



“Celebrate life in all its fullness. Let's learn together in God's love”

RESPECT OPPORTUNITY COLLABORATION ASPIRATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has the term gone! I am sure you agree that the term and indeed the year, has just flown by! Last week I joined Year 6 on camp. It was a brilliant week and we brought back 24 very tired children who had the time of their lives. Miss Lewis has written a blurb further in this newsletter so I won't spoil any surprises but the children were a credit to the school. A big thank you to Miss Lewis for organising the trip, which I know was a lot of work!

**Musical opportunity**

On Tuesday this week, parents of Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed watching their children perform a cello and viola concert in the hall. We were all in awe at the intense focus the children had throughout as they navigated their way through reading music. This opportunity was so enriching for the children and provided them with a chance to try something new. The children had 10 lessons led by BANES music service. Incredible job, well done to our Year 5 children.

**End of Year reports**

On Friday 14th July you will receive your child's end of year report. This will come to you via MCAS and you will be notified when your child's report is ready to view. If you would like to discuss your child's report with their class teacher, please contact the office to request an appointment.

Have an enjoyable rest of the term,

Mrs Carver

## Year 6 Residential at Stone Farm

Last week, Year 6 spent the week in Devon at Stone Farm for their residential.

On arrival we were kindly greeted by Mr. T, who showed us around the farm, taught us how to care for the animals and finally, we got to see our dorms which would become our home for the week. Every day, the children would carry out farm jobs and then give love and attention to the animals - without letting any escape!

The children bravely completed a high ropes course, tested their balance on paddleboards (with only a few splashes), and tried a new skill of sailing. We had a tour around Lydford, Gorge and Pork Hill by two fantastic Dartmoor Guides and learned some fantastic facts. On the final day, a day on the beach was perfect. The children enjoyed the opportunity to build sandcastles, play cricket and have fun in the sea.

It was a great week of laughter and fun; a fantastic way to bring their time at St John's to a close. Well done Year 6!



## BANES Music

Over the past ten weeks, Y5 have been learning to play the viola and cello with the help from BANES music team. As a result, Y5 displayed their new musical ability in a performance to parents and children on Tuesday morning. They played a number of pieces during the performance, showcasing their fantastic musical skills. Y5 have worked so hard and should be proud of their achievements, we hope this will inspire some of them to carry on learning to play the viola or cello, or even a different instrument. Well done!



## **Brendan Rouse**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June some pupils from across the school were invited to join Brendan Rouse in some Physical Activity workshops. He focused the workshops around juggling. Using different methods and equipment to build their knowledge and confidence and from the delight on the children's faces, they clearly enjoyed themselves.



## **Wildlife Club**

The Wildlife club have been doing mindful weaving using natural resources. The children chose sturdy sticks for the frame and then selected a variety of natural materials for weaving.



19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> June

YR 95.3  
YR1 96.3  
YR 2 96.7  
YR 3 97.4  
YR 4 94.8  
YR 5 99.4 Winners  
YR 6 95.9



26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June

YR 95.3%  
Y1 99.3% Winners  
Y2 96%  
Y3 97.1%  
Y4 97.4%  
Y5 98.1%  
Y6 97.6%



## St John's Strikes Gold

We are delighted to announce that we, St John's Primary School, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a

Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year include: Entering 6 Intra House Sports with the addition of Cross-Country this year for Year 4-6. Reaching the B&NES football cup final. Delivery of 60 active minutes Identifying and supporting groups of pupils to experience types of physical activities. Creating positive experiences for younger pupils in physical activity. With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to: Pupils participating in Inter House Sports Competitions. Pupils participating in Intra House Sports Competitions. Parents supporting with transport to events. Mrs Yeoman and Mrs Rhys-Jones for their dedication in to grass roots school sport. Teachers commitment in offering and promoting active play and training in clubs. Lunch-time supervisors and the OPAL team. Our Play Time Partisans and Sports Leaders. Premier Education Our St John's Community for embracing Sport and PE. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

### Notices

#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Mrs Butucea formally known as Miss Davies who recently got married. They both looked beautiful on their wedding day and we wish them all the very best.

You will be pleased to know Mrs Chard our Senco has given birthday to a little girl. Clara Ann weighing 6lbs 15oz. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best.

#### **Drink Bottles**

Please ensure that your child comes to school with a named water bottle every day. Bottles must only contain water, not squash. Children will put their drinks bottles in a designated area in the classroom where they will be able to access it throughout the day but not during direct teaching inputs. Teachers will encourage children to stay hydrated throughout the day and children will be able to take their drinks bottles outside at playtimes and lunch. Of course, if during learning time in the classroom, children are thirsty, they will be able to have some of their water and then continue with learning. Children have all been told about this set up in school and we are confident that this will be successful as it is in other schools. Rest assured that hydration is important to us and all children will continue to have access to the water fountains to refill their bottles, which they will be encouraged to do at playtimes and lunchtimes.

## Protocol emails to staff

May we remind all parents that no emails should be sent directly to teachers. All communication must be sent via the enquiries email address. The office staff will then action your email or forward to the relevant party.

## Uniform Sale

Wellsway PTA is holding a used uniform sale on Saturday 8 July 2023, 11am to 1pm in the Claverton (languages) block - halfway down the school drive on the left. (We have a card reader this year, but you may want to bring cash in case we are having issues with the wifi.) Come along and grab a bargain!

## At Home Childcare

Following the initial letter sent out to all families about the opportunity to become a Home Educator with Orange Moon, there are currently only a few enquires distributed across the geographical locations therefore Orange Moon are proposing an online webinar to begin with, rather than face to face meetings.

*The in-person briefings about setting up as a childminder early education business that were going to be held at some Futura's schools this week will now be an online webinar on **12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm**, that can be easily access from home. To book, [click here](#).*

Orange Moon can deliver a second webinar on the evening of the 19<sup>th</sup> July

- *Have you booked to attend one of the webinars to find out more about setting up a childminder early education business? The in-person briefings will now be an evening webinar on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm making it easier for parents across Futura's schools to join. To book, [click here](#).*
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## St John's Association (PTA) Update

**ST JOHN'S PTA**  
talktotheppta@outlook.com

# Colour Run & Summer Fun

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY, after school**

**COLOUR & WATER RUN**  
£5 per child, see FAQ sheet for more info.

**SUMMER STALLS**  
including, BBQ, ice cream, bar, glitter & tattoos.

**RAINBOW RAFFLE DRAW**

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



**Just a week to go.....**We're looking forward to hosting St John's first **Colour & Water Run** at our main Summer event next Friday 14th July after school.

Please follow the link below to buy tickets.

<https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fst-johns-school-association.sumupstore.com%2fproduct%2fcolour-and-water-run&c=E,1,-PR04LufZP2HNv8sDRDXypRDxUbK9xQZoCeeJsMRh2NjXE5m5iO0Q68WyQM59Id6hmde0KOM9YBlfEBwtXkqoKz7i-w5gJqdVq3DY1A7KQcl4kKPmhdw,,&typo=1>

The disclaimer and an FAQ document covering questions you may have about the event can be found on the school website:

<https://www.stjohnsprimaryschool.org.uk/key-information/#pta>

### Rainbow Raffle

Please return completed stubs and payments to a PTA volunteer by the office at drop off and pick up next week. You can also pick up more tickets at this time if you want them. Some amazing hampers to be won. The raffle will be drawn at the Colour & Water Run & Summer Fun event on the 14th July. Good luck!

## Teddy Tombola

If you have any unwanted teddies or soft toys in need of a new home, we would welcome any donations for the Teddy Tombola at next week's event. Please drop off donations to the raffle table at drop off and pick up next week.

## Can you help?

Lastly, we are still in need of volunteers for the Colour Run & Summer Fun event, to ensure the event runs smoothly, share the load and enable all parents and carers to enjoy the event with their children. We are sharing a link to **signupgenius.com** on class WhatsApp groups, so please add yourself on this if you are able to help. Alternatively, please contact your class rep or email [talktohepta@outlook.com](mailto:talktohepta@outlook.com).

## Lost Property

The lost property blue bin out the office is full, please come and reclaim your child's uniform and lost belongings. Any items left at the end of term will be discarded.

## Dates for Diary

10 <sup>th</sup> July	Inset Day	School Closed
14 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Colour Run	Please see newsletter
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production and leavers assembly 1.30pm	Please complete link sent on 20 <sup>th</sup> June
14 <sup>th</sup> July	School reports being sent out via MCAS	
21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Term	
1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Days	School Closed