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Dear Parent/Carer,

NEW: Keyboard Club

We are always on the lookout for opportunities to expand upon our breadth of provision at school. I have arranged for the Southwest Keyboard School to provide a demonstration session for our children on Wednesday 12th October 2011. Should there be sufficient interest in the club then I will write to you with more details.

NEW: Drama Club

Equally, the school would like to assess the potential interest in establishing an after school drama club here at St John's. The club would be operated by an external supplier www.playacted.co.uk. The company is managed by a retired primary headteacher. Actors from the drama company will lead a whole school assembly for the children on Thursday 6th October 2011. Initially, the drama club is available for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6).

Book Fair

Thank you so much for your kind support of our annual book fair event. The school receives both a choice of titles from the book fair for each classroom and also receives commission on book sales. The £380 commission raised by this year's book fair will be used to further replenish both our main school library and our classroom libraries. Thank you!

Conker Competition

Despite not yet having elected our 2011-12 School Council the children have asked if we are to hold our traditional 'St John's Conker King Competition'. Many of you with a longer acquaintanceship with the school will know that the original competition was held 5 years ago and was the brainchild of our previous Rector, Rev'd John Samways. The date of this year's competition will be **Friday 14th October 2011**. I hope that the children enjoy the competition. The school office has some spare conkers from our own conker tree – please ask for one!!

Children's Fair

Once again some of our children have asked me if they can hold a charity fund raising fair in support of the World Wildlife Fund. The fair is to be held in the school hall on Wednesday 19th October 2011 at 3.30pm. The children have advertised their event around the school with posters. On behalf of the children I really hope that you can come along and have some fun. Thank you for your support.

Harvest

This year we are to donate any gifts of food to the Bath Foodbank. The charity provides help and support to local families in crisis. The charity's slogan is 'feeding the hidden hungry' and a member of the Bath Foodbank will visit school on the morning of our Harvest Service (Friday 14th October 2011 at 10.00am) to take part in our celebrations. A 'shopping list' of items that are needed is printed on the back of this newsletter. Please bring any items you wish to donate to the school office on either Thursday 13th or Friday 14th October. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mr M R Cottrell
Headteacher