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Message From Antonia

Dear Families and Friends

We have had a very busy half term with lots of events and hard work going on. We are really proud of the progress the children have made. We have enjoyed taking part in charity fundraising events and thank you for your support with this.

The discussion regarding our school funding is ongoing and I will update you when there is further news.

We have just been advised that St John's have recently been awarded the Silver School Games Mark. This is a national award scheme to recognise our participation in sports. Well done, everyone!

We all enjoyed the ice cream van coming to school last week and are very grateful to Tony from EatGelato Ice Cream for offering us free ice cream and lollies. Even though the rain poured down, it was lovely to be reminded of summer!

If you are not already aware of the Bedford Borough Local Offer website then please take a look; it is a great resource and has lots of useful information.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes to all

Antonia



Holiday Requests

In the event you wish to request permission for your child to take holiday during term time, please obtain a form from the school office, which should be completed and returned at least 4 weeks prior to the intended holiday date.



Pupil Absences

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school, please ensure you contact the school by 8:30 am EVERY DAY that your child is unwell by calling **01234 345565** and **selecting option 1** for the pupil absence line. Please leave a brief message including your child's name, class and reason for absence.



Please also remember to advise Transport.

Reminder

If you haven't already done so, please could you return your child's allergies & intolerance letter. If you require another copy please contact the school office.



Bedford Borough Local Offer

Bedford Borough's Local Offer is a useful website where parents and young people with Special Educational Needs and or disabilities can find clubs, activities and services to support them and their families.



You will also be able to find information about local schools and childcare as well as the latest Policies and Procedures. There is a helpful Advice and Guidance section which shows you who to contact for support or to ask any questions.

<https://localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/kb5/bedford/directory/home.page>

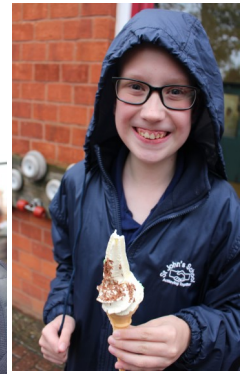
Primary Phase Update

Pupils across the primary phase have all settled into their new classes well. We have got stuck into some new activities also, including



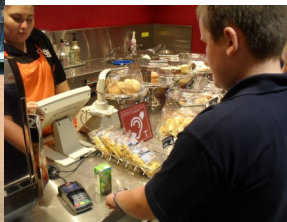
accessing the wall bars / ropes in the hall and having the ice-cream van visit.

Pupils have shown enthusiasm and thirst for learning, especially noticed in whole phase assembly and signing / singing sessions.



Secondary Phase Update

S3 have had a fantastic start to the school year. They have worked hard using previous skills learnt in the classroom when out in the community. Every week S3 go to Kempston Pool, football practice at Addison park, Kempston Library and to either Bake or Sainsbury's Café. Bus passes have been applied for so they will soon be travelling further afield!



Aldi's Kit for Schools

COULD OUR SCHOOL WIN £20,000?

We now have 120 stickers on the Aldi chart, thank you all for your help and support with this.

We have until November 3rd to get this to 300 stickers so please keep sending them in.



Sporting



A group of 8 pupils from years 4, 5, 6 & 7 went to a Tag Rugby Festival and played 8 short matches against other primary schools.

The pupils had a lovely time and learnt to follow some of the rules in a short space of time.

Well Done!

Information



Jon Clingan from Carers in Beds will be holding drop in sessions at St John's Special School & College.

Next half terms sessions will be on 5th November & 3rd December

If you would like to book for the drop-in session, please contact Sharon Collis on 01234 345 565 **extension 281** or email Sharon.collis@bilft.org.

St John's School is a registered referral agent for



If you would like to Speak to someone in confidence about help from the Foodbank, please ask Mel Poulton or telephone 01234 247224

Family Swim

Family Swim takes place fortnightly on a Saturday during term time 1:15 - 3.15 pm. Please email tina.price@bilft.org or phone Tina to book a place. There is a small charge — **Adults - £2, Children (Age 3+) - £1.**

Next half terms sessions are

2nd Nov

16th Nov

30th Nov

14th Dec



Please note that children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult in the pool.

SNAP



SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

SNAP are an independent parent forum who work alongside Central Bedfordshire Council and the Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group as a strategic partner and critical friend.

Please take a look at their newsletter which can be found on their website or through the following link <http://www.snappcf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/SNAP-PCF-Autumn-Term-2019.pdf>

SNAP are in the process of developing their Events Calendar and currently have over 80 events advertised each month which may be useful <http://www.snappcf.org.uk/events-calendar/>

Dates for the Diary

Monday 28th October —Pupils return to school

Tuesday 29th October—Parents Evening

Wednesday 4th December—Mental Capacity Act Workshop (Year's 9-14)

Monday 9th December—Primary Fantastic Finish

Wednesday 11th December—Secondary Wow Afternoon

Sunday 1st December—Christmas Fayre

Thursday 5th December—Christmas Church Service

Friday 20th December —Last Day of Term

