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Spring Term Newsletter 6
Value ~ resilience

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Dear Parents,

We had a very special assembly this morning from Year 4. They told us about the Pen Pals they have been writing to on the internet. Each child has been assigned a Pen Pal for a few weeks and they correspond with each other, finding out about their country and its traditions. The children obviously enjoy writing to their Pen Pals; they spoke with such enthusiasm.

We've had another busy week at school, with sports festivals and Safer Internet Day. The children have been working very hard at school with their usual energy and enthusiasm. It's hard to believe that we are now half way through the academic year.

I wish you a relaxing and restful half term and look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 20th February**.

Staffing News

After almost five years as Deputy Head at St John's, Mrs Harrup will be leaving us at the end of the school year to take up the post of Headteacher at Hermitage Primary School.

Mrs Harrup has contributed so much to our school and I know you would wish to join me in congratulating her in achieving the next exciting step in her career.

Balanceability

The children in Reception have been taking part in Balanceability each day this week. Balanceability is a 'learn to cycle' programme for children aged 2½ to 6 years old. The programme is designed to help children gain the confidence and skills required to ride a pedal bike independently, getting them off to the best start in cycling and assisting their ability to participate in Bikeability at a later stage in their school years. Please look out for some photographs on the website soon.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". The children took part in an introductory assembly and then took part in activities in their classrooms about the internet and how to use it positively and safely.

INSET Day

As mentioned at the top of this newsletter, the children are returning to school on Tuesday 20th February after the half term break as the Monday is an INSET day for staff.



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Netball Match

Last Thursday, our netball team played against St Dunstan's Primary School and we won 5 - 4. It was a really tight match, but we managed to pull ahead and keep ahead in the fourth quarter thanks to some amazing shooting from Charmaine. Charmaine is a new player to our netball club, this was her first match and she played brilliantly. Our other players, Brooke, Millie, Jess, Thomas, Sam and Tyler also performed really well and are starting to work really well together as a team. We're very proud of them!

Tag Rugby Festival – Year 6

The Tag Rugby was so much fun! We were put in groups and did a practice before the matches. My favourite part was the throwing and catching practise. We may not have been the most successful team, but one team won every match they played and were very talented. We tried our hardest and enjoyed the whole event.
Alice and Eloise (Year 6)

Multi-Skills Festival – Year 3

This morning 10 children from Year 3 visited the Leisure Centre in Woking to take part in a Multi-Skills Festival with 8 other schools from the local area. They took part in activities such as Dodgeball, Handball and Tennis and had a fantastic time.

Attendance Matters

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	<u>Year 6</u>
90.91	91.11	98.46	94.67	98.10	96.79	96.15	99.00

The whole school attendance for last week was 96.27%, which is above our target of 95.5% - well done everyone! Congratulations to Year 6 with the highest attendance at 99.00%.

Punctuality – number of late marks

4 Jan – 5 Jan	8 Jan – 12 Jan	15 Jan – 19 Jan	22 Jan – 26 Jan	29 Jan – 2 Feb
11	43	36	44	29

Children's Centre News

Our Family Forest School, led by a Forest School Leader, is on the First Saturday of the month. A fun Saturday morning session for parents with children aged 2-5 years. Forest Schools offers an excellent opportunity for play, exploration and the chance for children to really develop their imagination and creativity. The session is on from 10:00am–11:30am.

Please wear appropriate clothing as we are outside for the whole session.

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, Lucie and Carol

Yours sincerely,
Miss Sarah May
Head of School