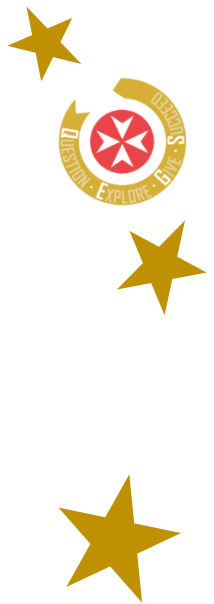




St. John's CE Primary School

Spring Newsletter May 2024



Best wishes from St. John's.

Diary Dates:

- Inset days: Friday 24th May.
- Summer Term starts: Monday 3rd June.
- Summer Music Evening: Thursday 27th June at 6pm.
- Next Parent Forum: Wednesday 3rd July at 6pm.
- Summer Term Disco: Thursday 4th July

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

- Year 1 / Year 2 Phonics Screen: Week commencing Monday 10 June 2024.
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: the 2-week period from Monday 3 June 2024.

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

Vision and Values / Worship

For our final half term of the year, we will be exploring 'Respect' in our daily Worship sessions and how this sits with our school vision and values:

Strength
Hope
Individuality
Nurture
Excel

St. John's Church:

Reverend Steve will be taking part in the 'Light the Lakes' charity event in June.

The Light The Lakes event sees teams of police officers, staff, retired officers and police friends light up the famous Wainwright fells of Cumbria in memory of colleagues that have died.

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 21st June to support Steve's fund raising - all donations gratefully received! For more information about this event, please see <https://www.lightthelakes.org/>

PTA:

We are at risk at losing our fabulous PTA due to decreasing numbers of members. Our PTA provides invaluable fund raising for the school which helps us to celebrate events like Mother's Day and Father's Day, Easter and Christmas. The funding helps the school to buy resources, and makes school trips more affordable. If you've got a bit of spare time and would like to get involved, our next meeting is Tuesday 21st May at 6pm – we'd love to see you!





After School Clubs for Summer 2:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir with Miss Parish BeeActive Sports Club: Yrs 1-6		Recorder Club with Mr Oxborough Homework Club with Miss Rushton	Drum Club with Mr Oxborough	Craft Club with Caverswall Creative Hub

Bookings for BeeActive can be made via: <https://beeactive.hivelink.co.uk/52/850>

Please email the office to book a place at Craft Club: office@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk

St. John's Sport:

St. John's Olympics Sport Fest 2024

This year's sport's day is due to take place on Thursday 13th June and will be supported by BeeActive. We want children to enjoy and see the benefits of sport so there will be activities that involve all children, and, based on feedback from last year, there will be more competitive events for those children who enjoy the faster pace of sport.

KS2: 9:20am-11:45am

Early Years: 12:40pm-1:45pm

KS1: 1:20pm-3:10pm

Hopefully the sun will shine so bring along your camp chairs and picnic blankets and join us for some fabulous sporting fun.

Year 5/6 Rugby:

Well done to our Y5/6 Tag Rugby stars who earned certificates from Staffordshire Rugby Union after performing so well in the festival at Leek Rugby Club. You did us proud!



We're super proud of the St. John's Girls' Football squad, who ran their socks off in sweltering conditions to take part in the Girls' Football competition. Great effort made by all – well done ladies!



Well done to our Year 3/4 football squad who gave it everything at the CADSSA Football tournament. Well done everybody - you were stars!





A massive well done to our Year 3/4 Tag Rugby squad who competed wonderfully in the CADSSA Y3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament. The team, full of competitive rugby first-timers, grew with each game and made the semi-finals of the tournament, finishing in joint third place overall. Well done to all!



Congratulations to our CADSSA footballers, who played 6 matches and performed excellently to make it all the way to the semi-final of the tournament. Their results also meant that they finished in 4th place in the 2023/24 A League. Well done team!

Summer Term Sport:

To finish off the year, we still have a number of events to look forward to: rounders, cricket and athletics! A huge thank you to Mr Redfern for his dedication and time to ensure that as many children as possible have as many sporting opportunities as possible, and to the St. Johns' families for your help with transport and your support – we couldn't do this without you!

A message from CADSSA:

"CADSSA events are offered to provide children with the opportunity to develop their love of sport, to support their wellbeing, and to participate in friendly sporting competition. They are organised and led by a number of staff within and beyond your child's school who give their own time freely to enable these events to happen. To maintain the spirit of sport, all children taking part in CADSSA activities need to abide by our 'THUNDER' code of conduct for sporting behaviour (see below).

Being able to offer family members the chance to support children in these events is something we are pleased to be able to do and we therefore thank in advance all adults who attend for their support of the 'THUNDER'; for showing respect to all; and for acting as a positive role model throughout. Contributing to this positive and sporting environment makes a big difference and creates an even more special experience for all those who take part or attend, especially those who are new to the sport or to team events. This also helps to ensure that these special children's sporting events can continue to take place and remain open to spectators.

Many thanks for your ongoing support."

Cheadle and District School Sports Association



CADSSA THUNDER

Treat team-mates, coaches, umpires and referees with respect.

Have fun, reach for the top, and always try your best.

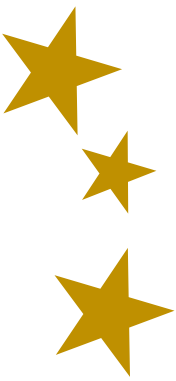
Umpires and referees are there to interpret the rules for you; always accept their decision.

Never use bad language, or insult opponents, coaches or spectators.

Do not try to gain an unfair advantage over opponents.

Enjoy yourself, know the rules of the games and play by the spirit of those games.

Realise that without opponents, there would not be a game.



We are very excited to have the Saltmine Theatre Company visiting next Wednesday to deliver the musical 'The Rhyming Bible' and a number of related workshops.

Adapted from legendary storyteller Bob Hartman's highly acclaimed Rhyming Bible, this magnificent all-age musical will take you from the creation of the earth to its glorious redemption.

Attendance:

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

Absence due to illness: If your child is unwell, please refer to the following 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).

** Holidays during term time will not be authorised – this is based on guidance from the Education Welfare Team and the Department for Education. Please note that if you record your child as absent due to sickness, but are on holiday, schools have been advised to refer to the Education Welfare Team.*

Please note that the regulations for unauthorised absence are changing: fixed term penalty costs are increasing, and taking numerous holidays in a fixed period will result in court proceedings.



Scooters / Bikes:

We love that more children are coming on their bikes and scooters to school.

Please be mindful of the following:

- These are private property so please ensure they're only used by their owners.
- Take care when crossing the drive way.
- Be mindful of pedestrians.



In Other News:

PTA School Disco Time Change

The times for our discos will be changing:

Early Years and KS1: 3:15pm-4:15pm

KS2: 4:30pm-5:30pm

The Summer Term disco is Thursday 4th July.

Northern Lights:

If, like me, you slept your way through the Northern Lights, Grace in Reception has sent in this fantastic photo of the lights over St. John's. What an amazing experience if you managed to see it. Thank you Grace!



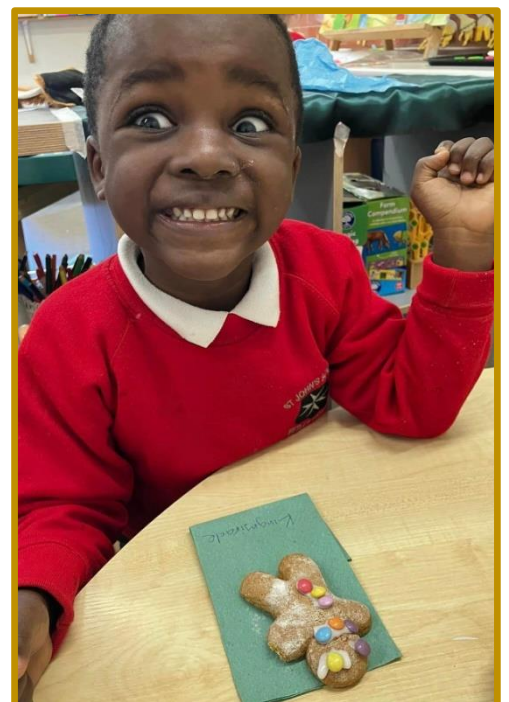
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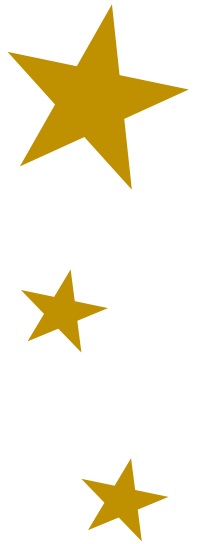
To see what children are learning each half term, please see our Year Group Curriculum Maps on the 'Curriculum' section of the website.

Another action packed half term has flown by! We've had a mini Olympics, investigations with mixing materials, making music, designing and baking biscuits, a fabulous visit to the Hare Krishna centre to learn about Hinduism, lots more learning and lots of lunch time fun!









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

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

Craft Club Gallery:

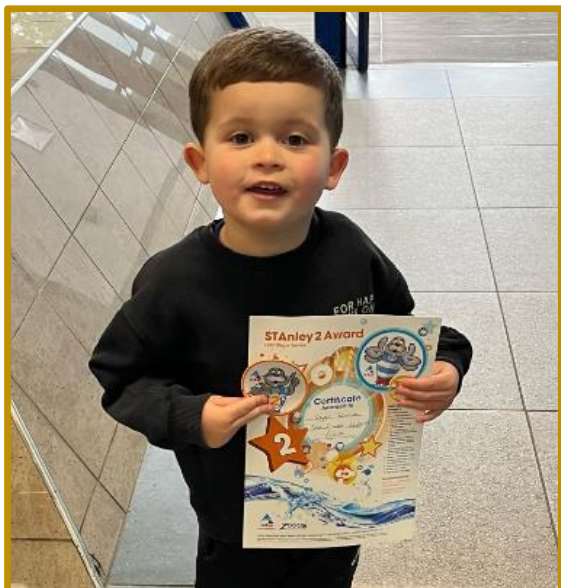


Pupils shining outside of school...

Jenson has been training hard for the last 18+ months since starting playing football at Under 6s when he was in Year 1.

He had the opportunity to train and play for Stoke City FC for 15 months alongside training and playing for Wolverhampton Wanderers for 5 months as well as training sessions at Crewe FC.

In February, Jenson's journey took him to Port Vale Academy and Burton Albion Academy, and In March, Jenson was offered a pre-contract for both teams to join them for next season as an Under 9. After consideration of both offers, he chose to sign a contract with Port Vale. Jenson is a prime example of what dedication and hard work can achieve – congratulations on an amazing achievement.



A huge well done to Reggie who is doing a fabulous job with his swimming lessons and has achieved his Level 2 swimming award - great work Reggie!

Well done to Luca who has had a fabulous first season of rugby at Leek Rugby Club and received a team medal. All the best for your next season Luca!

Congratulations to Mylie and Penelope who completed a 2K fun run in support of their grandad who ran an ultra marathon! Great work girls!

We 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 3rd June.

SHINE like the star you are.

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

