



NEWSLETTER No. 13

April 2023

Dear Saint John's families,

We hope that everyone was able to enjoy some rest and relaxation over the Easter holidays, spending time with friends and family.

We have started term with the excitement of chicks being hatched in the Reception classroom (plus experiencing lunch in the hall!), learning at the Wilson Museum, Forest School for Year 1, swimming for Year 2 (plus some Year 6 pupils to gain their 25m), trips to The Rock and visits to Cheltenham College for Science and D.T. Year 6 have been working particularly hard as they prepare for their KS2 assessments: please make sure you have read the letter sent via Parentmail if you have a child in Year 6.

The PTFA is delighted to be meeting on Wednesday 3rd May at 7pm at the Strand pub in the High Street, in order to plan activity for the rest of the year and start looking ahead to next year. All parents and carers are automatically members of the PTFA and are welcome to come along. It's also an opportunity to talk to the existing committee about how to get more involved - from volunteering at events to joining the committee.

Many of us may be looking forward to the Coronation next weekend, perhaps enjoying the fact that there is another Bank Holiday Monday in recognition of King Charles III being crowned. We have made some wonderful tote bags (material bags for shopping/trips away/useful bag for putting things in!) which are specially designed for Saint John's. We have an infant bag and a junior bag, with every child's name (signed) on them. We will be selling these after school next week for £5. Cash please, or if really necessary, a cheque made out to **St John's PTFA**. We recognise that it may be difficult for those who use OSCA or children walk home; please support each other by organising amongst yourselves to ask a friend to buy bags on another's behalf. Mrs Beevers is also happy that on Friday 12th, she will sell these at the office at 8.00/8.15am for OSCA morning drop off. See below for a photo of the two different bags.



Mondays 1st May and 8th May. TWO bank holidays: The children will not be in school on these days.

Wednesday 3rd May PTFA meeting 7pm The Strand

Friday 5th May ISingPOP Coronation experience

Tuesday 9th May Year 6 SATs. Please ensure that every Year 6 pupils is in school **every day** for these tests.

Friday 26th May Half term starts (normal finish time)

Thursday 22nd June Sports Day (reserve 29th June)

Saturday 8th July Saint John's Summer Fair

Thursday 20th July Year 6 Leavers' Event (Disco)

Friday 21st July End of Term and Leavers' Service at St Luke's Church (approximate start time is 10am)

Tuesday 24th July End of Term at 2pm

Please note that after half term, we will be finishing school at 3.15pm for all pupils so that we are in line with government timings for all schools.

Please see below one of the graphs for our parent survey: all information is on the website under Community

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. We will see Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 on Tuesday and everyone on Wednesday!

Take care, Mrs Beevers

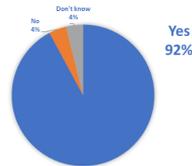
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Please see the tabs on the right-hand side for different information for our current parents and the wider community.

Below is information about our Parent/Carer Survey - completed in Autumn 2022. We are delighted with the results, whilst also recognising that this is always work to do: parents and carers need to understand everything that we do at Saint John's to ensure that we all flourish.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND SAINT JOHN'S?



Written by Sharon Morrow TA



Reception Class have had such an 'eggs'citing start to the new term as they have been hatching chicks! The children have been absolutely fascinated watching little cracks in eggs get bigger and then seeing the chicks emerge. They have learnt so much about lifecycles and many chicken facts, such as the yellow chicks are boys and the brown ones are girls and of course, they have loved holding them!



In Geography, **Year 1** have been identifying different landmarks in both London and Cheltenham. In Maths, they have started work on comparing equal and unequal groups, using equipment to practise.



Year 2 have been exploring clay in their Art lessons. The children have learnt how to mark make in clay. They used the 'score and slip' method to attach pieces of clay to the pinch pots that they made. The children enjoyed making the 'slip' which is a glue-like clay!



Year 3 have made a great start to Term 5. They have created brilliant actions for their model text, thought of super questions about the Ancient Egyptians and learnt about different forms of communication in PE. They did particularly well when having to guide their blindfolded team members in the beanbag challenge!



As part of the start to their new topic, **Year 4** have designed and created Roman shields. The shields are red to represent Mars, God of war, and gold to represent Jupiter, the Roman King of gods. As an extra challenge, they were asked to make their patterns symmetrical.



Year 4 are in need of magazines to make mood boards from. If you have any (no food or Tesco, please) then please send them to the Year 4 classroom via your child. Thank you.

Year 5 have had an exciting start to the term with their visits to Cheltenham College for their Science and DT lessons. In Science, the children have been investigating which substances dissolve completely to form a solution, while in DT, they have enjoyed learning how to use a pillar drilling machine. At school, the children also had chance to hold chicks as part of their learning about life cycles in animals.

Year 6 have begun their brass tuition. There is a mixture of trumpets and bass baritone instruments to learn to play. In their first session, the children got to grips with the technique used to blow down the mouthpiece to create a sound. Over the coming weeks, they hope to be able to learn and play a range of tunes together. The children have also been given their leavers hoodies. They have loved having them to wear as part of their school uniform.



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