



## Weekly Bulletin 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Families

Welcome back to the Summer Term! The blossom is out, the trees are rapidly shimmering with leaves and the school is alive with children using the outdoor areas for storytelling, sports and outdoor learning!

The children have returned refreshed and are looking super smart in their full school uniforms- showing clearly their value of Respect and a readiness to learn in this most lovely of terms. If you have any queries about uniform or are struggling to source it, please do let your class teacher know. The children are focused this term on our shared school values of Hope, Curiosity, Courage, Tenacity, Respect and Responsibility and on their big question 'How can our garden benefit our community?' This term the children and staff will be putting our shared school values into action, designing and developing the garden area, immersing themselves in science, lifecycles, the human body, experiments and understanding the natural world, and it will culminate in a spectacular Summer Fayre on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:30- 4:00.

### Country Dancing

Year 2 are practising hard for their choreographed dancing debut at Totnes Civic Square. On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 the children will meet at the Guildhall at 10.30am and process up to the Civic Square with the Mayor and other members of the Town Council. They will be performing a choreographed Country Dance (time to be confirmed) to celebrate spring in front of an audience. Please do turn up to watch as already their co-ordinated moves are looking very impressive!

### Building works

Both the hall extension and new build are rapidly taking shape. We are excited that shortly the first wave of our interactive flatscreens will be going up in the school, offering teachers and children the chance to work with media and explore learning in a completely new way. With these new super large touch screens children and teachers will be able to interact with photographs, videos and other learning applications to access knowledge and resources with a single swipe; it's a significant investment that we believe will really open doors for the children and expose them to incredible windows onto the world.

### Legacy

With the building works progressing at great pace we want to give all our children the chance to leave a legacy commemorating this moment of transformation across St John's. This is particularly important for our Year 5s and 6s, and we want them to enjoy many opportunities to leave a visible and exciting legacy of their time and experiences here at their school. This term they will be contributing to a Time Capsule with pieces of work, prayers for the future and various specially created mementos. They will also get the opportunity to write their names permanently on the steelwork of the new build.

### Attendance

Lastly, regular attendance, on time, is absolutely critical for children to make progress. Each week we publish in the newsletter the attendance for each class and the class with highest attendance will receive a certificate. At the end of this term the class with the highest attendance will win a cash prize that they can spend on a class celebration - last term it was Year 6 who used the money to go on a special swimming trip! Well done to Reception for being this week's Champion Children!

### Percentage Attendance This Week

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3B	Y3H	Y4	Y5	Y6
100	99.54	98.96	96.25	88.24	96.35	93.75	99.04

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

Mr Funnell & The Staff of St John's

### Diary Dates – Summer Term 2019

<b>6<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>	<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> May 2019</b>	<b>Year 2 Country Dancing at Civic Square</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 inclusive</b>	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>	<b>Year 5 Residential</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>	<b>School Summer Fayre 1.30- 4.00pm</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>