



# St John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter 03 July 2023



It has been another couple of busy but exciting weeks at St John's. Reception wowed us with their class assembly- what a lot they have learnt!

I also can't believe how they have almost finished their first year in school, it has been lovely to see them all grow in confidence and independence since September.

We celebrated Sports Day on Friday which was another great success. Thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments on the day and a big thank you to all of you who came along and supported the event- there was a lovely feel to the day, which all children enjoyed.

A big thank you to Mrs Hollands for overseeing the whole day, being able to change arrangements so that the day could still go ahead.

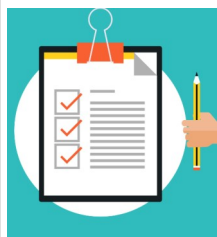
Last week you should have all received a Parentmail about celebrating different feasts and festivals that you have at home e.g. St Patrick's Day, Chinese New year, we would like to include these in our whole school calendar and celebrate days that are important to people in our school community. If you have not already done so, please could you complete the survey.

We are also going to be asking you for feedback on homework so another link will be sent to this survey. We will then plan homework for next year based around the feedback we get.

There is still lots of exciting things happening over the next three weeks- make sure you check the website, calendar and Parentmails for information.

*Mrs Pullan*

### Please give us your feedback!



We would appreciate if you could complete the following short surveys. You can also find the links on ParentMail. Thank you.

[Homework](#)

[Cultural Diversity](#)

### Dates for your diary



#### July

04.07.23— Year 1 Visit to Stonepitts Farm

05.07.23— District Sports event

06.07.23—Forest School (Wallabies only)

07.07.23—Forest School (Wallabies and Ants)

06.07.23— 14.45 Meet the Teacher

07.07.23— Year 6 Cycling

07.07.23— 14.00 Summer Concert (KS2)

11.07.23 14.45— Meet the Teacher

11.07.23— Visit to Wimbledon

18.07.23— 18.00 Matilda production

19.07.23— Year 2 Wildlife Reserve

19.07.23— 14.00 Matilda production (matinee)

19.07.23— 18.00 Matilda production

20.07.23— 09.00 Paralympic Games

20.07.23—Year 6 Water fight

21.07.23— 10.00 Year 6 Leavers Service

**21.07.23— 13.30 Last day of term 6 (early finish)**

You can find all of the dates for your diary, including the final club dates and further information on the [School Calendar](#)

Lord God,

You are with us always. Thank you for being with me in the joyful things in my life, help me remember you when I face challenges in my life, and to know them that I do not face them alone.

Amen

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On Monday, June 26th the Eco Committee presented a whole school assembly on the topic of single use plastics.

They shared information about how vitally important healthy oceans are for life on earth (did you know, for example, that every second breath we take comes from the ocean?) and how single use plastics are impacting them.

They also encouraged us all to think about taking up the challenge of Plastic Free July - Be Part of the Plastic Pollution Solution and to join millions of people around the world in reducing their plastic waste.

The assembly will also help us reach our accreditation to become a Plastic Clever School.

The superb work done by the Committee was topped off by Mrs Pullan presenting each member with a wonderful enamel Eco Council badge - which everyone was delighted to receive (and many have continued to wear with pride around school)



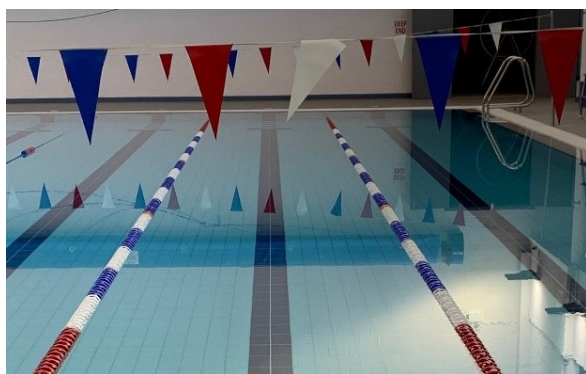
### Sports update

On Wednesday 28th June, pupils from Year 5 and 6 took part in a swimming gala at Sevenoaks School.

We were entered into the middle schools competition and all the pupils did amazingly well.

Grayson, Maya, Austin and the medley relay team came 3rd in their races. Special mention to Austin who was pulled in at the last minute to help them team out!

Well done everyone!



St John's Sports are kindly supported by Robert Draper Removals and Storage



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### Celebrating our children's success

Emily came away from a Regional Artistic Swimming Competition in North London on Saturday the 17th with a silver medal.



Bea won gold with her Artistic swimming team at the regional championships last weekend which means that they're now off to compete in the Nationals!



Brody plays for the under 8s at Sevenoaks town football club. His team won the under 8s tournament at Langton Green last weekend. Congratulations Brody

Rachel and Amelie's football team returned to the Tonbridge Fiesta as defending champions, they will be doing the same next year! Well done girls!



Rory played for the Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club at the Holmesdale U9 Softball Cricket Tournament against a number of local teams. His team won their group stage without losing a game and went through to the semi-finals where they were narrowly beaten by Kemsing 1st Team (who went on to win the tournament).

Rory bowled, batted and fielded very well!

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### Special mentions—Week beginning 19 June



**Reception** - The whole class for fantastic behaviour on our school trip. You made all the adults very proud!

**Year 1** — Seren and Sima for being such fabulously focussed children at all times and such good role models for all of Class 1.

**Year 2** — Ted, we have noticed such a positive change in how you come into the classroom every morning. You show such maturity and engage beautifully with lessons, whilst also letting others have their turn to speak. We are so proud of you!

**Year 3** — Sadie, for her beautiful handwriting practice and for always using her brilliant imagination in her writing and artwork.

**Year 4** — Freya E.G for always being polite and well behaved in class and for offering insightful comments and always contributing to class discussions.

**All Year 4** — for fantastic Viking longboat projects—super effort!

**Year 5** — Ozzie, for being kind and thinking of others. Ozzie was in a team that won at a debate event at Sevenoaks School. But there were not enough prizes to go around, so he kindly gave his prize to someone else! Well done Ozzie.

**Year 6** — Pandora, for her thoughtful, enthusiastic, insightful and articulate contributions to class discussions...you're a wonderful thinker!

*Well done to you all!*

### Matilda Production Tickets go on sale soon!

The Matilda tickets will go on sale this week at the following times:

**Thursday 6 July 18.00:** Year 6 tickets will go on sale

**Friday 7 July 18.00:** Years 3, 4 & 5 tickets will go on sale

Full details will be sent by ParentMail.

See 'Dates for your Diary' for the production dates and times!



### Thank you!

**A big thank you** to the Pheasant Plucker in Ide Hill for their recent generous donation to the school!



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