



17th July 2017 * SUMMER TERM * ISSUE 35

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 and 6

Our wonderful Year 2 and Year 6 performed brilliantly for us over this last week. They demonstrated great talent and kept everyone entertained. Thank you to our audiences - I hope you enjoyed seeing the children so confident and happy.

Nursery

Our Nursery closes at the end of Friday. We will see some of the Nursery children in September when they join Reception- others are moving onto new schools. I would like to send these pupils and their families very best wishes.

Awards

Next week we will be giving out a number of special awards. Sports awards will be given for 'sporting ability' and 'effort and attitude'. We will also be giving out a number of attendance awards for 100% attendance. Pupils with 96-99% attendance will be also entered into a prize draw. This hopefully rewards good attendance and shows how much we value this.

Sports Day

As you know due to the bad weather forecast we had to move Sports Day to this Friday. The forecast for tomorrow looks dry in the morning but rainy in the afternoon. We have therefore decided that the morning sports day for Nursery, Reception and KS1 will go ahead as planned. We will make every effort for the KS2 afternoon sports day to go ahead as planned but due to the more challenging events that the children will do, we will need to assess ground conditions and the afternoon weather forecast in the morning. Therefore, please assume that the KS2 sports day will go ahead unless you receive a text or email stating otherwise before 9:30 a.m. Please also check our Twitter feed for latest updates. All the details for the day have already been sent out - they are available on the school website or from the school admin office if you need another copy. We are hoping to sell some cold drinks on the day and any unclaimed and unnamed uniform so it might be worth bringing some pennies. Everyone please keep those fingers crossed for dry weather!

The short week

As you know school doesn't officially close until Tuesday. On Tuesday, as previously mentioned pupils are permitted to bring an appropriate toy or game to play with. Electronic devices are only permitted for Years 5 and 6 and they must not be phones. A couple of children have asked about toy guns - I wouldn't class these as appropriate so please encourage the children to choose carefully. On that day, it is non-uniform and inflatable day. We are asking for donations towards this and we will be very grateful for any donation you can afford.

Reports

Reports for Nursery have been sent out. Other year groups will receive their reports on Friday. If your child is in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 they will also receive a printout showing the results of National assessments. For pupils in Year 6, what they have achieved may be slightly different to what teachers have predicted. This is because Teachers have to predict what level they are working at. If there is a difference then this will either be because they did particularly well on the test, which may tip them into the higher level or of course the lower level where one mark on the test can make all the difference. For other year groups, occasionally the attainment achieved may differ from previous years. This can be because children have made some excellent progress - it can also be because pupils have struggled to reach the higher expectations; they may also have struggled to show what they know on a test and this informs teachers when they make their judgement. There is an opportunity to speak to teachers should you wish to discuss anything about reports on Monday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. You do not need to make appointment- just access school via the main entrance.

Please be assured that we monitor children's attainment and progress regularly with teachers. Key information is passed on to new staff and the team leaders have the information so that we can continue to help pupils make the best progress and target or provide additional support for pupils who may need to make greater progress next year.

Yours sincerely,

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WEEKLY FOCUS

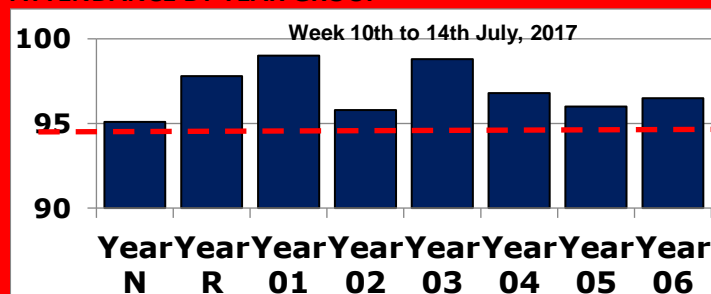
Assembly Focus: The end of the year

Musical Inspiration: The Specials - Free Nelson Mandela

Word of the week: to say hello in Swedish say hej

Talk Topic:

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



Sports News

The Year 4 & 5 boys enjoyed a win in the cricket match held at St. John Primary School on Tuesday afternoon. The boys were restricted by some great bowling and catching by the St. John team and relied on Oliver (Y5) with three towering sixes to build a good score. Our bowlers faced the difficult task of restricting the St. John batsman to a low score. Despite some great bowling and fielding St. John were working steadily towards our total when Shayan (Y4) took 4 wickets in 6 balls to stop them in their tracks. A tight final over from Oliver (Y5) ensured a narrow victory for St. Christopher. The final scores St. Christopher 230 for 6 wickets, St. John 222 for 5 wickets. The boys enjoyed well deserved chocolate brownies after the match. Very well done to the team; Shayan (Y4), Oliver, Jack, Patrick, Ace, Joe, Jake, George.

Mr. Coyle has requested that if you have any PE kit that your children have grown out of, or you no longer need - particularly items such as dark or royal blue shorts, white t-shirts, football boots or trainers, then he would be delighted if you would mark it for his attention and leave it at reception.

Playpals are pleased to be offering holiday club during the Summer holidays, booking forms are available from the school office or PlayPals. We will be open for the following dates:

26th, 27th, 28th July 31st July – 4th August 7th August – 11th August 14th August – 18th August

Prices are as follows:

Morning half day: from 7:30am - 12:30pm £14 per session Afternoon half day: from 12:30pm - 5:30pm £14 per session

Short day: from 9.00am – 4.00pm £18 per day Full day: from 7:30am - 5:30pm £22 per day

As places are limited please return the booking form to the school office or PlayPals no later than **Wednesday 19th July**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change)

Thursday 20 th July 2017	Cinema & Waterworld Trip – Year 6
Friday 21 st July 2017	Reports to go home - including any test results
Friday 21 st July 2017	Sports Day
Monday 24 th July 2017	Reports drop in (further information to follow)
Monday 24 th July and Tuesday 25 th July 2017	Nursery closed
Tuesday 25 th July 2017	Last day – Toy day/Non- Uniform/Bouncy Fun - details to follow

Term Dates/Training days 2017-2018

Training Days - closed to pupils

Autumn 1 Term 2017	Wed 6th Sept 2017	Thurs 19th Oct 2017	Mon 4 th and Tues 5 th Sept, Fri 20 th Oct
Autumn 2 Term 2017	Tues 31st Oct 2017	Thurs 21st Dec 2017	Mon 30 th October
Spring 1 Term 2018	Mon 8th Jan 2018	Fri 16th Feb 2018	
Spring 2 Term 2018	Mon 26th Feb 2018	Thurs 29 th Mar 2018	
Summer 1 Term 2018	Mon 16th Apr 2018	Thurs 24th May 2018	Fri 25 th May
Summer 2 Term 2018	Mon 4th June 2018	Wed 25th July 2018	

