be confirmed.
Thursday 21 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y6 Leaver's service 2pm. (Bath Abbey in attendance)
Friday 22 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of Term 6. School closes for the summer holiday at 3.15pm

Academic term dates for the remainder of 2010-11 and 2011-12 can be found at www.bathnes.gov.uk and on our school website where you will also find an online school calendar. Our school website also contains copies of both this and past newsletters as well as pictures and videos of life at St John's for your information and enjoyment.