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Dear Parents and Carers,

REACH week 20 -24 May – Paris Olympics and Paralympics 2024

Every year we devote a week of learning to our REACH characteristics of Resilience, Enthusiasm, Ambition, Creativity and Hands on learning. Our furry friends Roxy, Elvis, Alvin, Chloe and Holly remind us of what it means to be a REACH learner. We see that teaching these characteristics of learning empowers children to be independent, responsible learners, growing the skills they need to succeed with us and beyond. We weave these characteristics into all that we do at St John's, but for one week they become the focus and this year we are linking them to the Olympics and how being a REACH learner allows you to achieve in sports.

Children are invited to bring in pictures of themselves achieving in sports for our new 'Sporting Legends' display. We are very keen to hear from any members of our community with a story to tell about their own sporting achievements, however modest, so don't be shy! The children love learning about how adults show REACH to succeed in their lives, so please ask around and get in touch if you can help.

LEGOLAND Tickets for Friday 5th July

PAFS have been able to secure a fantastic deal for LEGOLAND Windsor tickets on the Inset Day Friday 5th July. Tickets are only on sale until Friday 21st June (this deadline will NOT be extended). Tickets are £20 per person plus a booking fee. Don't delay - buy today at pta-events.co.uk/pafs

Bounce Bonanza

This summer's event will be a Bounce Bonanza. Fun for all the family on Friday 17th May 3.30 - 6.30pm. Bouncy Castles, Inflatable Slide, Human Hungry Hippos, Sumo Suits, BBQ, Bar and much more more. Tickets £9.50 per person for unlimited bouncing/activities. Bounce Bonanza tickets are on sale until 15th May so don't miss out! The tickets are £9.50 per person and are for both adults and children (age 4+).

There will be a Bouncy Castle, Inflatable slide, Sumo Suits, Hungry Hippos, bungee run, football shooter as well as a bar, BBQ, ice creams and music!

Every inflatable will be overseen by a marshal, there will also be fully qualified first aiders on site. Children remain under the care of their parent/carer at all times.

There will be a limit as to the number of people allowed on each activity at any one time and also a limit for the time spent on it. Of course there is no limit as to how many times you go on each activity!

Tickets available at pta-events.co.uk/pafs

Fruit and veg snack shop

Children in Years 3-6 may buy a fruit or veg for 10p every day, please encourage them to use this facility! The food cost is subsidised by a Tesco grant.

Dates for whole school

3rd May – Anxiety - parents workshop
6th May Bank Holiday
17th May – PAFS Bounce Bonanza
20th - 24th May REACH WEEK and
Walk to School week
27th – 31st May – Half term
6th June – 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings with a special menu
20th June – Class photos and **Clean Air day scoot, walk or bike to school day**
27th June – PAFS Bingo Night
5th July – Inset day
12th July – All library books to be returned & all accounts to be paid up
16th July – Sports day
23rd July – Last Day of Term
2nd Sept – INSET day
3rd Sept – First day of term

Dates for Year R

24th June - Royal Victoria Country Park Visit

Dates for Year 1 & 2

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20th May – Read with Me 2.45pm
10/11/12th - June Year 1 Phonics Check

8th July – Read with Me 2.45pm

28th June – Year 2 BW Country Dancing Festival

Dates for Year 3 & 4

Dates for Year 5 & 6

13th -16th May Y6 SATS

14th May Y6 Quad Kids Athletics at Wyvern

22nd May Safer Travel Group 9am

23rd – 24th May – Yr 5 Visits

24th May - Yr 6 Lunch with me

20th June Sports Event at Winchester Leisure Centre for a selected team

4th July - Yr 5 Lunch with me & Yr 6 Swanmore Transition Day

12th July – Yr 6 Leavers Service at Portsmouth Cathedral

16th July (evening) Yr 5/6 Production

17th July (evening) Yr 5/6 Production

17-19th July Y6 Bikeability

22nd July Year 6 Leavers event 2pm

Safer travel group meeting

Our Junior Road Safety Officers are teaching the rest of the school about crossing the road safely as part of Walk to school week coming up soon. They have an ideas box now so other children can share their opinions about safe and healthy travel to school. You may have seen their 'Why not park at the Black Dog?' poster and they were impressed when out on their patrol yesterday with how many families do just that!

Clean Air Day Active Travel Breakfast 20 June

We are looking for a business sponsor for our breakfast, please get in touch if you have a contact in the fruit or bakery business who would like to donate products, or if you can make a business financial donation for us to buy the items for our clean air day breakfast. Thank you

Milk Bottle Tops

Please can you bring any **RED** or **BLUE** milk carton tops into the office please, we are running a little short for lunchtimes, thank you.

The Wickham Pantry

Tuesdays 1 - 3pm, 6 - 7.15pm

The pantry provides a helping hand for those who need it. For a £6 donation, shoppers receive around £20 worth of fresh, frozen, and store-cupboard ingredients. It really makes a difference to those struggling with the cost of living. Membership is free, and you only pay when you visit the pantry.

To find out more please contact wickhampantry@gmail.com.

Online safety focus - Minecraft

Minecraft is an online game where players can build their own environment and communities. Some people refer to it as an 'online LEGO' as you use virtual building blocks to create your own online spaces. These are known on Minecraft as 'Worlds'. The game lets you play alone or with friends.

The platform has public servers that can be accessed by anyone with an account on the platform. All servers have a chat function where players can talk to each other.

Minecraft has a PEGI age rating of 7+.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-minecraft-safe-for-children/>

Birthdays

As you know, we encourage children to wear their 'own clothes' to celebrate their birthday. We don't give out sweets or cakes etc at school however so please do not send them in, thank you.

Volunteer readers

We are keen to have some more volunteer readers to hear children read at school, we are so grateful to those we do have and would love a few more. Please speak to Mrs Graham or to the office team if you can spare 30 minutes to an hour once a week to help. We would then need you to complete a volunteer application pack so that we can ensure necessary safeguarding checks are completed.

Gardening donations

We have lots of beds and spaces and a gardening group who work very hard with our volunteer Mrs Wright to keep us in bloom and in veggies. If you have spare seedlings or bedding plants, please send them in on a Friday and they will get found a home.

Defibrillator

Our school has been provided with a defibrillator and it is situated in the school office. We are hopeful it will sit gathering dust! We wanted parents/carers to be aware in case you are ever on site and someone needs it.

INSET days for 24-25 Academic year

Monday 2nd September

Friday 25th October

Monday 24th February

Friday 2nd May

Monday 7th July

Education Catering team:

[Education Catering | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/education-catering)

www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>

ChatHealth (07507332417) services

NSPCC helpline 0800 136 663

The Young Minds Parents Helpline can be contacted on 0808 802 5544 (Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4pm, free for mobiles and landlines)

<https://www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk/>

<https://giveusashout.org/>

Text the word Shout to 85258 if you need to talk to someone urgently to get help with any mental health issue yourself.

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/help/parents-carers/>

Family Information & Service Hub (FISH)

Please take a look at the link below from HCC with information & support available.

<https://fish.hants.gov.uk/kb5/hampshire/directory/home.page>

X: @SJTB_Waltham

Facebook: St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/solihullapproach>

Youth counselling for children aged 11+, and parental support to enable you to support your child is available.

<https://winchesteryouthcounselling.org/g/what-we-offer/support-for-parents/>

Hampshire Go Green

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/go-green>