

Newsletter

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Coming Up Next Week:

May

Monday	KS2 SATs week
Tuesday	EYFS trip to Woodland Adventurers
Thursday	Football match v Moorlands 3.30-4.45pm at St John's
Friday	Deadline for poster competition for the Summer Fete
Saturday	First Holy Communion 10am St Alphege's
Sunday	Celebration for Our Lady, at Parade Gardens, 2pm

Message to Parents:

Welcome to our new look newsletter! It is designed to be easy to read whilst being informative and celebrating the successes of the children in our school.

I am really pleased to announce that we are introducing Forest School from September.



We will shortly be advertising for a Forest School Leader, to work one day a week through the academic year. All children will have an opportunity to participate.

We are also going to recruit a music teacher 2 days per week so that all children have access to specialist music lessons.

Our Year 2 children have been working hard on their SATs assessments this week, and our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs next week. We are very proud of all the children; they have shown great commitment and a willingness to do their best.

On Wednesday this week we Celebrated Mary in a special Mass at St Alphege's Church, the children sang beautifully and there was a peaceful, prayerful atmosphere throughout. A special thank you to Fr Malcolm and Mrs Hull for making this such a special Mass dedicated to Our Lady in the month of May.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bennett
Headteacher

Staff News

We are very pleased to inform you that Mrs Isaac (Kingfishers Class teacher) is expecting a baby in November, we wish her and her family all the very best at this exciting time!

We have successfully appointed 2 new teachers for September; Miss Rosie Harding is currently teacher and RE Lead at St Bernard's in Bristol – she will be taking over from Mrs Hull as class teacher and RE lead; Mr Tom O'Neill is joining us from Oasis Connaught Academy in Bristol and he has sent us the following message:

'I'm extremely excited to be joining St John's. I was made to feel very welcome by the children and staff when visiting the School. I was genuinely struck by the fantastic work that is going on at St John's, so I can't wait to meet my new class and get started in September!'

Many congratulations to Mrs Young who was appointed full time Deputy Head from September, she will continue as class teacher in Robins Class. Huge thanks to Miss Pullen (Ducklings Class teacher) who has shared the role with Mrs Young for the past year.

We have some exciting news from the Governors; they have approved the decision to appoint a Forest School Leader (1 day per week) and a Music Teacher for 2 days per week from September.

We are delighted with the breadth of opportunities that these new members of staff will add to our fantastic team and are very excited for the coming year.

Celebrating Mary, Queen of May

We are looking forward to the May Parade on Sunday 19th May at 2.30pm, an event to celebrate Mary which all our children have been invited to attend. We would like as many families and children to attend as possible; our choir will be singing, and after the parade there will be musical entertainment and activities for the children.

Parking in Manvers Street Car Park is free all afternoon. We hope to see you at this wonderful event.

Celebration Assembly

The following children in EYFS and KS1 will be receiving certificates in assembly next Thursday 16th May at 9.10-9.35 am in the hall:

Dragonflies—Albert, Alek

Kingfishers - Joel, Esme

Owls - Josh, Olive

Ducklings - Isabew, Gabriel

Hedgehogs - Alessandro, Jasper

Celebration Assembly KS2

There will be no Celebration Assembly for the next 2 weeks for KS2 due to next week's trip to the park after SATs and the following week being an Inset Day.

SATs

We wish all the Year 6s Good Luck with their SATs next week—remember to get plenty of rest this weekend, eat a healthy breakfast and come in to school refreshed and ready for the day ahead.

News from St Alphege's

Please click on the following link for this week's Church Bulletin from St Alphege's:

<file:///C:/Users/whitem/Downloads/4SUNOFEASTER.pdf>

Fun French Learning in Year 3/4

Otters, Badgers and Foxes would like to say "**MERCI BEAUCOUP!**" to Ms Cordero and the Y8 girls from Hayesfield School who joined us on Thursday. The girls had prepared lessons to teach greetings, animals and colours in French. If you want to learn more French, you could try these free online games and activities at home:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/french/french.htm>



Football News

Congratulations to all the Year 3/4 footballers who came to the trial on Thursday. All who came will play 1/2 game each next Thursday against Moorlands on our astro.

PTA NEWS

Too Cool for School Day—23rd May 2019

Are you too cool for school? On Thursday 23rd May we will be holding a non-uniform day with a difference! Children will be given a "checklist" with a variety of different ways they can show they are "too cool for school". Each item on the checklist is worth 50p and children can do as many, or as few, as they wish!

The checklist is attached and will also be sent out in bookbags. We hope this will be a fun and exciting way to end Term 5! The money raised will go towards buying a set of iPads for the school.

Summer Fete 21st June 2019 6-8pm

Our ever popular Summer Fete will take place on 21st June, 6-8pm. As usual we will have a variety of games and stalls and are grateful for all offers of help to set up during the day and, most importantly, to help during the event itself. If you are able to help in any way, please contact your class rep or Helen Smith/Kirsten Pass. Alternatively please look out for sign-up sheets on classroom windows and regular updates on our Facebook page!

Competition Time

We need a poster to help advertise the fete! The winning design will not only win a prize, but will be printed and displayed around school and the local community to help advertise the event.

To enter please create a poster on A4 paper. The poster must include the title of the Summer Fete, the date, the time and location! This year we will be having a festival theme, so we are looking forward to some wonderful, creative designs!

Please submit entries in the PTA mailbox –the name of the child and their class should be clearly written on the back of the poster. Please submit entries by Friday 17th May! Good Luck!!

Could you provide one of our Top Prizes?

We are always looking for donation of prizes for the raffle that will be held at the Summer Fete. If you are able to donate a prize, or work for a company/business which would be willing to donate a prize, we would love to hear from you. The top 3 prizes are printed on the raffle tickets providing a fantastic opportunity for free advertising and publicity! Please contact Helen Smith (primarydancer@yahoo.co.uk) or Kirsten Pass (Kberryman@blueyonder.co.uk) or speak to your class rep.

Next PTA meeting

The next meeting of the PTA will be on 6th June at 6.30pm in the Staff Room.

Forth-Coming Trips

There are lots of exciting trips coming up across the year groups:

- EYFS—Woodland Adventurers on Tuesday 14th May
- KS1—Noah's Ark Zoo Farm on Wednesday 12th June (info to follow)
- Y3/4—Longleat on Wednesday 5th June
- Y5/6—Westonbirt on Wednesday 22nd May

These are wonderful opportunities for the children and we thank the PTA for kindly paying for the coaches. If you are yet to pay for your child's trip please do so as soon as possible via ParentPay, thank you.

Dates for Your Diary

w/c 13 th May	KS2 SATs week
14 th May	EYFS trip to Woodland Adventurers
16 th May	Football match v Moorlands 3.30-4.45pm at St John's
17 th May	Deadline for poster competition for the Summer Fete (see above)
18 th May	First Holy Communion 10am St Alphege's
19 th May	Celebration for Our Lady, at Parade Gardens, 2pm
22 nd May	Y5/6 trip to Westonbirt
23 rd May	PTA Too Cool for School Day (see information above)
23 rd May	Choir End of Term Concert, 4pm School Hall
23 rd May	Half Term
24 th May	Inset Day
3 rd June	Start of Term 6
5 th June	Year 3/4 trip to Longleat (info to follow)
6 th June	PTA meeting 6.30pm in the Staff Room
12 th June	KS1 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm (info to follow)
13/14 th June	Y1 Phonics screening
14 th June	Y5 Taster day at St Gregory's
21 st June	School Summer Fete (more info to follow)
25 th June	Sports Day at St Gregory's (more details to follow)
4 th July	Transfer day
8 th July	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
11 th July	Parents' Evening 3.30-6pm
12 th July	Mrs Hull's Leaving Mass 2pm, Leaving Party 3.30-5.30pm
17 th July	Y5/6 Play 6pm (info to follow)
18 th July	Y5/6 Play 6pm (info to follow)
19 th July	Leavers' Disco (timings to be confirmed)
23 rd July	End of Term 6



Please see the school website for Term Dates and Inset Days for 2019/20
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