



# St. John's CE Primary School

## Summer Term Newsletter May 2023



Greetings from St. John's.

### Diary Dates:

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Summer 2 term starts.
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Summer Sports Day. KS2 9:15am / KS1 1:15pm.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Year 6 Rollercoaster Day at Moorside.
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July. PTA Summer Disco. KS1 6pm and KS2 7:15pm.
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Move up day.
- Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> July: Parents' Evening
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: Year 6 Leavers Celebration at St. John's Church.
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of the term.
- 23/24 Inset dates: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September / Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October / Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November / Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### 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.
- The Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check will take place over a two week period from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### Internal School Assessments:

Assessment weeks for all years will be taking place during June.

### Reading at St. John's:

Learning to read is top priority at St. John's – you can't beat cuddling up with a good story! We've made some fabulous improvements to the school: our library has had a revamp; we've spent lots of money of lovely new books (fiction and non-fiction); each class has a reading area; we've had reading themed wall art installed; and each class finishes the day with story time! We'd like to pass on a huge thank you to the PTA who has helped with funding.



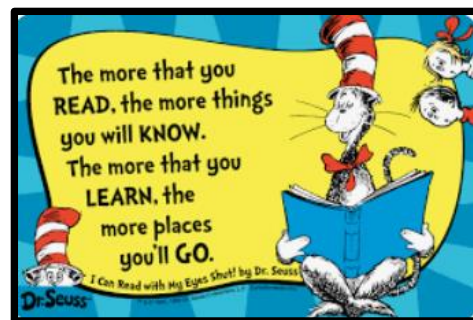
We'd also like to pass on a very special thank you to Ivy-Beau who nominated St. John's for the 'random donation of kindness' at her uncle's place of work (Exertis).

Each week, staff put their spare change and donations into a pot and raffle it out to nominated places – what a thoughtful thing to do, and how lovely of her to think of us.



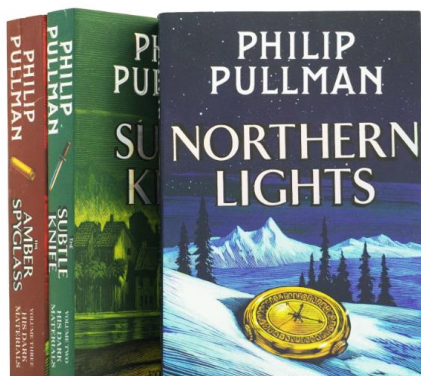


There is a child / adult **Book swap** in the school entrance, so if you fancy a new read, please pop in and have a browse.

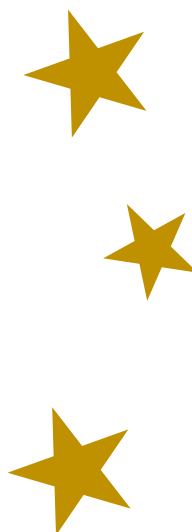


### Recommended Reads:

*Mrs Beverley recommends the 'Northern Lights' books by Philip Pullman.*



*Year 3 Book Recommendations: Eve recommends 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl for a great read!*



### Parent Teacher Association (PTA):

There will be PTA fundraising cake sale after school on Thursday to celebrate the end of term.

### Father's Day

It's time to celebrate those special men in our lives. If you'd like to place a PTA order for a Father's Day gift for a dad, uncle, step-dad, grandad – whoever it may be, please complete and return the form that has been sent home by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

Keep up to date with our news and what's been going on with our school Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnswetleyrocks>



### Music Evening:

Our recent music evening 'buzzed' with excitement and enthusiasm, and our musicians and choir members left us all bursting with pride! A huge thank you to our music teachers (Mrs Cowdy and Mr Oxborrow) and our choir lead (Miss Parish) for inspiring and coaching St. John's pupils and bringing together such a wonderful evening of music.



### St. John's Sport:

Y5 and Y6 girls performed brilliantly in this year's CADSSA Girls Football league. The girls really applied themselves well and visibly grew in confidence as they dribbled more, passed more and improved their decision making with each game. Top job ladies.

Massive thanks to all parents / carers for your support.





A massive well done to the cross county runners who put in a great performance at the Moorside cross country event.

Congratulations to our Y3 Girls, Y4 Girls and Y5 Boys teams, who have had their qualification for this summer's Staffordshire School Games county final confirmed.



Our Y4 Girls qualified in first place with our Y3 Girls and Y5 Boys teams having their second place position confirmed today. We're very proud of you all.

The Staffordshire School Games will take place on **Thursday 22nd June** at Keele University.

#### **Attendance:**

**Our attendance figure for the year is currently 95.0% 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. 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.

Please make use of school inset days where possible for booking holidays.

**More wonderful examples of St. John's pupils displaying our school values outside of school. Shine like the star you are...**



**Nurture:** A huge thank you to Aleya – the litter picking angel who signed up to Staffordshire Moorlands 'Pick Fit' scheme and spent her time tidying Mill Lane with her litter picker. What an absolute star!

#### **Excel:**

A fabulous first ever show for Archie who won a first place rosette on his pony, Missy. We're so proud of you Archie.





Well done to Freddie in Year 4 who featured in the April Port Vale programme and played a game on the main pitch at half time with his team. What an exciting opportunity for Freddie who trains hard to be the best he can be.

Callum has scored the most goals this season (43) in his league at his age group.

At the start of the season, Callum's team, DNA Academy under 10 Blacks, moved from a Staffordshire league to the more challenging JPL league which is based in Walsall.

Callum has excelled this season and his managers are very impressed and proud of him, and to top off his great progress, he was awarded the 'Players' Player' award for the season. Top job Callum!



We love to share the success our pupils are having out of school, so if you have any news, please let us know:

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**Wishing you all a very happy and safe half term.  
Looking forward to seeing you on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

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

**Very best wishes.**

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

