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Spring Term Newsletter 1
Value ~ resilience

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year, spending time with family and friends.

In assemblies, this week, we have been talking about New Year's resolutions and this fits in nicely with our value for this half term, which is resilience.

Attendance Certificates

At the end of last term I handed out 57 certificates to children who had achieved 100% attendance for the term. We also congratulated Year 5 who achieved the highest attendance for the term. Their attendance was 97.21%.

Last term 135 children were on time every single day – well done to these children and their parents. I hope that number will increase this term. Rohan, Harry, Emma, Eleanor and Bellamy received a £5 book token in assembly yesterday after their names were picked out from the 'punctuality pot'.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Trying to eat more healthily is always a popular New Year's resolution. Recently there has been information in the news about the worrying amount of sugar many children eat. Primary Health England research found that on average, primary children consume at least three sugary snacks a day. This means they can easily consume three times more sugar than the recommended maximum. Therefore a campaign has been launched to encourage parents to look for healthier snacks of no more than 100 calories - and to limit them to two a day. More information can be found on the Change4Life website. <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life>

Children's lunchboxes should not contain any sweets, bars of chocolate or fizzy drinks. There should also be no nuts, as we are a nut-free school.

Over the next few weeks I will include some suggestions of healthier snacks that can be included in packed lunch boxes. However, as we start the term, maybe have a look at your child's packed lunch box and see if there is something you can exchange for a healthier alternative.



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Parent Voice

Our first Parent Voice of 2018 is being held on Tuesday 9th January at 2:30pm. 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.

Teacher-run clubs

Club letters have been sent home with your child this week. Please return the booking form and permission slip if your child would like to participate in a club. If a particular club is over-subscribed, then priority will be given to those who submit their form by Tuesday 9th January.

Clubs are scheduled to start week commencing Monday 15th January.

Lego Workshops – Years 1–6

We have organised for educators from Legoland to come into the school and spend some time with children from Year 1 through to Year 6 at the end of January. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children, and more details will follow next week. The workshops will cost £3.25 per child.

Breakfast Club

Please be reminded that the cost of Breakfast Club has now increased to **£2.80** a day per child, and **£2.30** a day for a sibling. The weekly cost will therefore be £14 (£11.50 for a sibling)

All payments should be made on the day or in advance. Payments can be made in cash, although we would like to encourage parents to pay using Parent Pay. If your child is a regular user of Breakfast Club, we suggest you pay weekly or half termly. You will only be charged for the sessions your child has attended and any remaining money will be carried forward.

Primary School Applications

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, then they will be due to start in Reception class in September 2018. **The deadline to apply for a place is 15th January.** Applications for a school place in Surrey can be made online at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-infant-applications/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions>.

If you require any assistance with this process, please contact the Children's Centre (contact details are at the end of this newsletter).

Attendance Matters

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	<u>Year 5</u>	Year 6
89.76	94.91	89.00	95.00	84.52	92.41	<u>96.15</u>	77.59

The whole school attendance during the final week of last term was 90.06%, which is well below our target of 95.5%. Well done to Year 5 with the highest attendance at 96.15%.

Punctuality – number of late marks

6 Nov – 10 Nov	13 Nov – 17 Nov	20 Nov – 24 Nov	27 Nov – 1 Dec	4 Dec – 8 Dec	11 Dec – 15 Dec	18 Dec – 21 Dec
51	48	37	42	47	38	30

I am hoping that with the start of the new term, we will see an improvement to our punctuality figures. Our aim is to have no more than 20 lates in any week.

Children's Centre News

Our Thursday Little Learners is a group for all families in the Children's Centre area. A play and learn session for parents with children aged 0–5 years. This session is on from 12:45 – 2:00pm.

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).

Louisa, Becki, Lucie and Carol

Yours sincerely,
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Head of School