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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

It has been a wonderful week this week with our new Reception class coming into school for mornings or afternoons. The children looked very happy, interacted well with each other and loved our new library - do take a look at Rabbit Class' News page on the website.

Members of the School Council have been very busy with me, choosing the new bookcases for the non-fiction books. We will also be buying new books to supplement our reading schemes and a selection of new guided reading books too.

This week we are sending home in book-bags "How I learn Best". Please could you spend time with your child filling this in and talking through the sheet with them? Thank you so much. The sheet collects information from you and your child on ways we can support him/her in their learning. This does change as children get older and is so valuable. One of our School Development priorities this year is giving the children the "tools" to help them become better learners. We want them to have a clear understanding of what they can do to improve and how they learn best.

Our Hedgehog Club (wrap-around care) started this week and seemed to be a great success. Do consider making use of this, even just on the odd occasion if it can help.

There will be a PTA meeting this coming Thursday (21 September) at 2.30pm in the hall. You are all members of the PTA and we would love to see you there! We have a new team heading things up this year led by Tessa Finch and Sophie Wild. The emphasis is on community and plenty of opportunities for fun and getting to know new families. We already have the Curry & Quiz Night planned (please see the flyer that was sent via email yesterday).

Can I please draw your attention to a meeting taking place on Friday, 20 October? Continuing our special links with one of our feeder school, Waverley Abbey, Kate Redman (Headteacher), will be here at St John's to talk to ALL parents, after drop-off at 8.45am. You are all very welcome - irrespective of what year your child is currently in - to come along and find out more about Waverley Abbey.

Finally I wanted to draw your attention to *Jeans for Genes Day*. This is taking place next Friday, 22 September. Half a million children in the UK are affected by a life-altering genetic disorder and *Jeans for Genes* raises money to transform their lives. We would love to see all children and staff coming into school wearing jeans and donating £1 to this charity.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ginnie

Dates Box:

Thurs, 21 Sept	2.00pm	PTA Meeting - school hall - all welcome!
Fri, 22 Sept		"Jeans for Genes" Day
Tues, 26 Sept		Open Day for prospective parents
Wed, 4 Oct	2.15pm	Yr R Literacy Meeting - school hall
Thurs, 5 Oct		Harvest Festival - further details to follow
Fri, 6 Oct	evening	PTA Quiz & Curry Night
Tues, 10 Oct	3.30pm-6.00pm	Parents' Evening - further details to follow
Thurs, 12 Oct	4.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' Evening - further details to follow
Fri, 20 Oct	8.45am	Kate Redman, Headteacher, Waverley Abbey