

St. John's CE Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to you all for incredibly generous donations for the refugees fleeing Ukraine. This can be difficult to talk about with the children however, they may hear about it on the news in the car or see headlines in the paper. If you would like some support there are some very useful tips on the Unicef website: [How to talk to children about the conflict in Ukraine - Unicef UK](#) and also Newsround have been covering the crisis and may be helpful for you to watch if you have slightly older children.

Please note we have added some new dates to the diary (see page 4 of the Newsletter) including a sponsored walk, Science Breakfast (for parents and carers too), a celebration of Holi (the Hindu Festival of Light) and an additional day the school is closed in lieu of the Queen's Jubilee. Please do keep an eye on these dates as we are able to incorporate more events back into the school calendar.

Thank you so much to Miss Gubbins and Mrs Thompson for organising a fabulous World Book Day celebration. The children were immersed in various stories in different classrooms throughout the school. Our aim to encourage a love of reading by bringing texts to life appeared to have a positive impact on children, staff and the parents and carers! We hope you are able to visit the book fair today or on Monday to see all the books for sale.

Mrs Leggett has returned to school this week. She is feeling a lot better and will be easing back into daily school life. We have missed her big smile around the school.

Best wishes,

Mrs Aharon, Mrs Leggett & all the St John's Team.

School Value

This half term our school value is forgiveness.



"If we really want to love we must learn how to forgive." Mother Teresa

Science Week

To help us during Science Week, we are looking for donations of **outdoor bedding plants and soil**. The children will be planting the plants around the school grounds.

Please may all donations be given by Tuesday 15th March. Thank you. Mr Kutner

Conversation starters

Here are a few ideas of conversation starters that you can use to talk with your child about their week at school.

- What is your favourite book character and why?
- What would you do if the Tiger came to Tea?

Bunny Hop



We will be taking part in the Peace Hospice Bunny Hop (Sponsored Walk) on Tuesday March 29th. This charity has supported some of our families recently and we would like to support them to say thank you. More information to follow soon.

Flippin' Fantastic

Acorns enjoying Pancake Day.



Ukraine



A big thank you to all the parents, carers and children who brought in donations for our Ukraine appeal. We are overwhelmed by the generosity and empathy you have shown for people in need. The appeal started with a small number of Romanians living in London and the surrounding counties, who just wanted to help the refugees when arriving in their town and they didn't dream of it reaching this scale. Miss Hyde, Miss Farran, Mrs Goodwin (from Fair Field) and Nancy (Reception)'s Grandad have packed their cars full to the brim and will be taking them to the pick-up location after school.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Well done to all our children this week for an incredible effort in their learning this term.

Acorn	Arthur & Avinash
Beech	Zeke & Nancy
Sycamore	Max & Isabel
Lilac	Amara & Casian
Maple	Ilyana & Rian
Willow	Claire & Amber
Magnolia	<i>Logan & Bella</i>



Cow book



Our Cow book celebrates extra special work achieved in school.

Well done to all the children for their fantastic work this week.

Maple
Ilyana

Magnolia
Marley
Luke S
Florence
Bella

World Book Day

Today we had so much fun celebrating the 25th annual World Book Day! Each classroom was a different adventure through a book. A Tiger came for Tea in Mr Kutner's classroom, the children built traps for the Giant and we have created our own reading monsters. We were also lucky to have the authors of Pink Patsy & The Moon, Margaret Andrews



Diary Dates

New dates are indicated in red

Date	Event	Year Group
14.03.22	Science Week	All
17.03.22	Science Breakfast	Parents and Carers invited
18.03.22	Celebration of Holi (Hindu Festival of Colour)	All
18.03.22	Red Nose Day	All
23/24.03.22	Parents evening	All
25.03.22	Year 1 Show	Year 1 Parents and Carers invited
29.03.22	Bunny Hop (to support Peace Hospice)	All
01.04.22	Christ Church Service/Easter Bonnet Parade	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
01.04.22	Last day of term	All
19.04.22	INSET – No children in school	All
20.04.22	First day back for children	All
02.05.22	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	All
03.05.22	PTA Movie Night	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
30.05.22	May Half Term	All
06.06.22	First Day Back to School	All
09.06.22	School Queen Jubilee's Celebrations	All
10.06.22	Inset Day – School Closed	All
13.06.22	School Closed (In lieu of Queen's Jubilee bank holiday)	All