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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We are drawing closer and closer to our summer break and our new beginnings in September; some of our Year 2 leavers had their first opportunity to experience junior life this week with their transition visits to their new schools. They have all come back feeling positive and enthused about their next steps, and although we will be sad to see them leave us in a short while, we are very proud of them all and can see they are 'junior ready' and prepared for the next part of their educational journey.



We were able to truly enjoy the lunchtime today with our outdoor lunch. It was such a pleasure to see the children sitting beautifully, enjoying and appreciating the food, the good weather, the people who cooked and served the food and each other's company! Just what meal times should be about! We were celebrating our school year and all the achievements we are proud of; hopefully you will be about to, or have just read, your child's school report so will also be taking the time to reflect on their year and appreciate their hard work and efforts.

As you know our value is friendship and this week we asked the children about friendship and if Jesus is a good friend. The responses were so mature, reflective and respectful we thought we would share them with you.

Children's Thoughts about friendship

Faithful - 'You can trust your friends to keep good secrets.'

Reliable - 'This is a person who you can depend on and doesn't let you down.'

Interest - 'You pay attention to what your friend is saying and listen to each other. You might learn something new together.'

Enjoyment - 'You try to play together and be fair.' 'You share a game in a good way.'

Neighbourly - 'If you know someone needs some help, you can do a good deed, even if they aren't your best friend.'

Dependable - 'You can trust the person completely. They will do the right thing.'

Special Friend - 'You keep an eye on them, even if you aren't always together. You always care about them.'

'Jesus special friends were his disciples who were guided by him.'

'Jesus was a special friend. He was the son of God.'

'Jesus and his disciples tried to be all of the things in the word 'friend'.'

'Jesus taught people to live good lives.'

'He tried to show people how to be kind and not fight.'

'Even when one of the disciples was a bad friend, Jesus forgave him and was still a friend to him.'

'Jesus is the one who makes us light up!'

'He is always beside you at any time, especially if things are going wrong.'

'Jesus is in your heart. Whatever you do, he will always be there.'

'When you pray, your spirit fights against things that are bad'

'Jesus doesn't have a favourite.'

'You can be a good person, even if you don't believe in God. You can still be kind and follow good values.'

'Christians are good people and so are Muslims and Jewish people. Anyone can be a good friend.' In the bible it says that

Jesus could be a good friend. Jesus was a special friend to his disciples.'

He is a good friend because he is the son of God and God is kind.'

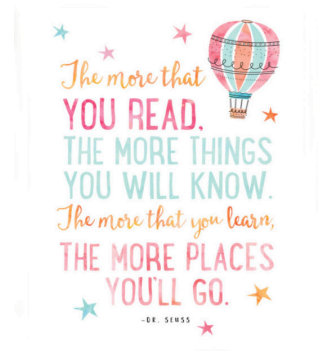
'If I was sad I could pray and Jesus would help me.'

'He is good at helping people and being kind.'

'He shows the light in the dark.'

'Jesus shows us the way to God.'

Earlier in the week we had a visit from our friendly librarian who told us all about this year's exciting reading challenge; here at St. John's reading is high on our list of priorities as it opens up a world of opportunities for children and adults. Please support this wonderful initiative and keep your child reading over the summer holiday.



The Reading Agency and Libraries Present
SPACE CHASE
Summer Reading Challenge 2019



Coming to libraries on Saturday 13 July 2019

The Reading Agency and Libraries are excited to introduce Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019, an out of this world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. This summer, children will help our super space family 'The Rockets' track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! As they read library books, they will solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

Space Chase, the Summer Reading Challenge, starts in your local library on Saturday 13 July and will run until Saturday 14 September. You can sign up and then read at least six library books of your choice to collect special stickers and other rewards along the way - all for **free**. You can read whatever you like: fact, fiction, joke books or poetry, from our excellent range. You can even borrow audio books and listen if you prefer.

Children's reading ability can 'dip' during the long summer holidays if they don't have regular access to books and encouragement to read for pleasure and this can be a problem for schools to put right in the new term. Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge helps children to become more fluent, confident and happy readers.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Stevens & Mrs Bliss
 Head of School Executive Head

Our value for this half-term is; **Friendship**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 'Two are better than one, if one falls down, his friend can help him up.'

Dates box:

Date	Time	Event
Saturday 6 July		PTA Summer Party for the grown-ups! Frensham Brewery
Tuesday 9 July		Last Cookie Club Optional- 3.30- 6.00 Drop in to see your child's work and meet their new teacher.
Wednesday 10 July		INSET DAY
Thursday 11 July		Year 2 Sports morning at Waverley Abbey School (further details to follow)
Thursday 11 July		Last Art Club
Tuesday 16 July		School Sports Day & Picnic (further details to follow)
Thursday 18 July		Last Football Club
Friday 19 July		Last Choir
Wednesday 24 July	9.00am —— 2.00pm	Leavers Church service at St John's Church, Churt Last day of Summer term School closes for the summer break

For your information :

The Children's Centre on 01428 644485 or follow the link from our website www.tennysonschilddrenscentre.co.uk



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL SUMMER PARTY

WHEN

Saturday 6th July
7.30pm – midnight

WHERE

Frensham Brewery

The Tap Room, Pierrepont Home Farm, The Reeds Road,
Farnham, GU10 3BS.

LIVE BAND • FOOD • BAR

ADULT EVENT

TICKETS

£20 per person.

Ticket price includes
entry, live music and
food. Bar drinks are
not included in the
ticket price.

Buy at the School
Reception Desk or
email

nicola@perkinr.co.uk

PARKING

Cars can be parked in
a neighboring field. £5
per car. Can be left
overnight and
collected by 10.00am
next morning.

OR Order your own taxi
to drop off and collect.
There will be a
designated drop off
and collection point.

BENEFITING

Organised by St. John's
PTA to help raise funds
for the school.