

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a restful summer and that all children have settled into their new classes.

In the last year we have once again achieved record participation levels in club and competitions. We continue to track every child in the school in the hopes that every child will be given the opportunity to take part in an afterschool club.

As always, we are extremely proud of our pupils and their sporting achievements in and out of school. We encourage all pupils to participate in our wide range of activities and they continue to excel no matter what level of participation they become involved with.

PE

Children from Years 2 to 6 have enjoyed a fantastic term of Rugby.

Each school year has also taken part in a health and fitness programme and how we can all lead healthy active lives.

St John's has also now invested in the REAL PE scheme of work. It provides fun and simple to follow Primary PE Schemes of Work and support for Early Years Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 practitioners to give them the confidence and skills to deliver outstanding PE. It is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements and focuses on the development of agility, balance and coordination, healthy competition and cooperative learning through a unique and market leading approach to teaching and learning in PE.

Next term for year 5 and 6 Hockey we highly recommend shin pads please.

Hat-trick ... 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' for the third year running.

It is awarded after assessment has been made using a number of factors to judge the provision made for PE within school.

Platinum awards are awarded to schools that have received gold 4 years in a row, so St John's are officially over halfway to achieving this goal. We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded Gold 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.

The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.



SCHOOL GAMES

We did it!

Cross Country 2017

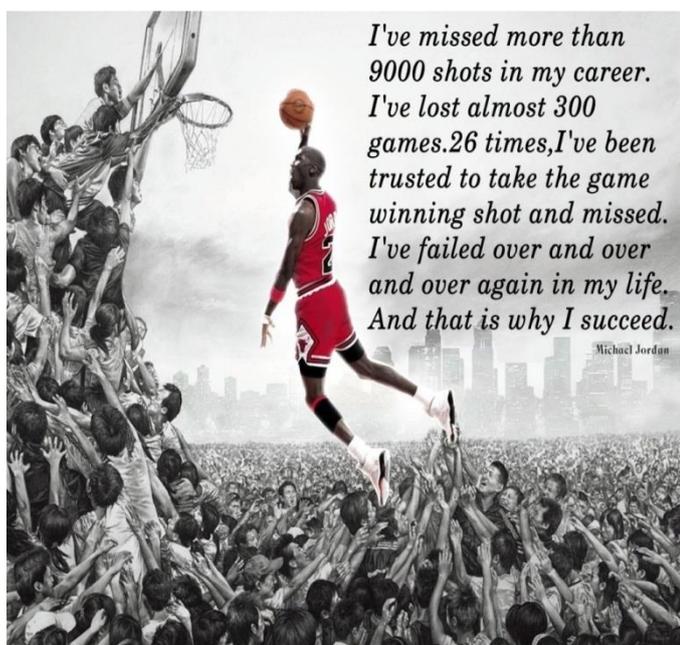
Our Cross-Country Runners have been working hard in club over the last term and we have seen some incredible break through runners. The team went to their first event of the year in Bicester on Thursday 18th October. It was a fantastic day and the sun was shining, they have really developed into some superb runners and were already back in training that night getting ready for the next event.

The next event will be the Cokethorpe Cross Country Competition in November.

Clubs Round-up

Clubs continue to fill up very quickly and as always we track this and participation levels over the year and will work towards giving every child the opportunity to take part. If you feel your child is keen on a sport or shows a talent in a sport, please feel free to speak to Mr Hyatt about how we can help develop their skills further.

Please keep a look out for our Spring term clubs list that will be out nearer to Christmas.



I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.

Michael Jordan

U9 Football Competition

The Year 4's enjoyed an afternoon of football at Carterton Community College on Wednesday 10th October.

The team were gutted to lose striker Louie Johnson through injury early on, however started the tournament well. A tough game first against West Witney saw the game end in 0-0. That was then followed by a 6-0 win against group leaders Madley Brook. A 1-1 draw with Queen Emma's and a superb 3-0 win over Woodstock saw St John's sitting in second place in the group needing only a win to qualify. However, a 3-1 loss to Our lady of Lourdes saw the teams hopes of qualifying dashed. The team were superb on the day and represented the school brilliantly.



Sports Leaders

For the fourth 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 have appointed a record number of children this year to keep up with the high demand in activities at lunch time. They will then go on to have training with Mr Hyatt and the staff at Carterton Community College. These leaders are now in the playground daily running various sessions for the younger children. Basketball, Volleyball, Bowling, Tennis, Football and Handball are all on offer at lunchtime plus some exciting new games that the sports leaders have created.

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.

Forthcoming Events

U11 Mixed Hockey ©
Monday 6th November

Year 4 Dance Festival
Tuesday 13th November

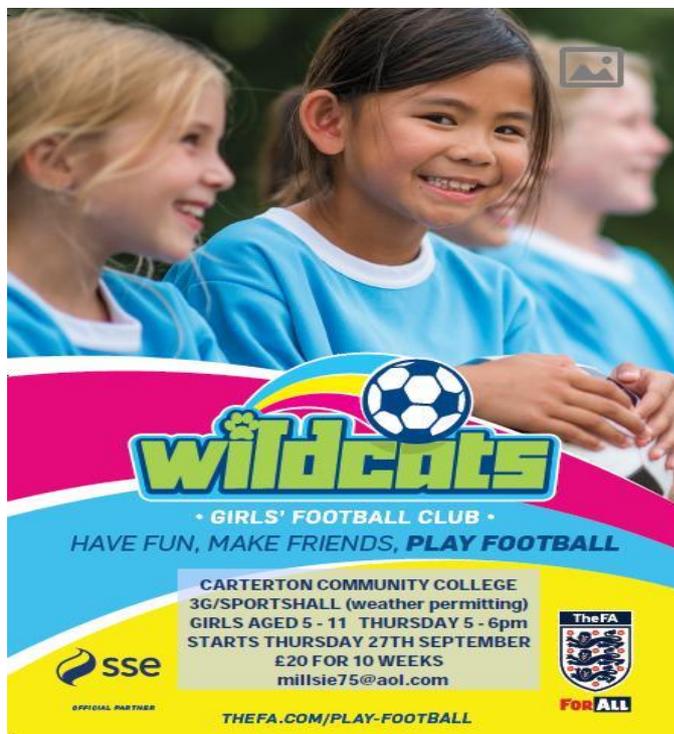
Cokethorpe Cross Country
Competition
Friday 16th November

Cokethorpe U11 Hockey
Festival
Thursday 22nd November

Year 3 Basketball Festival
Thursday 22nd November

Cokethorpe U10 Girls Hockey
Festival
Thursday 6th December

Rudolph Run 2018
Thursday 20th December



Intra Class Competition

Due to the rain at the end of term only two Rugby intra events happened so the rest will be the first week back. This term will now have 2 Intra Competitions. Rugby continued and Hockey.