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### **Summer Term Newsletter 5** **Value ~ honesty**

Dear Parents,

Our Healthy Body and Healthy Mind Week has been very successful. The children have been learning about the importance of exercise and healthy eating, as well as learning about the importance of keeping our minds healthy through mindfulness activities.

The children have been involved in a variety of activities. Groups of children have been working together to compose music, with one group performing their composition beautifully in our end of week assembly. Other classes have been finding out about different ways to relax, or discovering how kindness helps both the giver and the receiver to feel good. Some children have been on mindfulness walks, whilst other classes have been practising simple yoga positions outside in the sunshine.

Our mindful colouring competition was very popular and a huge thank you to all those who entered. We were delighted to receive such a huge number of entries, although judging them was extremely difficult as they were of such a high standard. I hope you enjoyed the experience and perhaps some of you will continue to do mindful colouring, as it's a great way to relax!

A big thank you to Mrs East who has worked so hard to make the week such a success.

#### **Year 1 Class Assembly**

Next Friday is our year 1 assembly. We look forward to seeing many parents from Year 1 at the assembly.

#### **Sportshall Athletics**

On Tuesday morning five children from Year 1 and five children from Year 2 attended a sport event at Winston Churchill. They took part in many different sporting activities and had a great time.

#### **Girls Kwik Cricket**

On Thursday, eight girls from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Kwik Cricket tournament. The girls played really well as a team and won two out of their three matches. The final match against Sythwood was particularly exciting – with St John's winning the match by just one run! Twelve teams took part in the tournament and St John's came fifth. Well done to Mia (captain), Sam, Lucie, Emily, Millie, Brooke, Jessica and Aliza.

#### **Parent Book Look**

On Monday, parents will have an opportunity to look at their children's books at the end of the school day. The children love sharing their work with their parents so we look forward to seeing many of you there. The Year 6 parent book look will be held on Wednesday.



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### **Swimming**

Thank you to all those parents who have already sent in their swimming contributions. Please remember that we would like to receive all contributions **by half term**. Without your contributions, we cannot keep the swimming pool running.

### **Ramadan**

The month of Ramadan is expected to start at the end of next week. At St John's we recognise the importance of Ramadan and aim to support our Muslim pupils through this period. Whilst our advice is that fasting is not obligatory for those below the age of puberty, we are aware that some of our older pupils may be fasting while at school. We will make arrangements for the children to be supervised at the time when they would normally be having their lunch, however we require a letter from parents to inform the school of the days that their child will be fasting. Please note that if a child states that they wish to fast without written parental consent, we could not agree to that. Please speak with a member of school staff if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Attendance**

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | <b><u>Year 6</u></b> |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|
| 92.94   | 93.09     | 92.07  | 92.17  | 97.59  | 93.20  | 96.94  | <b><u>98.75</u></b>  |

Our whole school attendance last week was 94.86%, which is below our whole school target of 95.5%. Congratulations go to Year 6 with the highest attendance at 98.75% for the week.

### **Punctuality – number of late marks**

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|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 18 Apr –<br>21 Apr | 24 Apr –<br>28 Apr | 2 May –<br>5 May | 8 May –<br>12 May |
| 20                 | 27                 | 20               | 25                |

Our target is 20 or below – so it is a shame to see the number of lates recorded creeping up. Hopefully next week we will see a decrease in the number of lates.

### **Children's Centre News**

#### **Family First Aid Course**

We are pleased to announce we are running a Family First Aid 2 Week Course on Saturday 21st October and 28th October 2017 from 10.00am to 3.30pm. The venue is St John's Children's Centre and the course is free. If you are interested, please pop in and fill in an enrolment form or for more details. We are open Monday to Friday 9.30 - 3.30 or phone on 01483 476450.

#### **Information – 30 hours free childcare**

If you are entitled to 30 hours per week free childcare, you must first apply online for a childcare service account. You can do this at <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

Once your application is processed, you will be given an 11-digit code starting with either 11 or 5000. You will then be required to complete a '30 Hours Free Childcare Eligibility Form', which must be submitted to your nursery provider. You will not be able to access the 30 hours free childcare until this has been received and your entitlement has been verified.

If you require any assistance with this or for further information, please visit us at the Children's Centre, or contact us on 01483 476450 option 4 or email us at [childrenscentre@stjohnsknaphill.co.uk](mailto:childrenscentre@stjohnsknaphill.co.uk)

Many thanks  
The Children's Centre Team

Gill, Louisa, Claire and Carol

I look forward to seeing many of you at the PTA Bingo event this evening.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss Sarah May  
Head of School