

John Keble Church of England Primary School
Newsletter
Spring 1 2017



Dear Parents,

It is difficult to believe we are already halfway through the school year already, but we have had so much fun. This half term has seen the launch of our creative curriculum. Nursery and reception have redesigned their classrooms to encourage the children to be even more independent in their learning. New furniture and resources have helped this transformation. Years 1 to 6 have seen the introduction of a new cross curricular creative curriculum (teaching subjects through a theme). The teachers have built learning opportunities around a Roald Dahl book. The Year 2 classes transformed into peaches, Year 3 made some revolting Twit recipes, Year 4 made medicines (and learnt about medicine safety), Year 5 made their own chocolate, Year 6 have built houses for Sophie and wired them up using their circuit knowledge and Year 1 made swamps for the enormous crocodile. The topic culminated with our school trip to The Lyric Hammersmith Theatre to see Fantastic Mr Fox on Wednesday. This was so exciting and the first theatre experience for so many children.

Next half term's topic is Our World. Year Group Topics include Bright Sparks, Let There Be Light, May the Force Be with You, Tune Up, Tune In, Home Sweet Home and Huff and Puff. We will be teaching a lot of science through this topic, including light, electricity, materials and forces.

Breakfast club has been a great success with 51 children attending on a regular basis. This club runs every day from 8am. Children are provided with toast, cereal and porridge and a chance to do homework or play games until school starts. There is a £1 charge, although the club is free for children entitled to pupil premium. Ask Mrs Kennedy in the office if you are unsure about this.

The mornings are getting lighter now and we were recently reminded in Candlemas Mass that Jesus is the real light of the world. He came to shine His light into our lives and show us the way to live our lives. This morning in assembly we read the story, 'You are Special' by Max Lucado. We explored the fact that we are all special and unique. We thought about who gets to decide if you are special and unique.

Have a great holiday.

Catherine Allard

Sporting News

The biggest news is that our Ace Team won Chelsea FC Foundation Premier League Tournament, taking on schools from all over London for the chance to represent the city of London against the best schools from across the country. The next stage of the competition will be in March. The Ace Team also stay top of the South Brent Boys' League.

Our netball team and American football team have also been out playing matches with the American Football Team progressing up to the London semi-final before losing.

A big well done to all the children who have represented the school.



HOLIDAY COMPETITION TIME

At John Keble, we encourage the children to read as often as possible. It has so many benefits. It is mentally stimulating, increases knowledge, increases vocabulary, improves writing, reduces stress and it is free entertainment.

Get someone to take a photograph of you reading in the most interesting place or unusual place over the holiday. We will put them up on display.

We look forward to seeing them!

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Romans 8:28

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Bling Your Bike

On Tuesday Sustrans came into John Keble to run an assembly about riding our bikes and scooters into school.

I would like to remind families that children are very welcome to ride their bikes and scooters to school every day. There are racks for them to be left in the driveway leading up to the back playground.

Sustrans are running a Bling Your Bike competition. The theme is Roald Dahl; theme your bike with any of Roald Dahl's books and win a variety of prizes.

Term Dates

Half-term - Monday 13th February 2017 to Friday 17th February 2017

School reopens (children return) - Monday 20th February 2017

Term ends - Friday 31st March 2017

Easter holiday - Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April 2017

Summer Term 2017

Term starts (children return) - Tuesday 18th April 2017

Bank holiday (no school) - Monday 1st May 2017

INSET (School closed for children) - Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Half-term - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017

School reopens (children return) - Monday 5th June 2017

Term ends - Friday 21st July 2017

Please do not take your child away on holiday during term time. They miss learning opportunities and time with their friends. We will not authorise the holiday. The Local Authority will issue a fine.

Next year's dates are on our website. Look ahead before you book any holidays.

Welcome

This term we have welcome Ms Rau as a teacher in Year 2 and Ms Kennedy as a learning support assistant in year 4

Year 2 Writing

A Newspaper Article

Yesterday, on Wednesday 25th January, two sisters were crushed by the biggest peach on Earth. Their names were Ms Spiker and Ms Sponge and they lived in a ramshackle and crooked house. The peach rolled over the aunts and they were dead in 6 seconds! The peach was unstoppable and rolled away down the hill.

It had been reported worldwide that these ladies had the peach growing in their garden for weeks and weeks! Eyewitnesses say that an old man gave a boy living in the house some green crystals which we believe grew into the peach.

They were selling tickets for people to explore the enormous peach however one helicopter spotted a tiny centipede breaking the stem of the peach! It rolled quickly towards the aunts and left them lifeless because it broke all of their bones. Tom Khan, a boy who was queuing to see the peach, said, "I am so upset because I wanted to see inside the peach but it's all ruined!"

Now James is lost somewhere in the Atlantic Ocean. If you have any information about this, please call 10256.

By Denis, Zyad and Maryam

Phone Numbers

It is really important that the school has your most up to date phone number on our system, so we can speak to you and contact you in an emergency. If you do not get regular text messages from the school. Check your number with the front office.

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