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Spring Term Newsletter 9 **Value ~ respect**

Dear Parents,

This morning we enjoyed an assembly all about World War Two from Year 4. As well as sharing many interesting facts about this important period in history, they also performed dances and sang some great songs.

Next Friday we look forward to Year Two's class assembly.

'Egg' citing News

Yesterday, we welcomed a new addition to the St John's family! In the morning, Mrs Lister noticed a crack in one of the eggs in the incubator. Just before the end of the school day, a little duckling hatched out of the egg and the children in Year 2 were there to watch it happen! It was amazing!

Fairtrade break

Year Six have been learning about Fairtrade and on Wednesday the children organised a Fairtrade Break for family and visitors. They had made delicious treats using Fairtrade ingredients, designed quizzes and presented lots of interesting information about Fairtrade. As part of their work, the children had written to local supermarkets about the issue of Fairtrade. This morning, a representative from Waitrose visited the children, bringing with her a bag of Fairtrade items. She was really impressed with the children's letters and they are now going to go on display in the staffroom at Waitrose.

Emily B wrote this report: To raise awareness of poverty in developing countries, Year 6 held a Fairtrade Break during which they served Fairtrade refreshments, played board games, played quizzes, displayed a world map and educated parents and grandparents. "I didn't know it was as serious as saving lives," an astonished Tony Barnard, age 65, told one of our reporters. After hearing three carefully constructed pieces of literature written and read by Maria A, Jade A and Mia C-B, the audience were awestruck.

Emma E also wrote: This event is the first of its kind that St John's Primary School has held and they hope it is the first of many.

A special thank you to Bob Holmes, photographer from the Woking News and Mail, for taking the time to visit our school for the Fairtrade Break.

Book Fair

This week you will have received the information about our Book Fair. This will take place next week after school in the hall. I hope you will come along to buy some books. The Book Fair has been really successful in past years and raised lots of money for the school as well.



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Parent Voice

Our next parent Voice is on Wednesday 15th March at 2:30pm. I really appreciate feedback and ideas from parents so please do come along.

Cinema Night

Next Friday is the popular Cinema Night for children in Years R to 6. Please be aware that the **deadline** for tickets is on **Wednesday**. If you have not booked your ticket by Wednesday, sadly your child will not be able to attend. This is to allow the PTA time to ensure they have the correct quantities of snacks and drinks for the children to enjoy.

Cross Country

On Tuesday, 28 children competed in this event, which involved hundreds of children from local primary schools. Our younger children took part in a race for boys and girls in Years 3 & 4 – and ran a huge distance around the park. Many congratulations to all of them for completing the course, which is just over a mile. What spirit and determination! Congratulations to Mason, first ‘St. John’s boy’ across the line and in her race, Sophie for leading the ‘St. John’s girls’ home!

‘Year 5 & 6’ races were further and more challenging, but still – every child from our school completed the course... congratulations to Brooke N, who was our first girl to finish the race (the others were close behind her!) and then Lewis N, first of the St. John’s boys across the finish line in the most competitive race of the evening.

We’re very proud of them all – long distance running is not easy and the way they competed and supported each other was impressive.

Tag Rugby Tournament

On Thursday, we took our first year 5 and 6 team to Chobham Rugby club for a tournament. It was an amazing experience, after a tough group stage we won through to a semi-final. Our semi-final against Horsell was a close game with tries being scored at either end and at full-time was a draw. At this point the match went to a golden try, the ball went from one end to the other until eventually we managed to score. This was a great team effort from all of our players. We played Greenfield in the final and it was 2-2 with just two minutes to go! Unfortunately, Greenfield scored in the last minute of the game. However, what a fantastic achievement. Congratulations to all of the children involved.

Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.89	92.80	100.00	97.50	90.77	95.20	94.00	94.17

Our whole school attendance for last week was 95.00%. Huge congratulations go to Year 1 who had 100% attendance for last week. Well done!

Punctuality – number of late marks

4 Jan – 6 Jan	9 Jan – 13 Jan	16 Jan – 20 Jan	23 Jan – 27 Jan	30 Jan – 3 Feb	6 Feb – 10 Feb	20 Feb – 24 Feb	27 Feb – 3 Mar
17	41	37	14	24	27	6	17

The number of lates was still below 20, so well done to everyone.

Children’s Centre News

Just a reminder that there will be no Wednesday Session on 15th March due to staff training and the bus not being available. Hope to see you the week after!!

Gill, Louisa, Claire and Carol

Yours sincerely,
Miss Sarah May
Head of School