



St. John's CE Primary School

Spring Term Newsletter March 2023



Our best wishes from St. John's.

Diary Dates:

We will be celebrating the King's Coronation on **Friday 5th May** with a 'Best of British / Royal' themed dress up day.

We look forward to seeing you for the start of the Summer Term on **Monday 17th April**.

Statutory Assessments / SATs (Standard Assessment Tests):

- The Year 1 Phonics Screen will take place during the week of Monday 12th June 2023.
- Year 2 SATs will take place during May 2023.
- The Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check will take place over a three week period from Monday 5th June.
- Due to the additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III, the **Year 6 Statutory Assessments dates have changed:**
 - Tuesday 9 May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
 - Wednesday 10 May: English reading paper
 - Thursday 11 May: mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
 - Friday 12 May: mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)



Internal School Assessments:

Assessment weeks for all year groups usually take place during the last 3 weeks of each term.

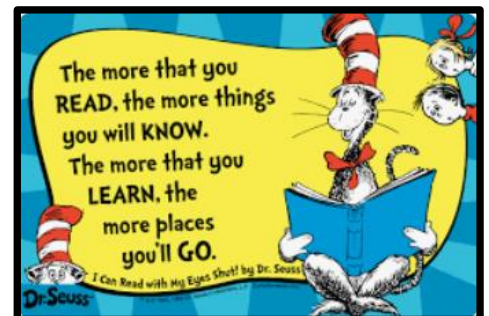


Comic Relief / Disasters Emergency Committee:

Over £560 was raised last week so a huge thank you to you all for your very generous donations. The money will be split between Comic Relief and the Disasters Emergency Committee.

Reading at St. John's:

Learning to read is one of the most important skills a child can learn. Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a huge difference to children's educational performance. Children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. We're passionate about helping every child to learn to read and develop a love of reading that will carry them through their life of learning.



We are making some exciting improvements in school to raise the profile of reading – more details to follow!

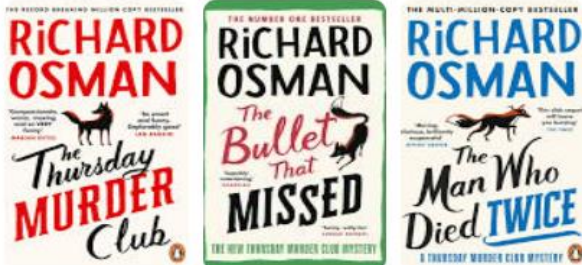
There is a child / adult **Book swap** in the school entrance, so if you fancy a new read, please pop in and have a browse.



Recommended Reads:

Mrs Swift-Holdcroft and Mrs Stone recommend: The Richard Osman 'Thursday Murder Club' trilogy.

Mrs Stone said: "A great read! These books actually make you laugh out loud".

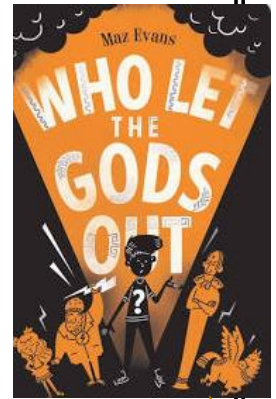


Year 5 Book Recommendations:

Chase D recommends any of the Harry Potter books.

Lincoln E recommends Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

Year 5 are currently enjoying 'Who Let the Gods Out' as their class book.



PTA

Our fabulous PTA have been working hard behind the scenes producing beautiful Mother's Day gifts, and Easter raffle prizes. The PTA end of term **school disco** is next Thursday: KS1 6pm and KS2 7:15pm.

How the PTA Supports the School:

The PTA have made a very generous donation of £1000 which will go towards new library furniture, new books and raising the profile of reading – watch this space! They help to fund our Text2Parents system; they help with the ever increasing transport costs for school trips; our reward system is part funded by the PTA as are our Christmas treats!

St. John's Sport:

What a fabulous half term of sport with pupils competing in gymnastics, netball and cross country.

A massive congratulations to our Y5/6 and Y3/4 Cross Country teams who performed brilliantly in the CADSSA Cross Country Event. Y5/6 girls team finished in 2nd place; Y3/4 came 2nd; and Y5/6 boys team came first!



Netball

St. John's Year 5/6 netball team will be going through to the county finals in April after tying for first place at the district netball tournament. Great work team!



Gymnastics

Well done to those children who took part in the CADSSA Gymnastics Competition at Uttoxeter Gym Club. They performed brilliantly coming 5th overall out of 11 schools – there were even two individual medals!

We are so proud of you all - well done! Thank you so much to all of the parents / families for your support and for transporting - it's greatly appreciated.



Parents' Evening / Pupil Reports:

Pupil reports will be sent home on Friday and Parents' Evening will take place during the first week after Easter.

School Council Talent Show / Rewards Afternoon

The Spring Term will end with our rewards afternoon where we are looking forward to an afternoon of 'talent' with the School Council Talent Show. Thank you to Miss Plimmer and the School Council for arranging the event.

Some wonderful examples of St. John's pupils displaying our school values out of school. Shine like the star you are...



A lovely example of our school values: Lilly, the snow angel, clearing the snow from her neighbour's path during our recent snow fall. Well done to Bella for her outstanding performance last week at the Mitchell Arts Theatre where she performed with the 'Stage Coach' theatre group. Harry is a great example of hard work paying off after achieving his green belt in his Taekwondo lessons, and a gold medal for the 'high kick' in the Tawkwondo Championships – well done Harry!





We love to share the success our pupils are having out of school, so if you have any news, please let us know:
headteacher@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk

St. John's Church

The last week of our half term included a visit to St. John's Church for our KS1 and KS2 Easter Service. Pupils shone brightly with their singing, story telling, poetry and prayers.

Attendance:

Our attendance figure for the year has gone up to 95.7% so we're not far off our school target of 96%.

Please note that research shows the link between attainment and attendance: the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance compared to those with the lowest attainment.

Please note that fines may be issued for holidays taken during term time by the Education Welfare Team. All holiday requests will be referred to the Education Welfare Team as they cannot be recorded as authorised absence unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

Keep up to date with our news and what's been going on with our school Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnswetleyrocks>

**Wishing you all a very happy Easter.
Looking forward to seeing you on Monday 17th April**

SHINE like the star you are.
Very best wishes.
Mrs Stone and the St. John's team

