

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring Term 2. Hopefully, it's the start of lighter nights, lots of daffodils and preparation for Easter.

Parent Survey

Thank you to so many of you, who completed the 'Parent Survey' - note the deadline is Friday 23rd February – you still have time if you have not yet given your thoughts.

There have been 140 responses, an increase of 45 responses on 2022-2023. In the next newsletter, I will respond to some of the themes and issues raised by parents in the comments and share how we intend to use the survey to 'be the best we can be'.

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M Wargent

Kind regards,

Marie Wargent

Acting Headteacher



Newsletters are published to the school website. The easiest way to receive newsletters is to subscribe to the newsletter through the school website, <http://www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk/news/newsletters> - this way you will be notified when a new letter is uploaded. In addition, our school website has all the recent newsletters and class letters on it, as well as lots of other information such as dinner menus. Add us to your favourites: www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk

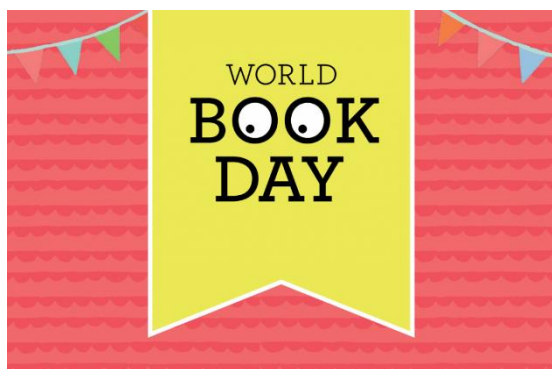
We also use a text message service to send reminders to parents and Facebook to communicate school events and notices.

Find us on Facebook



at: @stjohnsschoolcarterton

Upcoming Events



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PTA

Someone Special Sales Thursday 7th March & Thursday 13th June

These will take place on Thursday 7th March and again on Thursday 13th June.

The PTA will be at the front of the school at 3.15pm on various days over the next 2 weeks selling tokens for these sales.

Golden Ticket Competition for World Book Day – Thursday 7th March



The PTA will be at the front of the school at 3.15pm on various days over the next 2 weeks selling tokens for this competition to run alongside World Book Day

Family Friendly Evening

More details will follow soon.



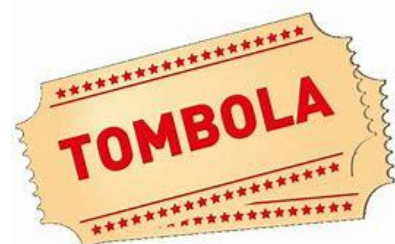
Summer Disco – Wednesday 12th June

The summer disco will be for Reception through to Year 6.

More details will follow soon including how to book tickets.



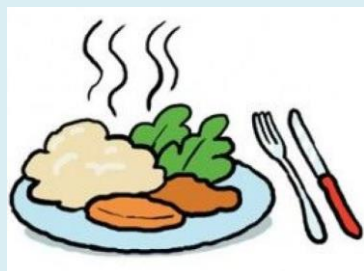
Easter Tombola – Thursday 28th March



Summer Fair – Friday 5th July



General Reminders and Information



Please kindly ensure you pre-order your child's dinner, even if they are universal infant free school meals. This allows the kitchen to order and prepare the right number of dinners.

Reminder to please cancel any pre-ordered lunches if your child is not attending school that day.

Starting School



Nursery Places for Post Easter Entry:

Please kindly note that decisions regarding allocation of nursery places for the term following Easter Holidays will not be made prior to the first week of March. Parents will be informed after this.

Considerate Parking Please



The school neighbours and businesses have politely requested that we raise with our school community the need for

considerate parking at drop off and collection.

Please remember that the disabled spaces, in Marigold Square, are required not only for local residents and business users, but for parents of pupils who carry a disabled badge and are entitled to use the spaces.

Can I thank you in advance for your action in addressing this.

Mrs Wargent

Morning drop-off:

The school gates will be open from 8.35am, with leaders welcoming the children at the gates.

The register will be taken at 8.45am and all children will be expected to be settled in class by this time. Lessons will start promptly at 8.50am.

Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 children enter via the side gate (opposite the play park) Nursery, Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 children enter via the front gate.

Reception parents will be invited to drop the children off at the classroom door via the reception garden.

After-school pick-up:

The school day will end at 3.15pm and parents are asked to pick children up from the outside classroom doors.

Beach Club After-school Childcare Provision:

The after-school Beach Club provision will operate from 3.15pm to 5.15pm from September 2023.

Family Holidays in Term Time

Attendance regulations make clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Safeguarding Children

We take seriously our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; to work together with other agencies to ensure adequate arrangements exist within our setting to identify and

We do not authorise family holidays in term time, long weekends, or special visits/trips/half days for example. At the end of the school year we have blocked INSET days to support families in booking holidays before other schools across the country break up.

Changes to national regulations (from September 2022) has meant that the county council will issue penalty notices (fines) where unauthorised absences or holidays are taken in term time.

support those children who are suffering harm or are likely to suffer harm.

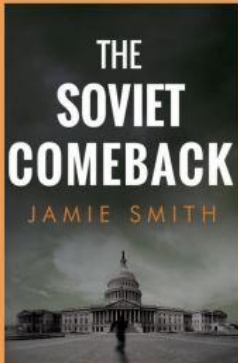

Find out more about our safeguarding procedures at:

<https://www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding>

Library News

author talk with
Jamie Smith

Carterton Library
Tuesday 27th Feb
6.00-7.00pm

Admission £2 contact
Carterton Library
to book your place
01993 841492

... STORY ...
WORKSHOP

with
Julie Wall,
Hattie, Penny,
Gwen & Leni

Saturday 24th February
10.30-11.30am
CARTERTON LIBRARY




Suitable for ages 5 years and above. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission free.

Pastoral Team News

Parents are very welcome to contact Alaina directly via email at atabern@st-john.oxon.sch.uk or her work mobile 07715 144381. Mrs Stainer can be contacted via the school office (office.2613@st-john.oxon.sch.uk, 01993 843124).

Over the course of the last school year, the Pastoral Team put together a series of videos detailing many of the topics covered in the Family Links Nurturing Programme. Those videos can be found via the following links:

Overview of topics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkxfgxbWt6w&t=2s>
Praise is Magic - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvgVCJVPPhYg>
Creating Boundaries - <https://youtu.be/HGs1VVqZXGo>
Time to Calm Down - <https://youtu.be/8vPEf0XUydw>
Using Rewards - <https://youtu.be/-iphIEq4HXU>
Listening: <https://youtu.be/kWy7DYqvlNlM>
Choices: <https://youtu.be/wADKfAbIBn0>
Understanding Feelings: https://youtu.be/Fk88KH_cM3c
Understanding the Feelings and Behaviour of Children - https://youtu.be/Z0lIyaK_QVY
Taking Time for Ourselves - <https://youtu.be/0zpa8NcrM6o>
The Power of Play - <https://youtu.be/-VezCWn7wvo>
Diversion and Distraction - https://youtu.be/FrMQ8_aNGDs

Attendance and Punctuality

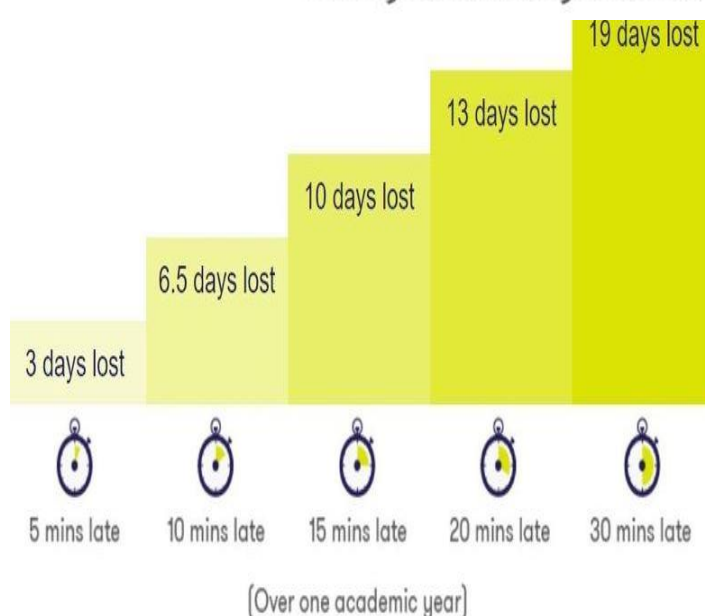
Each week we promote and celebrate good attendance across the school. Research shows that poor attendance limits pupils' life chances, impacts on their academic success but more worryingly adversely affects children socially and emotionally. We understand that children are unwell from time to time and would not want a child to be at school if they really shouldn't be. We would also like to remind parents that a child should be kept off school for 48 hours after a case of sickness or diarrhoea. If you are ever unsure whether to send your child to school or not, call and talk to Aliana at the school.

The following is the attendance by class for the last two weeks.

Class	w/b: 29/1	w/b: 5/2
Oak	95.2%	91.0%
Beech	90.7%	94.0%
Elm	95.5%	91.0%
H Chestnut	99.3%	96.7%
Ash	95.3%	93.7%
Hazel	94.1%	95.5%
Cedar	98.0%	96.7%
Rowan	95.7%	98.3%
Holly	92.7%	94.7%
Silver Birch	97.3%	99.3%
Sycamore	93.8%	90.0%
Maple	100%	94.3%
Walnut	94.0%	93.0%
Willow	97.3%	96.7%
% Attendance Whole School	95.6%	94.7%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.



Term Dates

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Term 1

Monday 4th September to Thursday 19th October 2023

Term 2

Monday 30th October to Wednesday 20th December 2023

Term 3

Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2024

Term 4

Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6

Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2024

Diary Dates:

Mon 19th February: Return to school
 Weds 21st February: Book Fair arrives
 Thurs 29th February: Safer Internet Day
 Thurs 7th March: World Book Day
 Thurs 7th March: Golden Ticket Competition - World Book Day
 Thurs 7th March: PTA Someone Special Sale
 Fri 8th March: KS1 Girls Football Event
 Thurs 21st March: Carterton U11 Tag Rugby Event
 Fri 22nd March: PTA Family Friendly Evening
 Mon 25th March (TBC): Easter Church Service
 Thursday 28th March: PTA Easter Tombola
 Fri 19th April: Year 2 Cricket Festival
 Tues 7th May: Year 4 Tennis Event
 Mon 20th May: Reception Sports Day 9.30am to 10.30am
 Tues 21st May: KS2 Sports Day – Morning
 Tues 21st May: KS1 Sports Day – Afternoon
 Weds 22nd May: Cherry Nursery Sports Day
 AM and All Day Cherries: 9am to 9.45am
 PM Cherries: 2.15pm to 3pm
 Weds 22nd May: U9/U11 Quad Kids Event 3.15pm to 5.15pm
 Mon 3rd June: Year 6 off to PGL

INSET Days: Friday 1st September 2023, Friday 20th October 2023, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th July 2024

May Day Bank Holiday (school closed): Monday 6th May 2024

Fri 7th June: U11 Boys Dynmo Cricket 9.30am to 4pm
Weds 12th June: PTA Summer Disco (Reception to Yr6)
Thurs 13th June: PTA Someone Special Sale
Fri 14th June: U11 Girls Dynmo Cricket 9.30am to 4pm
Thurs 4th July: Year 5 Sports Day Carterton Community College
Fri 5th July: Summer Fair 3.15pm to 7pm
Thurs 11th July: Shuffle Up Day
Thurs 11th July: Open Evening

Caring for Others † Achieving Excellence



New U6s/U7s Team



at



CARTERTON FC

Saturday mornings

Coaching session

09:30-10.30

School Year 1

For further information contact:
aw.cartertonfc@gmail.com

UKBP Direct Stadium, OX18 1DY



GIRLS Development Centre



CARTERTON FC

Tuesdays

16:30 to 17:30

School Year

Year 1 to Year 3

£3 Pay & Play

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GIRLS Development Centre



CARTERTON FC

Tuesdays

17:30 to 18:30

School Year

Year 4 to Year 6

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Easter Holidays Tennis Course



Monday 8th - Friday 12th April

Witney Lawn Tennis Club

For ages 4 - 16

Half Day:

09:00 - 12:00 £135
or 12:30 - 15:30 £135

Full Day (ages 6 - 16):

09:00 - 15:30 £243

Short Course (ages 4 - 7):

09:00 - 11:00 £90
or 12:30 - 12:30 £90



**Childcare Vouchers
Accepted**

for more information please contact:



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