



NEWSLETTER No. 2

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Diary Dates

- 27.09.2018 Home School Partnership, help your child with Maths 9.15 - 10.15 for Y1 to Y6
- 27.09.2018 Home School Partnership, help your child at home - 18.00 for Reception
- 01,02 & 03.10.2018 Parent Consultations
- 01.10.2018 PTFA Meeting
at the Old Restoration 20.00
- 05.10.2018 PTFA Film Night 17.45 - 19.30
- 09.10.2018 Harvest Festival Service at St Luke's Church 10.00
- 19.10.2018 Colorfoto - Individual and Family group photos
- 19.10.2018 End of Term 1
- 29.10.2018 Start of Term 2

Year 4 were lucky enough to have a fantastic drama workshop which linked with their WW2 topic. They explored how it would feel to be an evacuee and the parent of an evacuee when the time came to say goodbye. Thank you to Ms Bolwell for such an amazing experience that made their topic come alive!



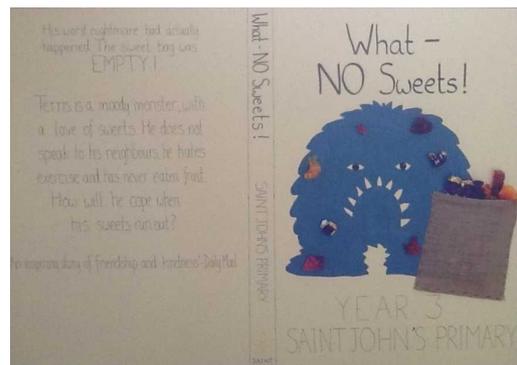
Year 3 enjoyed a creepy crawly start to their topic on rainforests when Paul, the rainforest man, visited. He showed them a variety of creatures that are found in the rainforest. The children all demonstrated this term's value of courage when they got to touch several of the animals, including a tarantula.



Year 3 are collecting kitchen roll tubes for a project later on in the year. Please send them in to school if you have any. Thank you.

The current **Year 4**, while they were still in Year 3, wrote a monster themed story for the Literature Festival. The book cover they designed will be on show in the window of WHSmith for the duration of the festival, whilst the story will be available to read from Friday via this link

<https://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/education/take-part/monster-story-trail/>



Year 5 had a fun filled day learning all about the wonderful world of Road Dahl. The pupils dressed up as their favourite characters. Sadly, Miss Meakin missed the day, but they had Grandma in to help look after the class. The children also raised over £30 for the Roald Dahl's Children's Charity.



Life @ St Luke's

It was great to have a good gang of children join us for our first BLAST event on Monday 24th September for an evening of messy games and food. Watch out for our next event, the BLAST Light Party on 31st October.

Until then, everybody is invited to join us on Sunday 7th October for our Harvest Breakfast at 9.15 with Harvest Festival Service to follow at 10.00.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals then please apply for them at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk in the education and learning section - apply for transport and free school meals. We would encourage you to apply even if you do not wish for your child to have the school meals as we get extra funding if they are entitled to them.

Nut Allergies

Please be aware that we have children at Saint John's who have severe nut allergies. Whilst we could not insist on a blanket nut ban, we would like parents to be mindful of the situation. Many thanks, Juliette Moxham

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are next week, on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd October - please sign up to see your child's class teacher; lists have gone up outside classrooms.

PTFA



Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM. Zoe Forbes and Dee Jones have been elected as Co-Chairs for the second year. Lydia Bolas and Taryn Doolin also remain as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. A copy of the Chair's Report which lists the activities parents have helped support and the PTFA's plans for 2018/19, will be available soon. A list of events for 2018/19 has already been sent out to everyone, so please book these dates in your diary!

Nearly New Sale, Saturday 3rd November

Do you need to clear out some of those unwanted toys and clothes ready for the next batch in December? Then the PTFA has just the event for you. It is organising a Nearly New Sale on Saturday 3rd November from 14.00 - 16.00 at school. If you are interested in booking a table, then please let someone from the committee know. Tables will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Full details will be in the book bags very soon.

Second hand school uniform

At the sale, there will be a stall selling second hand/unused uniform, so if you have any items that are in good condition then please bag them up and drop off by the PTFA shed.

Call for raffle prizes - Christmas Fair, Saturday 1st December

The PTFA has already started to organise this year's **Christmas Fair**, and this year we would like to expand our range of raffle prizes, but with this, we need your help. In the past, our prizes have included race tickets, family tickets to local attractions and Superdry rucksacks. If you are in a position or possibly hold the purse strings of an organisation and would like to donate a fantastic prize to this year's raffle, then please let us know.

The first **Film Night** is on Friday 5th October, where 'Peter Rabbit' will be shown. Please come along and enjoy the film with your friends.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 1st October at 20.00, at the Old Restoration pub. Please come along.



World War 1 Memorial March

On Saturday 10th November, there will be a memorial procession through the centre of Cheltenham to remember the 1700 Cheltonians who died in the war. Each member of the march will be given the name of one of the soldiers. The march will start at 13.30 at Pittville Lawn and proceed to Montpellier Gardens.

As we know of 11 former pupils of Saint John's who lost their lives in WW1, we would like to invite 11 current pupils to join the march. Please let Mr Allison know as soon as possible if you would like your child to be involved.

We will also be holding a commemorative event of our own after school on Tuesday, November 6th - more details to follow.



Calm and Creative Evening

Gemma Bolwell is hosting a Calm & Creative Evening for adults at school on Sunday 7th October (19.00 - 21.00) to raise money for the Sue Ryder Hospice in Leckhampton.

The evening will involve some basic / gentle yoga, meditation, autumn crafts and yummy food: an excellent opportunity to relax!

There is no set cost but please donate what you can on the day. Places are limited so please book with Gemma (07789 809132) in advance.

