



# St. John's CE Primary School Spring Term Newsletter 2023



Our best wishes from St. John's.

## Diary Dates:

### **Easter Service at St. John's Church**

Our Easter Service will be held on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** if you'd like to join us.  
KS1: 9:30am / KS2: 11:00am.

### **Red Nose Day / Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be supporting Red Nose Day in school with a cake sale and a non-uniform day. Any cake donations gratefully received from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March please. Any donations raised will be split between Red Nose Day and the Disasters Emergency Committee.

## Statutory Assessments / SATs (Standard Assessment Tests):

- The Year 1 Phonics Screen will take place during the week of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA):

Mother's Day: Our fabulous PTA will be arranging gifts for those special ladies in our lives. Please see the information which was sent recently.

We are always looking for new members if you'd like to help out. Please email [stjohnswetleyrockspta@hotmail.com](mailto:stjohnswetleyrockspta@hotmail.com)

## Wellbeing:

We revisited mental health strategies as part of Children's Mental Health Week' with pupils making 'calm jars' to add their mental health toolkit. 'Calm Jars' are a great tool for helping us calm down through slow breathing. Thank you to our very own Mental Health Champion, Mrs Graham, for arranging this for us.



### **St. John's Sport:**

It has been a joy to see pupils having fun and competing in sporting events this half term. Well done to those who took part in the swimming galas and netball tournaments.

A huge thank you to the St. John's families for your help with transport and for cheering us on, and to the staff for your help, time, training and encouragement.



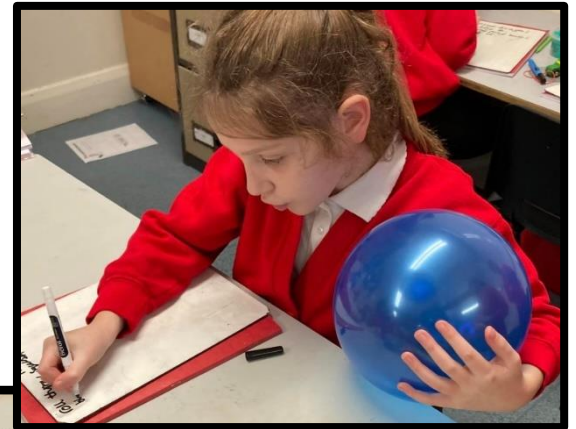
### **Shining Brightly in the Classroom:**

Pupils are continuing to work hard in school and have achieved great things! Visits to St. John's Church, fruit kebabs, investigating forces, fabulous art work, studying geographical features, volunteering to help at lunch time in the dining room and with litter picking, super shapes and strength in gymnastics, a visit from some unusual and wonderful animals, making Diva lamps, and lots of super Stars of the Week!

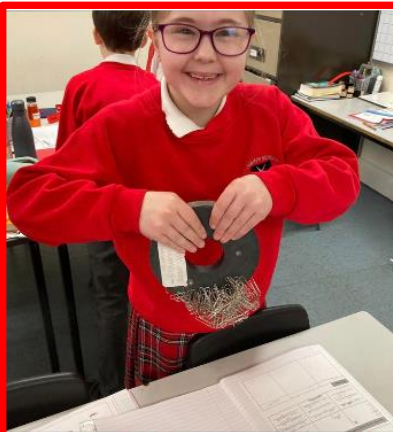
Well done everyone!



















**Finally, more examples of our pupils shining just as brightly out of school...**

### **World Book Day Competition**

A massive thank you to everyone who took part in the wooden spoon characters competition – they are absolutely amazing!

A huge well done to Jacob in Yr 4 who has achieved his Level 3 swimming award, and to Luca in Year 3 who made the papers for his thoughtfulness and consideration for our local community by raising money for St. John's Church and Stoke Hospital.



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](mailto:headteacher@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk)

### **Attendance:**

**Our attendance figure for the year so far is 95.1% 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>

***SHINE like the star you are.***

**Very best wishes.**

**Mrs Stone and the St. John's team**