

## Newsletter Summer Term

# Friday 9th May 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been learning all about VE Day and what it means to our country. We have reflected on the sacrifices people made in the past to make our country what it is today. It's 80 years since the end of World War 2 and to celebrate the children all mixed classes and did carousel learning, which included designing VE plates, collage work, montage, decorating biscuits, playing traditional games and writing and performing news reports to others. The children and staff had a great time and it was lovely to see the children from different classes working together. We will be displaying some of the work in school. The day finished with a special act of worship where we sang songs, shared our work and did the conga out of the hall - a group dance that originated on the first VE Day.

A big thank you to all the staff who have made this happen and in particular Mrs Croisdale for organising it. Many thanks to our governors who attended on the day and the office staff who ensured we had everything we needed to make it all happen.

Please have a look at some of photos from our exciting day.

This week, our attendance for the school year has finally reached 93%! We are very proud that our attendance is improving and we believe, with your help and support, that it can increase higher than this before the end of this school year. Again, thank you for your ongoing support with this – let's see how much higher we can increase this percentage.

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

Best wishes, Mr Blackburn.



#### Food Waste:

As you will have noticed, children who bring packed lunches to school also bring the waste home now too. This is due to legislation changes to recycling and so you can see what your child is eating whilst at school. We appreciate that yoghurts returning home partially eaten is rather frustrating, due to them leaking in packed lunch boxes. Therefore, going forward, we will have a separate bin for yoghurt pots only and these can then be disposed of at school.

### <u>Dates for your</u> diaries:

St John's Got Talent final – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Closes – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Reopens – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

EY & KS1 Sports Day – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm

KS2 Sports Day – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm

Transition Day – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Summer Fayre – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July PM

Discos – WC Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Picnic Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July PM

School Closes – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

#### Parking:

Once again, we have had complaints from neighbours about parking around school. Please can all parents and carers be respectful of the neighbours. We have also had complaints about our parents and carers getting aggressive towards neighbours. This will not be tolerated and any further occurrences of abuse in any form will be sent to the police. Apologies, as we do appreciate this will be a small number of parents and carers who are giving everyone a bad reputation.

#### St John's Got Talent:

Has your child entered St John's Got Talent yet? To enter St John's Got Talent 2025 children need to collect application forms from the office. This year we will be doing it slightly differently. Auditions will take place over lunchtime in the final week of this half term and then the final will be on the last day of the half term, **Friday 23rd May 2025**. There will not be a certain number of acts from each class like in previous years. As many acts from each class can enter. Children could also enter in groups made up of children in different classes. The children will be informed about this next week during worship time. Thank you to those who have entered earlier this week already, we are looking forward to seeing all the talent we have at our school.

#### School Trips & ParentPay:

There are various trips live on ParentPay. Please ensure these are paid as soon as possible as we cannot take your child on a trip without consent. Please also check ParentPay for outstanding payments for items such as clubs, breakfast club and rainbow club. Thank you.



#### St John's Stars



Juwairia
Orange Class
<mark>Imaan &amp; Ariana</mark>
Nawa
Blue Class
Zahraa
Leah
Spencer



## Weekly Attendance

91%
93%
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