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Dear Parents,

A few weeks ago, we introduced Times Table Rock Stars. As you can see from Muskaan's report below, the children in years 3 to 6 have really enjoyed practising their tables using Times Table Rock Stars.

"Times Table Rock Stars is a great and fun way to learn your times tables. It is a great website. You can pick a name for your character. You can also play tournaments with people from your class and school, and children from different schools. In assembly, we handed out some more certificates for Times Table Rock Stars and Rock Legends" - Muskaan

Today in assembly we awarded certificates to children who had achieved Times Table Rock Star status or Times Table Rock Legend Status. Congratulations to the following:

Times Table Rock Legends – Harry, Zarar, Sam, Jessica and Tyler

Times Table Rock Stars – Sami, Jack, Ben, Amy, Gabriel, Thomas, Sophie, Rohan, Brooke and Zunair

All children in Years 3 to 6 have received their username and password. If you are having difficulties using the website, please pop into Year 3 and speak to Mrs Bowry at the end of the school day.

Year 6 – Applications for Secondary School

The deadline is approaching for Year 6 applications for Secondary School. The closing date for applications is 31st October, although I would advise completing your application before half term.

Applications need to be completed online and a leaflet has been sent home today with full details on how to do this. If any parents need help with completing the application, please speak to someone in the office.

Harvest Celebrations

Next week we will be celebrating Harvest.

On Monday morning, we look forward to welcoming parents from Bears Nursery and Reception for a short Harvest Assembly in the hall at 9:15.

On Thursday, the children in Years 1 to 6 will be involved in our Harvest Service at St John's Church. We look forward to welcoming lots of parents to this event as well. All the children will walk to the church and every class will need a few parent volunteers to walk with them. Please let your class teacher know if you are able to help.

During Harvest Week, we support the Woking Foodbank. The Woking Foodbank provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis.



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For further information about the Foodbank please look on their website, <https://woking.foodbank.org.uk>
 We ask children to bring in an item of food which will then be donated to the Foodbank.
 Listed below are the items that they currently need.

Long life fruit juice
 Long life milk
 Long life sponge puddings
 Pasta Sauce
 Coffee
 Rice Pudding
 Canned Fruit
 Custard
 Washing Up Liquid
 Shampoo and Conditioner

Nursery and Reception children can bring in their donations on **Monday**.
Years 1 to 6 should bring in their donation on **Friday**.

Parent Book Look

On Monday 9th October from 3:00pm to 3:15pm, we have our first Parent Booklook of the year. This is an opportunity to come into class with your child and look at their books. The children love discussing their work with their parents, so I hope you will be able to be there.

Parent Voice

On Tuesday 10th October at 2:30pm we have our first Parent Voice of the year. This is an opportunity for parents to meet with the Head of School to discuss how we can work together to make St John's an even better school. Everyone is very welcome, and it would be lovely to see some new faces.

Individual and Sibling Photos

On Wednesday 11th October, the children will be having their photographs taken, so please make sure your child looks extra smart on Wednesday.

PTA School Disco

A letter went home with your child this week regarding the PTA Disco, which is taking place next Friday 13th October for children in Reception to Year 6. Consent forms will only be accepted if accompanied with payment and must be returned no later than Wednesday 11th October.

Old £1 coins

The legal tender status of the old round £1 coin will be withdrawn on Sunday 15th October. Therefore, the school office will no longer accept the old coin after Friday 13th October. However, you should still be able to change the coin with your local bank after this date but you should check what their policy is in this regard.

Stars of the Week

Y1 – Ava & Polyna
 Y2 – Alfie & Emma
 Y3 – Alina & Maegan
 Y4 – Rohan & Noah
 Y5 – Ben & Zane
 Y6 – Alice & Otis



Attendance

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | <u>Year 5</u> | Year 6 |
|---------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------|--------|
| 91.71 | 95.71 | 96.21 | 90.67 | 91.36 | 98.25 | <u>100.00</u> | 92.86 |

The whole school attendance last week was 95.04% which is below our target of 95.5%.
 Congratulations to Year 5 for getting a perfect 100%.

Punctuality – number of late marks

| 4 Sept – 8 Sept | 11 Sept – 15 Sept | 18 Sept – 22 Sept | 25 Sept – 29 Sept | 2 Oct – 6 Oct | 9 Oct – 13 Oct | 16 Oct – 20 Oct |
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| 3 | 19 | 24 | 29 | | | |

The number of lates recorded is creeping up. Please remember that classroom doors open at 8:45am and that children need to be in class by 8:55am.

Children's Centre News

Our Tuesday morning Family Drop-in is an opportunity to come and see us at the Children's Centre for advice and information on areas such as child development, parenting, job advice, training opportunities, nurseries, preschools, childminders, FEET funding, getting ready for school and healthy lifestyles in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. Chill and chat while your children play. This session is on 9:00am – 10:30am.

You can also find details of this and all the centre's activities on the website at www.stjohnsknaphillchildrenscentre.co.uk or contact the centre on 01483 476450 (option 4).

Gill, Louisa, Becki, Lucie and Carol

Yours sincerely,
Miss Sarah May
Head of School