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PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Friendship, Effort, Respect,
& Honesty*

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NEWSLETTER No: 17

Our Value This Term Is...



Dear Parents,

Is this the lull before the storm? Since returning from the half term break there have been no trips, no visitors, quiet by our standards. The calendar tells a different story in the weeks to come. Hold onto your hats!

The school was very busy on Saturday, as we hosted our summer fayre. This was a return to a more traditional event this year. The weather was kind, the rain held off and the sun (eventually) shone. The field was full of visitors those connected to the school and some not. There were competitions, cream teas, maypole and ballet dancing, facepainting, a coconut shy, a bouncy castle, music, burgers and Pimm's... and that is far from an exhaustive list. It was a wonderful event; the atmosphere was just perfect. Huge thanks to all of you that organised and volunteered on the day. It really is a case of *every little helps* and an event such as this puts that fully into practise.

Our year six learners have been in Wales all this week on their residential. It has been quiet without them. I look forward to sharing a few of their highlights in the 'news' section of the website. Do have a look if you haven't visited for a while. The 'Latest News' section at the bottom of the home page captures some of what we have been up to in recent weeks.

Niki Jones

Principal

'From little acorns, great oaks grow'



Supporting Children to Report

Children are learning to make and sustain relationships. In the course of that learning things do not always go perfectly. Please support us to support your child by encouraging them to report to a member of staff when things go wrong at school. We talk to the children frequently about the difference between:

- ★ reporting to stay safe and get yourself or another person out of a difficult situation
- ★ and reporting when the sole motivation is to get another person into trouble.

Children should feel comfortable telling an adult if they are worried and asking for help. Children can tell any trusted adult in school and know that they will be listened to. We have worry boxes in all classrooms to support this, especially if children find it hard to do this face to face or initiate a conversation.

Slips of preprepared paper prefaced with:

'things I would like my teacher to know...' are available. Children can use any bit of paper to communicate if this is their preferred way. Teachers and support staff check worry boxes daily. Please support us to manage any worries by asking your child the question '*Did you report this?*' and '*Who did you report this to?*' if they are sharing something with you that happened in school that has worried them.

Being listened to and being believed are essential to good safeguarding culture. Reiterating this message around reporting is also really important to our work. We cannot tackle problems that we do not know about. Equally, it becomes very hard for us to tackle problems, involving difficulties between children, when too much time has passed. Stories change and memories get muddled.

We are not asking you not to listen to your child, or not to advocate for them but by asking them who they reported to will help to double down on the message, that reporting is important and for children to understand that we are all **working together** to keep them happy and safe; a team around the child. Children should be able to tell you about something that happened, that they reported it and how it was resolved. The ideal situation is that you know about an incident from the class teacher or a member of support staff at the end of the day or, when required, you have been contacted by phone and not from your child at bedtime or at worst a few days after the event.

We thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

End of Year Reports and Parent Consultations

Reports go out to parents on the afternoon of **Friday July 5th**. You will then be able to book a parent consultation for the following week. We title this round of parent consultations 'optional'. Many of you will feel that the report gives you comprehensive information about your child's progress and attainment that doesn't require any follow up. If however you would like to book a consultation to follow up on anything in the report or because you have other questions, the invitation to book an appointment will go live on the evening of **Friday 5th July** and will come to you via Bromcom.

Class Structure Academic Year 2024-25

There are very few changes to our class structure next year please see the table below:

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher
Reception	Hazel Class	Mrs Freeman and Mrs Ellaby
		<i>Mrs Ellaby will work on Monday and Mrs Freeman will work Tuesday to Friday.</i>
Year 1 & 2	Oak Class	Miss Denton
Year 3 & 4	Chestnut	Mrs Baird and Mrs Ellaby
		<i>Mrs Baird will work on Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Ellaby will work Wednesday to Friday.</i>
Year 5 & 6	Sycamore	Mr Sandall

Our learning support assistants are timetabled across all classes at different times across the week. They are based in the following classrooms on most mornings:

Mrs Groves: Hazel Class
Mrs Jowdie: Oak Class
Mrs Crocker: Chestnut Class
Mrs Crewe: Sycamore Class

Transition

As you know we hold our Move Up Morning on 5th July. Children spend time with their new teacher and in their new classroom. The majority of our year six children spend this day at St Johns, experience life as it will be in September. Behind the scenes we have several opportunities to meet as staff to talk about transition, sharing information both academic and pastoral that will ensure the smoothest transition that we can manage. All children manage change differently. Please get in touch if there is anything that you think is particularly

relevant, to your child, during this period of transition. It may be something that we are unaware of or hadn't thought about.

One of the many benefits of our small school, mixed class structure is that children spend 2 years in one classroom, typically with the same teacher. There is lots of evidence that this 2-year period is really beneficial, not only pastorally but for academic progress also. As a small team of practitioners, we are also privileged to know all the children very well, irrespective of whose class they are in; relevant information and expertise about individuals is easily shared.

Maypole Dancing After School Club

I am sure you would all like to join me in saying thank you to the team of mums who ran the Maypole Dancing After School Club. What a wonderful sight it was to see the children all working together in the performance at the Fayre. They danced entirely independently. The Maypole added a sprinkling of glitter to the event!

Whole School Photo

Please remember that we are having the whole school and Year 6 group photos taken on **Monday 1st July**. Smartest uniform that day please!

Emergency Awareness training – Wiltshire Air Ambulance

On **Thursday 27th June** the whole school will take part in Emergency Awareness Training at some point in the day. The session will deliver vital lifesaving skills and will include the following elements (dependent on age):

- How to make a 999 call
- Recovery position
- CPR
- Choking
- Bleeding
- How to use a defibrillator

This session was initially provided last academic year and was a great success, so we are repeating it again this year. Thanks go to the PTA who are funding this event again this year.

Reception Intake – September 2024

We are looking forward to meeting our incoming Reception parents on **Tuesday 18th June** (that includes those of you that know us already). As is usual, we are holding an evening information session, on the 18th, to brief parents on everything they need to know about joining the St. Katharine's community. Thanks to our PTA who are providing refreshments and running a pre-loved uniform stall on the evening.

Lost Property

Please call in to have a look through the lost property basket to see if anything belongs to you. All named items are returned; however, we have accrued quite a pile of unnamed items. On the latest count we have a total of 12 sweatshirts, cardigans and fleeces plus a pair of black gloves and five small snack pots. At the end of next week all remaining unnamed lost property will be put into the donation station or given to local charity shops.

Smartphone Free Childhoods Parent Initiative

Please be reminded that a group of parents from St Katharine's are hosting a meeting at the school on the evening of Wednesday 19th June starting at 7:45pm to find out more about smartphone free childhoods. They are planning to live-stream an presentation given by Papaya (a charity with expertise in this area) and begin a discussion within our own parent community. This may lead to more events like this or just a parent forum where those of you with similar concerns and worries can support each other to navigate an increasing challenge for parents of adolescents and young teens. Please do come along for a drink and some shared discussion.

This event is being led and organised by Caz James, Katharine Jellicoe, Stephanie Coates and Nick Parkinson, all parents of children in school.

Message from the PTA

Dear All,

We are delighted to announce that this year's School Fayre raised an amazing £3,310!!!!

Thank you to all of you who came and brought along your family and friends to support us on the day, it really was lovely to see so many of you there. The afternoon was filled with fun and lots of happy faces which was wonderful for all of the PTA organisers to see.

Our fundraising events can't go ahead without all of you who volunteered to help us with setting up, helping during the fete and afterwards with tidying away and clearing up. The PTA would like to say a massive thank you to all who volunteered and to the people who made the fayre extra special - you know who you are!!!

This really is a wonderful amount to have raised for our School. Details of what we are planning to put this towards will follow soon!

Thank you again for your support.

Kate, Hannah, Pippa and Tamsyn and the rest of the PTA Committee.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June	
Monday 17 th & Tuesday 18 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 18 th	New Reception parent information evening 6-7.30pm
Wednesday 19 th	Parent Forum for smartphone free childhoods from 7.45pm
Thursday 20 th	Year 6 Parents' Info Evening at St. John's 5.15pm-7.30pm
	Oak Class Trip to Natural History Museum, Oxford
	Year 6 Salisbury Cathedral Leavers' Service
Friday 21 st	Visit from Crofton Beam Engine to Sycamore Class (am) NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
Monday 24 th	Year 6 Uniform Fitting Evening at St. John's
Tuesday 25 th	KS2 Multiskills at Marlborough St. Mary's School (small group) CANCELLED
Thursday 27 th	Whole School – Emergency Awareness training, Wiltshire Air Ambulance
Friday 28 th	Year 5/6 Rounders at St. Katharine's (small group)
Saturday 29 th	Crofton Beam Engines Project Reveal and Celebration
July	
Monday 1 st	Whole school photo and Year 6
	Final Sycamore swimming session
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 6 Junior Good Citizen (am) (details to follow)
	Year 6 Transition Day at Pewsey Vale School
Friday 5 th	Reports to parents
	Move up morning
	Year 6 Transition Day at St. John's
Saturday 6 th	Church Summer Fete
Monday 8 th	Sycamore Class trip to Lulworth Cove
Tuesday 9 th & Thursday 11 th	Optional Parents Evening 3.30pm-5.00pm

Thursday 11 th	KS2 Girls Football Festival at St. John's (small group)
Friday 12 th	Chestnut ARK visit to River Kennet in Marlborough
	Mobile library visiting
Tuesday 16 th	Summer Performance 1 Sycamore Class 7pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Summer Performance 2 Sycamore Class 7pm-8.30pm
Friday 19 th	Sports Day 9.30am-12.15pm
Monday 22 nd	Back up Sports Day 9.30am- 12.15pm
Tuesday 23 rd	Gem Day NO Sue Brady lunches to be ordered
Wednesday 24 th	Leavers' Service in Church 9.30am <i>Followed by refreshments</i>
	End of Term 6 early close 1.15pm

Please also refer to the **Key Dates Planner V3** that includes all the dates that we know of for the remainder of the academic year 2023/24. Our aim is that we give you advance warning and enable you to plan well ahead for some of the main events in the year. As events come into the school diary they will be added to the dates sections of the Newsletter. This is the final Key Dates Planner for this academic year.

TD Days

There are no remaining TD days this academic year.

Please Note

We will close at 1:15pm on Wednesday 24th July 2024.

TD Days next academic year

2nd and 3rd September 2024

21st, 22nd, 23rd October 2024

We will close at 1:15pm on Thursday 24th July 2025

Other things you might want to know...



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SATURDAYS

10 - 11 AM



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SN9 5NL



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SCAN ME:



Wiltshire Air Ambulance will be visiting to deliver Emergency Awareness Training soon



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Text EAT to 70460 to donate £5

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SUMMER FUN

29 July - 23 August 2024

At Wiltshire Music Centre
Bradford on Avon



Creative activities
for children, young people,
and families over the summer
holidays

wiltshiremusic.org.uk/
project/summerfun
01225 860100

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Early Years

MON 5 AUG
10AM - 10:45AM / 11AM - 11:45AM
Princess Dance Party
Party with your favourite princesses with dances from popular fairytales including Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty and Rapunzel. With colourful props and costume accessories provided, join us to take part in creative dances inspired by princess stories.

2-4 years: £8 child *



MON 5 / TUE 6 AUG
10AM - 11AM
Dragon Tales
Join Fidgety Feet for a fun-filled dance, drama and storytelling adventure with a poorly baby dragon on her journey to find her lost roar. Using puppets, props, and musical instruments, we will bring this story to life.

18 months - 6 years: £7 child / £3 adult *



BOOKING INFORMATION
BOOK NOW 01225 860100 For more information contact
www.wiltshiremusic.org.uk creativelearning@wiltshiremusic.org.uk

Parental / guardian consent forms for children and young people participating in these activities must be completed prior to the event.

TUE 6 AUG
2PM - 2:30PM / 3PM - 3:30PM
Music for Miniatures
Join Music for Miniatures on a whimsical adventure into the enchanting world of "The Owl and The Pussycat" by Edward Lear, brought to life with live classical music, charming puppets, interactive storytelling, and a sprinkle of silliness! This delightful performance invites young audiences to embark on a magical journey alongside the beloved characters as they set sail in a beautiful pea-green boat.

3-7 years: £5 child / £6 adult *

WED 7 AUG
10:30AM - 11:15AM
Little Piccolos
A fun and engaging music class for babies, toddlers and preschoolers based on the Kodaly method and taught by trained musicians. The class will include original songs, instruments, moving to music, props, and puppets.

3 months - 5 years: £8 child / £4 sibling discount with code SIBDISC at checkout (siblings under 1 free) *



Look out for our symbol series to help you plan your visit!
 Bring a packed lunch
 Dances for movement
 Dress for music
 *Supervision required

Children and Young People

MON 29 JUL - FRI 2 AUG
9AM - 3PM
Musical in a Week!
Five days jam-packed with singing, acting, and dancing, to rehearse a brand-new show-stopping mystery musical to perform to friends and family on the last day with costumes and props.

4-14 years: £140 child



MON 5 AUG
1PM - 2:30PM
Barbie Dance Party
For all fans of 'Barbie', we'll be trying lots of dances inspired by different versions of this iconic doll (including Beach Barbie, Fashion Barbie and Disco Barbie)! Learn actions set to songs from the hit film, including 'Dance the Night', and create your own dances with all pink props provided!

4-9 years: £16 child *



WED 7 AUG
10AM - 11:30AM (5-11 years)
12:30PM - 2PM (12-19 years)
Pottery Painting
From cats and unicorns to plates and flower pots, plus 22 different colours, let your imagination run wild at this pottery painting workshop.

5-11 years - £24 child (2 pieces of pottery to paint) *
12-19 years - £16 child (1 piece of pottery to paint) *



THU 8 AUG
9AM - 3PM
Circus Skills Workshop
Join SASS Circus for an exciting day of circus games and activities. Try your hand at spinning plates, balloon twirling, spinning poi and hula hoops, then take to the skies in our aerial hoop!

5-13 years: £40 child



TUE 13 AUG
8:30AM - 3PM
Singing Day
Led by Kate Courage, this day includes lots of fun warm-ups, songs both new and familiar, and singing games to keep you on your toes! Bring a friend or come alone. No required level to join, just enthusiasm and a love of singing!

7-16 years: £26 child



WED 14 AUG - FRI 16 AUG
10AM - 3PM
Devising Drama
Develop skills, build confidence and make new friends. Together you'll devise and create your own play in just three days!

7-11 years: £70 child



WED 14 AUG / FRI 16 AUG
10AM - 2PM
LEGO Stopframe Animation
Have you ever wanted to produce your own animated film? With professional film director Jamie McDine, learn the skills of stopframe animation, with lots of hands on activities, building LEGO and planning and producing your own animation!

8-14 years: £25 child



THU 22 AUG - FRI 23 AUG
10AM - 3PM
Showstoppers!
Do you love musicals such as Six, Hamilton and West Side Story? Do you want to perform some of the best musical numbers from these shows, complete with awesome harmony singing, dance routines and costumes? Then this two-day course is for you! Learn the vocals, acting and dance routines, then perform our 'Showstoppers' to an audience on stage in full costume.

12-20 years: £70 child



SUMMER FUN 2024 CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
29 Jul Musical in a Week! (4-14 yrs)	30	31	1 Aug	2
5 Dragon Tales (18 months-6 yrs) Princess Dance Party (2-4 yrs) Barbie Dance Party (4-9 yrs)	6 Dragon Tales (18 months-6 yrs) Music for Miniatures (3-7 yrs)	7 Little Piccolos (3 months-5 yrs) Pottery Painting (5-19 yrs)	8 Circus Skills Workshop (5-13 yrs)	9 Rock the Tots - Summer Party! (0-10 yrs)
12	13 Singing Day (7-16 yrs)	14 Devising Drama (7-11 yrs) LEGO Stopframe Animation (8-14 yrs)	15	16 LEGO Stopframe Animation (8-14 yrs)
19	20	21	22 Showstoppers! (12-20 yrs)	23