



31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

*Celebrate and learn together*

### Welcome

A warm welcome to Mrs Ford and Mrs Lockyer who have joined our Lunchtime Supervision team this term.

### Get Well Soon

Mrs Perrin is due to have an operation and will be away from work for a few weeks. Today is her last day, I know you will all join us in wishing her a speedy recovery and to get well soon.

### New Play Equipment for Infant and Junior Children

Sadly, we have been advised that the mine and play equipment behind the wooden picket fence on the field are unsafe and need to be demolished. However, we are delighted to inform you that following feedback from the children about what they would like for their playground, over the next few months we are installing a new pirate ship for infant children to play on and new gym equipment is being installed near the junior playground. Both new pieces of equipment will promote physical activity and will be available for use all year round. We are now investigating other play equipment to add to both the junior and infant play areas in the near future. A huge thank you to Mr Livingston for organising this fantastic purchase for the school that will help to continue to improve play and lunch for the children.

### New lighting

Next week the entire school is being fitted with new emergency lights. The work is taking place overnight so there will be no disruption to the school day except for the large skip that will remain in the car park for the next week.

### Parent Workshops

We will be holding two workshops for parents supporting children with anxiety on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9am and 5.30pm in the school hall. More information to follow.

Supporting your child to read at home workshop for all parents at 2pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### New book band colours

Miss Powell and Mrs Bruton have re-banded the reading books across the school. Your child will be coming home with a reading book with a new colour, please be assured their reading level has not changed, this is a change in our colours!

### World Book Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

For this year's World Book Day, children can come to school dressed as a Book Character or in their pyjamas. The children will spend the day looking at a book and carrying out a range of activities related to it. They will also have a parade, where they can show their costumes/pyjamas to the rest of the school. The event will culminate with an early 'bedtime story' (around 2.30), along with a hot chocolate and biscuit.

### Charity Fund Raising

Over Christmas we raised £123.25 for the Children's Society thank you for your kind donations.

### Adopt a Koala Fundraiser

St Johns TA team would like to say a massive THANK YOU to staff, pupils, parents & carers for making our koala fundraising event such a success.

The generous donations and support shown to our non-uniform day and cake sale allowed us to raise a staggering **£625.00**.



Assisted by Mrs Esmonde's Eco council, pupils received a sticker and colouring sheet in exchange for not wearing their school uniform and ended the day by treating themselves to delicious home baked cakes kindly donated by family and friends.

All the money raised will enable us to 'adopt' a koala for each class which will help provide urgent care to the injured animals together with the planting of trees to rebuild their habitat destroyed in the recent devastating Australian bush fires.



Well done to Belle in Y3 who has been busy making joey bags to send to Australia to help the baby koalas.

### Reception Class blast off into their space topic.

Children in reception class at St John's Primary School in Keynsham are being inspired by rockets, planets and the moon during their current topic about space. To blast off into the theme they dressed up in space clothes and spent a day learning and experimenting with rockets. A local physics teacher visited the school to show the students how rockets could be launched high above the playground. Children were delighted to see a rocket, made from a bottle filled with water, launched using a bike pump, special valve and lots of energy. While the children stood at a safe distance, the physicist got quite wet as the rocket took off and came back to earth on the school field. Pupils used their numeracy and literacy skills to describe how high the rocket went.



Back in the classroom children got the opportunity to make and launch their own smaller rockets using straws, pipettes and their breath. During the day children become scientists and conducted their own investigation into how different sized moon craters are formed. By dropping "meteorites" onto a surface like the moon, they could see how craters of different sizes could be formed. Conveniently, a clear evening and the appearance of Venus in the sky, allowed children a good opportunity to put their new-found passion for space into practise. "I actually saw a planet" said one excited pupil.

## Year 4

Year 4 enjoyed a Theme day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. The children enjoyed making Iron Age Oatcakes, Stone Age sewing of cave paintings and used clay to make tiles with their initials in hieroglyphics!



## School uniform supplier

Please note we have now changed our uniform supplier to Harvem in the High Street. Please pop in to purchase uniform or order online at [www.harvem.co.uk](http://www.harvem.co.uk)

## Parent Champions - SEND Partnership Service

Drop in to talk with our SEND Partnership Service Parent champions and find out more about what they do.

Tuesday 10th March 2020 10:15 - 12 @ Farmborough Village Hall Toddler Group, BA2 0AE

Tuesday 17th March 2020 2 - 4 pm

Carers Centre Support Cafe, Timsbury Hub, BA2 0JH

Saturday 28th March 2020 9 - 11 am

Chew Valley Leisure Centre, BS40 8QB

## St John's School Diary Dates

January 2020

**Key Dates and Reminders:** The following are key dates for your diaries for term 3, 4, 5 & 6

Parents will receive letters giving details of specific trips and events for your child's class in due course

<b>February</b>	<b>Term 3</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 (not all) MultiBall Bath University
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATS & Botley Information Evening 5pm in classroom
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4(not all) Dodge Ball Competition
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Supporting your child to read at home workshop for all parents at 2pm Whole school open afternoon all parents welcome 2.45pm End of term 3
<b>February</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	School starts 8.50am prompt Shrove Tuesday Service at St Johns Church at 10am parents welcome & help to walk to Church
<b>March</b>	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Class Photographs
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup>	Viking Man visiting Y3 & Y4
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Multi Skills Festival Wellsway
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Class Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5 Bath Abbey
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Service St Johns Church 10am parents welcome & help to walk to Church
<b>April</b>	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening 2.30-5.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y4P Class Assembly 2.30pm End of term 4
	<b>Term 5</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School starts 8.50am prompt
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y1 & Y2 Keynsham Park Picnic
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y4SJ Class Assembly 9.15am
<b>May</b>	
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Bikeability
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Class Assembly 2.30pm CENSUS DAY
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	YR Westonbirt Trip
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	End of term 5
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET DAY
<b>June</b>	<b>Term 6</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School starts 8.50am prompt
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Class Assembly 2.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 Class Assembly 2.30pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Fairthorne Manor Residential Trip
<b>July</b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	YR Class Assembly
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Leavers Assembly

Sports Day & Patronal Festival dates to be announced in due course.

