

## St John's Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

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### Spring term key dates

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – PTA disco

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – KS1 book and a biscuit 2.45pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – music concert with Mr Watson 2.30-3.00pm

### Pupil News

Hey everyone. We hope you all had a lovely week off. Today we are back with more pupil news! This week Open The Book have been sharing the story of Peter's happiest day. The pre-school have been learning about pets and we have even seen some of them in school. Some children brought them in to show everyone.

There are double points for behaviour at the moment so we hope everyone can earn lots. The points mean prizes and there are prizes for 50 points (prize from the basket), 100 points (a treat), 200 points (a big playtime), 300 points (Forest School experience) and 400 points (a trip!).

Due to improved weather, Forest School is back on and there are snow drops growing in the woods.

A big thank you to our pupil reporting team of Bethan and Louis this week.



### **Road Safety**

On Wednesday morning I witnessed a very, very close miss between a car and a young high school pupil whilst outside the coop. The pupil was very fortunate to escape unharmed.

It is a reminder to everyone of how important it is to be road aware and cross safely. If your child walks to school please remind them of how to cross safely and to make use of Mr Jackson to ensure they can cross the busy road safely.

### **Open afternoon**

The open afternoon is coming up later in the year on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

The doors will open at 1.00pm for a short talk from the police on internet and social media safety. This will be extremely helpful and illuminating for all parents and we look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Then at 1.30 you will be able to visit your child's class as usual and spend some time doing activities with them and seeing their learning.

### **Musical instrument donation**

We have had a generous offering of a drum kit and grand piano which are free to a good home.

If you would like either of these please get in touch and we will help to make the necessary arrangements.

### **Survey**

There is a link below and also in the email which takes you to an annual family survey. We would appreciate everyone taking a few minutes to complete.

Your feedback is very valuable to us to help us improve as a school. We will collate all of the results, analyse them as a team and share feedback at the end of spring.

<https://forms.gle/yVqn4c5C7TbTr6UMA>

## Attendance

We must make sure the children are *on time* to school which means being here for 8.45am. Remember that if you are late (past 9am) this counts as a U code. Ten of these will lead to a fine from the local authority.

Every day counts! The learning is all sequenced so if you miss a day it can impact on how well the child does at the end of the unit.

The good news is that having excellent attendance has massive benefits for your child. Children who have attendance which is 95% or more do much better than their peers with lower attendance.

We are always here to help so please do let us know if we can do anything to support you with attendance.

**Every Day At School Counts**

More days in school = more friends, more learning

**90%** attendance = 19 days missed

**80%** attendance = 38 days missed

**27%** of primary pupils miss 10+ days of school

**6** days absence = drop in reading and maths

## PE timetable

These are the regular slots. Keep an eye on any emails from your teachers in the event of a change for a particular week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>PE/Forest School:</b>	Miss Williams	Mrs Walsh	Mrs Cole	Miss Williams	Mrs Walsh
Children to dress in PE kit on these days.	Mrs Johnson/Mrs Reed	Mrs Cole	Mrs Wilby	Mrs Johnson/Mrs Reed	Mrs Wilby
	Mrs Arnold/Mrs Clark	Mrs Westerby	Mrs Arnold/Mrs Clark	Mrs Westerby	Miss Foster
			Miss Bartley/Mrs Peacock		Miss Bartley/Mrs Peacock
			Y4s swimming		

## Extra-curricular clubs Spring TERM

	Club	Leader	Year groups	Timing	How to sign up
Monday	Football (girls)	Mr Sivewright	Y4/5/6	3.15-4.15	Complete a new letter and hand back to Mr Sivewright if you are not already doing it.
Tuesday	Netball	Miss Foster	Y5/6	3.15-4.15	Complete a letter and hand back to Miss Foster
	Gardening	Mrs Patterson	KS2	lunchtime	Expression of interest to staff
Wednesday	Football (boys)	Mr Harrison	Y5/6	3.15-4.15	Restarts on 21 <sup>st</sup> January.
	Gymnastics Y3	Mr Sivewright	Y3	3.15-4.15	Complete a new letter and hand back to Mr Sivewright
Thursday	Football	PFC	Y3-6	3.15-4.15	<a href="https://premier-football-coaching.classforkids.io/">https://premier-football-coaching.classforkids.io/</a>
Friday	Explore	Mrs Clark and Mrs Hawkyard	Y3-6	lunchtime	Expression of interest to staff
	Street dance	Sylk Dance Academy	Y2-4	3.15-4.15	Sign up online: <a href="https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/classes.php?account_id=11199">https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/classes.php?account_id=11199</a>
	Multi-sports	PFC	YR-6	3.15-4.15	<a href="https://premier-football-coaching.classforkids.io/">https://premier-football-coaching.classforkids.io/</a>
Various	Mr Sivewright will also run Forest School clubs at lunch time depending on the weather and other events in school. This will be an offer open to those interested on the day.				