
	ST JOHN'S FIRST SCHOOL NEWS 'Let us love one another, for love comes from God' 1 John 4:7	
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1st February 2023


Dear Parents/Carers


Thank you for your support in speaking to our visitors last week and to those of you who completed the parent survey. The responses were overwhelmingly supportive and we are very grateful to you for that. The children were magnificent. The visitors noted that there is a sense of belonging at St John's and that there are excellent relationships between pupils, between staff and between pupils and staff. We really showed our St John's sparkle.

The outcomes are confidential until the report is published which is usually around five weeks. I will share this as soon as I am able to.

Best wishes

Mrs Reeves-Smith





Sparkle Rewards

What do you think about our rewards?

The responses to our survey were very informative and have raised discussion in school. There is some lack of clarity of how Sparkle Points and Sparkle Time can be earned. We have reviewed this and discussed this with the children and also added it to the ongoing review of the Behaviour Ethos policy.

Sparkle time is earned by keeping the Sparkle Charter.

Sparkle points are earned by going *above and beyond* the learning expectations.

Values tokens can only be given by another child. This helps children learn how to live out our values and recognise it in the behaviour of others.

Children love Sparkle Time and meeting different children. Some would like different activities added such as art or gymnastics.

The rewards the children love receiving most are certificates they can take home and Sparkle Time. Most prefer to be rewarded in class by either the Headteacher or the Class teacher.

We are now reviewing the Sparkle Charter with the children and adults to ensure agreement and understanding.

Half Term Value

Courage

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1.9



'I showed courage going under water' Poppy

'I was scared when I first went swimming but now I am good' Albert



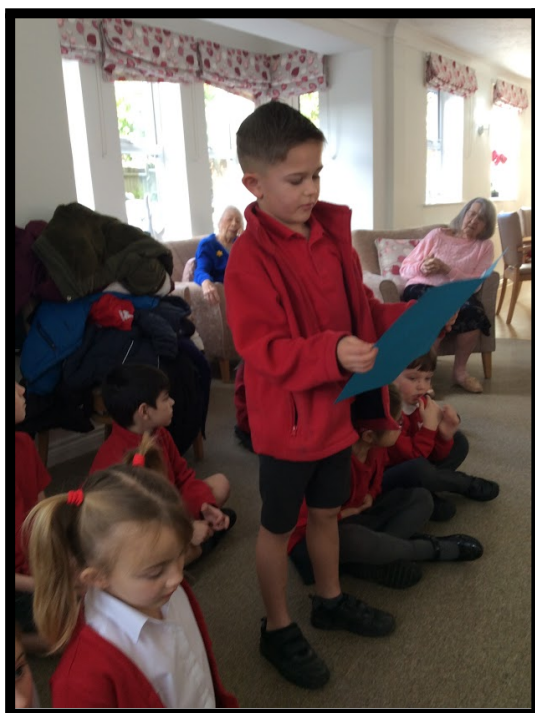
National Storytelling Week: 30 January to 5 February 2023



In an online session the children at St John's joined masterful storyteller Wendy Shearer who told the children some of her favourite stories, as well as some top tips on how to become a storyteller.



On Friday 27th January a group of children visited Harleston House to tell and share stories with the residents.



They used story maps and props to help tell the story.



The School Council

The school council are currently gathering ideas from their classmates on ways to improve the school The ideas so far are:

- More activities in sparkle time
- More flowers and plants
- More after school clubs
- Competitions
- More play equipment



Friend's of St John's (PTA)



The friend's of St John's are holding a cake sale in the hall on Friday 10th February. Please feel free to visit when you have finished celebrating your child's work in class.

With half term coming up, please remember to order lunches in advance for the first day back 21st February.



SCHOOL LUNCHES

Attendance



Well done Giraffes

Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 22nd January 2022	
Elephants	95.3%
Giraffes	95.9%
Dolphins	92.3%
Pandas	94.5%
Snow Leopards	89%
Whole School	93.4%

Dates for your diary

February

Friday 10 February Celebration of learning 2:45 – 3:15 pm

Friends of St John's cake sale

Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - Half Term

Monday 20th February - Staff training day (no children in school)

Monday 27th February - Year R Hearing checks [School Nurse]

Disco date TBC

March

Wednesday 1st March- Elephants' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day

Wednesday 8th March- Snow Leopards' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th Parent Consultations

Wednesday 15th March- Pandas' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

Wednesday 22nd March- Dolphins' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

Wednesday 29th March- Giraffes' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

Friday 31st INSET day- no children in school

April

Easter Holiday Monday 3rd April- Friday 14th

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