

## St. John's RC Primary School

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus

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#### Head's News...

What a week it has been! Thankfully, the weather has been kind and it has been lovely seeing the children coming together, topped off by our school full of colour, creativity and individuality for our 'Picasso Art Day'. Well done to Mrs Beech for organising another brilliant day and to the team for putting her vision into effect!



This week has been Children's Mental Health Week and the children have been partaking in various activities inside and outside the classroom to raise awareness. They have been focusing on how they can support themselves when times are tough and how to better connect with each other. To promote this fantastic cause, pupils, staff and even Fr. Ryan have added their own padlocks to our school fence as a way of representing how connected we all are. A huge thank you to all the staff and Mrs Kenny for facilitating a meaningful and fab week!

Safer Internet Day is a global celebration where children across the world find out how to be safer online. We are exploring respect and relationships online, and staying safe are the key aspects that we will reinforce at school. All the children will take part in sessions, thinking about how they interact online and more importantly if and how they know for definite who they are interacting with. Our children are growing up in a digital world which has huge advantages for their learning but does come with some very concerning disadvantages.

The school breaks for a well-earned rest. We look forward to seeing all of the children and our families when you return on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February.

### Prayer

Dear God,

Please guide us in our prayers this week for those living in Turkey and Syria. May our thoughts be with them during this difficult time and may we be ever grateful for your guidance and love.

Amen.



#### **ATTENDANCE**

'Attend today, achieve tomorrow'

Early Years: 94%

Year 1: 96%

Year 2: 99%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 99%

Year 5: 94%

Year 6: 97%

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## **HOUSE POINTS**

Watch this space after half term!

A special congratulations to Hollie in Year 6 for winning the short story competition for Chacombe Park care home.

Very well done, Hollie, enjoy the well-deserved
£25 voucher!

# Upcoming Birthdays



Esther in Early Years
Johan Year 2
Azrin in Year 3



#### **SAFEGUARDING**

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the **police on 999** or **MASH on 0345 050 7666.** 

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL directly <a href="mailto:louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk">louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk</a>

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	KEY DATES
F.I. 40th F.I.	<u> </u>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day - School Closed
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	New Term Starts
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.10 Whole School
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Sacramental First Reconciliation Preparation-4pm St John's Church
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day Potential Strike Day-NEW
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 School Parliament Trip NEW
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Years & Year 6 Height & Weight checks NEW
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March-Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Scholastic Book Fair in school NEW
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Potential Strike Days NEW
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 21st March	Mini Grey Author visit-NEW
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Meetings
Friday 31st March	End of Term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	New Term Starts
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Trip Ashmolean Museum
Saturday 21st April	Sponsors' Mass Confirmation-Time to be confirmed
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Matilda Theatre Trip
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	King Charles Coronation-SCHOOL CLOSED-NEW
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs Tests
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Pictures
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Holy Communion Preparation 4pm St. John's Church
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May- Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATs Tests
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term