

Dear Parents and Carers – From the Chair of Governors

I am writing to inform of **four** instances of verbal abuse staff have been subjected to by parent's since December. This behaviour is totally unacceptable and the Governing Board take these matters extremely seriously. We are taking advice from the Local Authority around steps we can take to address these issues including the involvement of the police, where it is deemed appropriate.

I want to reinforce that this type of behaviour will not be tolerated by the school, and we expect all members of the school community to abide by our school values. If parents do have concerns about the school there is a clear process to raise these concerns and have them considered by the school. These concerns should be raised in the school setting in an appropriate manner and not with staff outside of normal school hours and while they are not in school.

I ask that all member's of the school community support the hard working and dedicated members of the school staff team and that if you have concerns or issues that these are raised in the correct manner.

Regards

Mark Winch

Chair of Governors

Dear St Johns Family,

It has been fantastic to share World Book Day with the school community this week. Thank you for your support with books, outfits, costumes, and stories.

We started the day with Collective worship, where we spent time reflecting on the books that are special to us, where we like to read and if we like to read with people or enjoy books to ourselves. Some Staff members shared the books that inspired them. Miss Price told the School Community why the 'Don't turn the page' book holds a special place for her. Miss Price, as a Techer has shared that book with every pupil from Year 1 to Year 6 and all the pupils could remember this story.

Members of Staff recognised Mrs Coughlan as a person who has inspired reading through staff book shares (she loves a good detective story), trained new Teachers in how to teach reading, supported curriculum development with linked books and has built a passion and drive for reading in many pupils. Her impact on developing a reading culture in the St Johns Community is immeasurable. For that we thank her.





The whole school took part in our 'World Book Day Parade' where we danced and celebrated our fantastic costumes around the playground.



We have also had the pleasure of 'Peer Reading' this afternoon, where children from different year groups have paired up to share their favourite stories.

Mrs Hewitt, our school librarian further supports the culture of reading at St Johns. She actively seeks book recommendations from pupils, shares books with pupils to develop their interest. Mrs Hewitt makes the library an engaging and inviting space for all.

Last term, reading was explored through art. We were delighted to welcome so many of you to our Art Gallery – exploring the picture and the story behind the picture, 'The Courtyard of a house in Delf', by Pieter De Hooch (1658). We hope that through the shared art work, you were able to create your own inferences of the image and therefore, create your own story.

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

Parent Survey 2024

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Thank you so very much for your responses to the Parent Survey. We were really pleased with the number of responses - 158 compared with 95 responses in 2023. The 158 equates to approximately 33% of the Parent community.

There are many things that you have recognised as being positives - that we are doing well.

These include-

- My child is happy at school
- My child feels safe at school
- The school expects children to behave well
- My child is doing well at school
- The school has high expectations for my child
- Overall I am happy with my child's experience at this school

Areas where we can work together in partnership include; giving greater clarity to school procedures, expectations and statutory requirements regarding information about pupil's progress and learning.

All of your comments have been shared with all members of the school leadership team and School Governors. Where comments have required immediate action, action has already been taken.

Our school vision states we aspire to be the best we can be – with your feedback and support we will continue to reflect, develop, and adapt.

Kind regards

Marie Wargent

Acting Headteacher 2023-2024

Upcoming Events

Class Photographs

Get ready to smile, the class photographs will be taking place on Monday 18th March



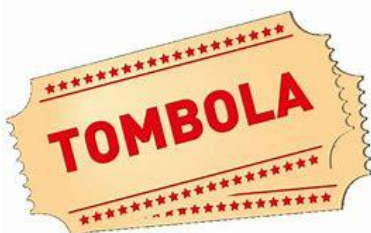
Last Day of Term:

Thursday 28th March
School finishes at
1.30pm



PTA

Easter Tombola – Thursday 28th March



Family Friendly Evening Friday 22nd March

More details will follow soon.





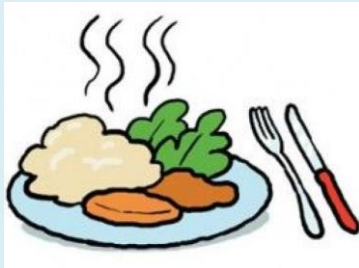
**Summer Disco –
Wednesday 12th June**

The summer disco will be for Reception through to Year 6.
More details will follow soon including how to book tickets.

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.

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.

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 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

TRAVELS
with the

SWEET ZOMBIE HORSE

Come Travel with the:-
Kangaroos Pirates Bangra Dancers
and Our Amazing Visitor
From Another Universe
The SWEET ZOMBIE HORSE
Herself
Neigh! What an Amazing Equine Adventure

Live Book Readings by the author Dr Phil Freizinger

Saturday 23rd March
11am-midday
Carterton Library

story and musical sing-a-long

Admission is free!

Suitable for ages 3+ all children must be accompanied by an adult

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=DkxFqxbWt6w&t=2s>
 Praise is Magic - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvqVCJVPhYg>
 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/Z0llyAK_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

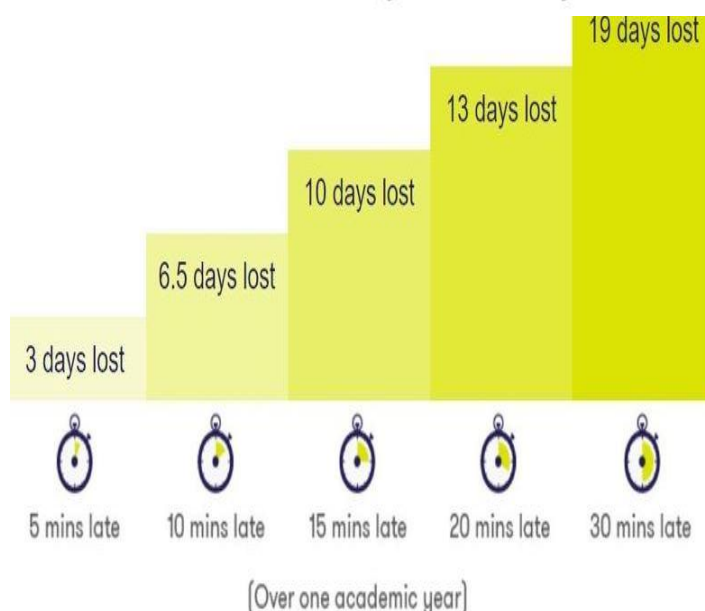
Each week we promote and celebrate good attendance across the school. Research shows that poor attendance limits pupils' life chances, impacts on their academic success but more worryingly adversely affects children socially and emotionally. We understand that children are unwell from time to time and 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 Alaina at the school.

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

Class	w/b: 19.2	w/b:26/2
Oak	89.3%	94.7%
Beech	91.0%	97.0%
Elm	94.8%	95.2%
H Chestnut	98.0%	98.0%
Ash	99.0%	98.0%
Hazel	98.6%	98.3%
Cedar	99.3%	97.3%
Rowan	96.3%	93.3%
Holly	96.3%	88.0%
Silver Birch	95.3%	93.3%
Sycamore	92.2%	96.4%
Maple	96.0%	98.3%
Walnut	100%	97.3%
Willow	95.8%	98.7%
% Attendance Whole School	95.8%	96.0%

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

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

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

Mon 18th March: Class Photographs

Thurs 21st March: Carterton U11 Tag Rugby Event (TBC)

Fri 22nd March: PTA Family Friendly Evening

Mon 25th March: Easter Church Service (TBC)

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

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

For further information contact:

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GIRLS Development Centre



CARTERTON FC

Tuesdays
17:30 to 18:30

School Year
Year 4 to Year 6
£3 Pay & Play

For further information contact:
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For
ages
8-11



EXPERIENCE THE ROBOT WARS ARENA

at CARTERTON LIBRARY

Saturday 9 March
10.30am - 12 noon

This event is free but booking
a session is essential
01993 841492

30 minutes per session, 4 children at each session.
Contact Carterton Library to book your time slot.

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:



info@exceltennis.co.uk

www.exceltennisacademy.co.uk

EASTER FOOTBALL CAMP



Dates:
Week 1:
Tues 2nd - Thurs 4th April
Middle Barton, OX7 7BX
Yarnton FC, OX5 1QE

Week 2:
Tues 9th - Thurs 11th April
Yarnton Fc, OX5 1QE
Carterton OX18 1DY

Get in touch via:
info@osaacademy.co.uk

Sign up Today
via QR Code:



9-3pm- £30
3 Days- £75
10-3pm- £25
3 days- £60

What to expect:

UEFA/FA Licence Coaches
Open to all ages and
Abilities
Daily Challenges
Session to improve skill and
Techniques

*Siblings and OSAA Members Discount

GIRL'S FOOTBALL CAMPS

Come and sign up your daughter today!



Location:

Carterton Football Club
Swinbrook Lane,
OX18 1DY

3 day football camp
Tues 9th - Thurs 11th
April 2024

6 - 15 years old
For all abilities
10-3pm
£25 or 3 day £60

Sign up Now!



Grow your own Game
FA/ UEFA B Licence
Coaches
Looking at fundamentals
football
Ball Mastery
Daily Challenges
Confidence with and
without the ball

To contact us to book on to 3 day
course via:
osaagirlsprogramme@gmail.com

www.osaacademy.co.uk



Hedgehog Club Easter Activity Days at Hailey Community Wood, nr Witney
9.30am -3.30pm. 3rd, 4th and 5th April 2024



Would your child like to spend a day outside building dens, bug hunting, hunting for Easter eggs, using tools and knives and lighting fires? Then why not book a place on the Hedgehog Club Easter activity days. They cost £38 per child for a whole day which includes hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits and campfire snacks all day. Early drop off and late pick up is available - £48

If you want to book your child a place check the website and follow the booking links.

www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

Joining instructions will be sent to everyone the week before. See you there.

Email Mandy @ thehedgehogclub123@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Hedgehog Club Easter Family morning at Hailey Community Wood.

10 – 1pm

Sunday 17th March 2024

Come and enjoy some outdoor fun including den building, fire lighting, cooking , crafty activities, and Easter egg fun.

We will be toasting marshmallows on the fire. Hot drinks, squash, homemade biscuits will be available all day.

Costs: Per child £15, all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Booking is through the website www.thehedgehogclub.co.uk

