

Welcome Back

In the last 12 months our pupils, staff and parents have worked together to create a memorable year of sporting excellence and we have achieved record participation levels. I know you will enjoy reading about our children's successes on and off the field.

We are extremely proud of our children and their sporting achievements. We encourage all children to participate in our wide range of activities and they continue to excel no matter what level of participation they become involved with.

Congratulations to everyone for their continued commitment and dedication. We hope you enjoy reading our newsletters.

PE

Children from Year 2 to 6 have enjoyed a fantastic term of Rugby. Year 2 also enjoyed a morning of Rugby skills. Each year group has also taken part in a health and fitness programme, looking at how we can all lead healthy active lives. Every class has looked at how to eat and stay healthy, understanding the impact of physical activity on their bodies, developing fitness and the value of exercise.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLES



Gold again!

We are pleased to once again announce that St John the Evangelist Primary School has been awarded the Gold Award for PE and sports provision from the 'Sainsbury's School Games'.



It is awarded after assessment has been made using a number of factors to judge the provision made for PE within school. These are some of the criteria that are included in the assessment:

- The number of hours of planned PE within curriculum time
- The extra-curricular sports activities
- Involvement in inter-school and intra-school competition
- Developing Sports Leaders
- Links with external clubs
- Providing opportunities to attract less active young people to participate in physical activity

Platinum awards are awarded to schools that have received gold 4 years in a row, so St John's are officially half way to achieving this goal. We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded the Gold Award again. This is in recognition of our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport. It's a tough set of criteria to meet and only a small percentage of schools are awarded Gold.

Cross Country 2017

Following our hugely successful cross country after school club and events last year we continued this term with more children than ever participating in our cross country clubs. Lots of children then attended the annual Cross Country Competition at Witney Rugby Club. Although it was a little on the rainy side, fun was had by all.

U9 Football Competition

On Wednesday 11th October the Year 4 football team attended the annual 5 a side tournament at Carterton Community College. After topping their group, they progressed to the quarter finals where they beat Tower Hill 3-0. In the Semi Finals they battled well but conceded a late goal to finish 0-1 to North Leigh. A great performance from all and by reaching the semis they secured their place in next April's County Cup Finals. Also a big thank you to all the parents for the amazing support on the day.

Clubs Round-up

Our sports clubs have started and booked up in record time. Those who have managed to participate in a sports club have enjoyed a range of activities including netball, hockey, golf, multi-sports and the most popular cross country. We are currently looking at ways to provide opportunities for those children who missed out on clubs this term. Please keep a look out for our next clubs leaflet which will come out at Christmas.

Sports Leaders

For the third year we are running the sports leaders programme at St John's and we have had record numbers apply from Years 5 and 6. We will be appointing our newly named 'Young Leaders' over the next week. They will then go on to have training with Mr Hyatt and the staff at Carterton Community College. These leaders will be in the playground daily running various sessions for the younger children. Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling, Tennis and Handball are now all on offer at lunchtime.

PE Kit Reminder

In order to participate fully in PE lessons - a compulsory subject under the National Curriculum, pupils should have their kits in school during the week. Please make sure children also have suitable footwear and for colder days tracksuit bottoms and tops are recommended.
For Year 5 and 6 Hockey, we highly recommend shin pads.

Forthcoming Events

U11 Mixed Hockey
Monday 13th November

Year 4 Dance Festival
Thursday 17th November

Cokethorpe Cross Country
Competition
Friday 18th November

Cokethorpe U11 Hockey
Festival
Thursday 24th November

Year 3 Basketball Festival
Thursday 1st December

U11 Tag Rugby Competitions
Thursday 7th December

Basketball at Carterton Community College

Every Monday night at Carterton Community College, Sports Hall for year 5 and 6 children.
4:15 - 5:00

First 4 sessions are free

Intra Class Competition

Due to Mr Hyatt's paternity leave the Intra Competition was postponed from the end of last term and will run shortly. This term will now have 2 Intra Competitions, rugby and hockey.