



St. John's CE Primary School

Spring Newsletter February 2024



Best wishes from St. John's.

Diary Dates:

- Inset days: Friday 24th May.
- Thursday 22nd February: World Thinking Day – a celebration of Scouts and Guides.
- Wednesday 13th March. Year 4 5 6 trip to QEGS to see the Adams Family.
- Wednesday 13th March. BeeActive Rewards sessions.
- Spring Term Disco: Thursday 14th March.
- Easter Service: Thursday 21st March. KS1: 9:30am / KS2: 11:00am
- Next Parent Forum: Wednesday 17th April at 6pm.
- Spring Term Assessments will take place during the 2nd- 4th weeks of this half term.

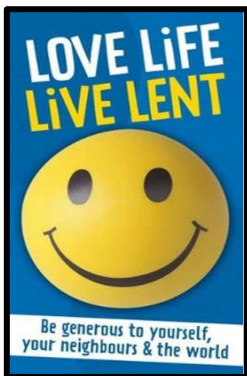
2023-2024 Statutory Assessments / SATs (Standard Assessment Tests):

- Year 1 / Year 2 Phonics Screen: Week commencing Monday 10 June 2024.
- Year 2 SATs: May / June 2024.
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: the 2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024.
- Year 6 SATs: Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024.

Internal School Assessments: Assessment weeks for all years take place during the second half of each half term.

Vision and Values

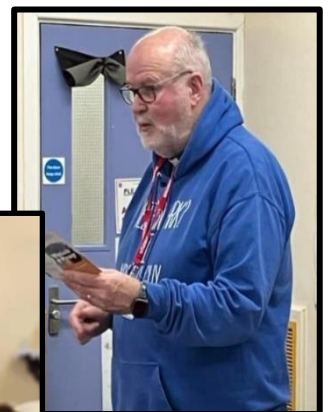
In addition to our school values of Strength, Hope, Individuality, Nurture and Excel, our next half termly focus is 'Forgiveness'. Our weekly Celebration Worship recognises 'Stars of the Week' and our 'Agent of Change' for those children who shine for striving to make a difference.



St. John's Church:

We are forever thankful to Reverends Steve and Michael who regularly visit St. John's to lead Worship.

Reverend Steve is currently working through the 'Love Life Live Lent' course with our Year 5 on the countdown to Easter.



Our Early Years pupils absolutely loved their visit to St. John's Church to learn about marriage and weddings – they even had their own wedding cake!

A huge thank you to Steve and Lynn Parker and our EY staff for making this fabulous day possible, and to parents / carers for the fabulous wedding outfits.



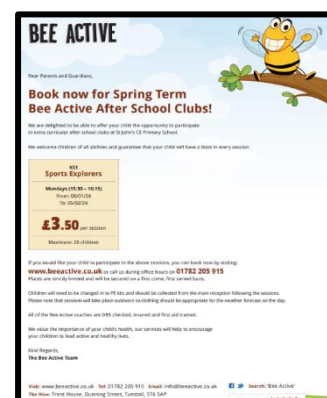
PTA / Mother's Day:

It's time to celebrate those special ladies in our lives. Our fab PTA are arranging Mother's Day gifts if you'd like to order one? Information has been sent out, so please return the form with your message if you'd like to place an order.



Clubs: Choir, chess club, recorders, homework and drum club will continue – please get in touch if you'd like to book a place.

The **BeeActive Sports Club** continues this half term for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils. There are only 20 spaces so please sign up using the link on the school website or Facebook page if you'd like to reserve a place.



Attendance:

Please remember the importance of children being in school and the effect that absence can have on your child's attainment.

Attendance over the course of an Academic Year

Attendance %	Annually	Missed Days in a year	Missed Weeks	Missed Days Over 4 Years	Impact over 4 years
100%	Excellent	0	0	0	
99%	Very good	1.9	0.38	7.6	
98%	Very good	3.8	0.76	15.2	
97%	Very good	5.7	1.14	22.8	
96%	Good	7.6	1.52	30.4	
95%	National Average	9.5	1.9	38	Approx. a half term 1/5 of a year
94%	Below Nat. Average	11.4	2.28	45.6	
93%	Below Nat. Average	13.3	2.66	53.2	
92%	Requires improvement/worrying	15.2	3.04	60.8	Approx. 1 term
91%	Requires improvement/cause for concern	17.1	3.42	68.4	
90%	Cause for concern	19	3.8	76	2/5 of a year
89%	Serious concern	20.9	4.18	83.6	
85%	Major issue	28.5	5.7	114	3/5 of a year
80%	Major issue	38	7.6	152	4/5 of year

Absence due to illness: If your child is unwell, please refer to the following information for guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> If your child is going to be absent, please leave a message on our absence phone line before 9am (01782 550309).

Please note that arriving late will affect your child's attendance.

Attendance is monitored weekly and we may be in touch if your child's attendance falls below 92% to see how we can support you. We work closely with the Education Welfare Team to ensure that children and families are supported in the best possible ways.

Gate times: KS1: 8:35am – 8:50am / KS2: 8:45am – 9:00am

Reading at St. John's:

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day, so for all things 'books', check out the WBD website.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

For more information about Reading at St. John's, click here.

Parent Forum / Suggestions Box:

Many thanks to those who have been able to make our Parent Forum – it's been really useful to get your suggestions and ideas. Next Meeting: Wednesday 17th April at 6:00pm



St. John's Sport:

Congratulations to the netball teams who took part in the CADSSA Netball Leagues and worked hard to secure third and fifth positions.



In Other News:

Thank you and congratulations to our fantastic catering team who work hard every day behind the scenes to cook our delicious dinners from scratch.

Could you be eligible for free school meals? For more information, please see the school website:

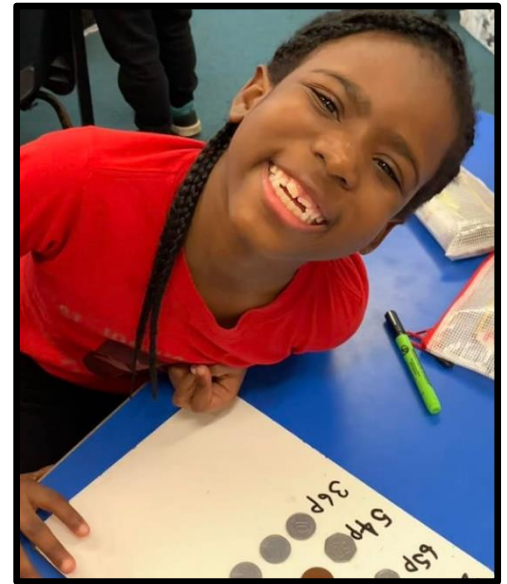
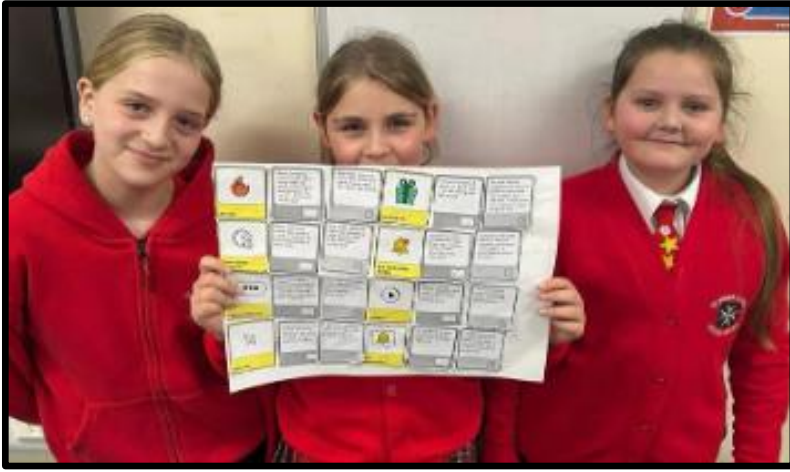
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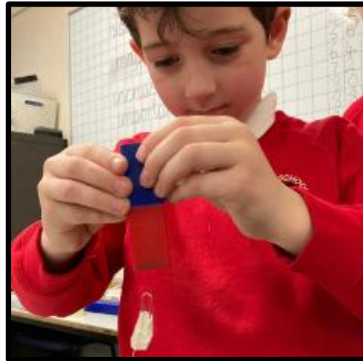


Spring Term:

We've had another action packed half term: from building castles and making jungles; learning about germs and how to stay safe online; creating fabulous pieces of artwork; teddy bear picnics; Trinity bracelets and Diva lamps in RE; science investigations; litter picking and den building, our St. John's pupils and staff continue to shine on a daily basis.









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

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

Pupils shining outside of school...

Success with Swimming:

A huge well done to Aleya whose hard work has paid off to pass her level 2 swimming award – keep up the great work!



We would love to hear about the achievements and success of pupils outside of school, so if you have anything for our next edition, please get in touch:

headteacher@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk

Have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February

SHINE like the star you are.

Very best wishes. Mrs Stone and the St. John's team