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## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

How time flies when you are having fun and it certainly has been a fun week! Starting last Saturday with an amazing event run for the adults in the St John's family to let their hair down and celebrate the friendships they have made here at St John's. There were new friendships being made with many of our new families' also attending, thank you very much for joining us. It was an amazing event enjoyed by all and even the cows didn't want us to leave the venue, blocking our exit. Thanks to some expert cattle handlers, we were able to depart having danced the night away. Things like that take a lot of hard work so that we may reap the benefits on the night and later back at school with the funds raised. We are counting our blessings to have such dedicated and hardworking families, thank you St John's PTA and particularly Mrs Perkins for an innovative idea. We are always looking for new and exciting ideas so please remember you are all members of the PTA and are very welcome to share those ideas, so come along to the PTA AGM/ coffee and catch up on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm in the school hall.

The next innovative and exciting headline is:



### Summer celebration

Dancing and Ice Cream

2.30pm Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Come and watch Year 2 Maypole dancing display followed by the opportunity to buy ice creams from an ice cream van in Rabbit class playground. What a fabulous way to celebrate the end of term and raise funds.



We look forward to sharing a club list for the autumn term shortly; we have secured some new clubs and retained some popular favourites. We are pleased to see some of you have already signed up for our

fantastic new French club.



### Footprints

One night a man dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.

As scenes of his life flashed before him, he noticed that there were two sets of footprints in the sand.

He also noticed at his saddest, lowest times there was one set of footprints.

This bothered the man and he asked the Lord, "Did you not promise that if I gave my heart to you that you'd be with me all the way?"

Then, why is there only one set of footprints during my most troublesome times?"

The Lord replied, "My precious child, I love you and would never forsake you.

During those times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then I carried you."

We heard many of you made good use of the INSET day and so did all of our staff to create an exciting curriculum for coming year, along with some fantastic new ideas to communicate with families coming your way very soon.

### A moment to reflect:

As we continue to develop our thoughts on friendship we read the poem footprints, your fabulous children quickly understood the concept of why two sets of footprints became one. We truly believe just as in the poem our faith will be there to support us in our hour of need. We do believe so will your amazing children support their friends whenever they are in need. 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.'

*Don't forget the reading challenge!!!*

**Space Chase, Summer Reading Challenge 2019 begins on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July!**

During the summer holidays the school doors are locked. So, where are the children going to find lots of lovely books to read for FREE? At their local library! And to encourage their reading, the Reading Agency has once again organised **The Summer Reading Challenge**. The theme this year is, **Space Chase**, inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the moon landing. So get set for a thrilling mission with the 'The Rockets' family to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

Being designed for all reading abilities, children can choose whatever books, audiobooks, comics, ebooks or eAudiobooks they like to complete the challenge. Every participant receives stickers and other incentives along the way and those who read six books are presented with a personalised certificate.

It is great fun, so why not go to your local library and help your child to enjoy his/her reading throughout the summer holidays. You could be pleasantly surprised at the difference it makes!

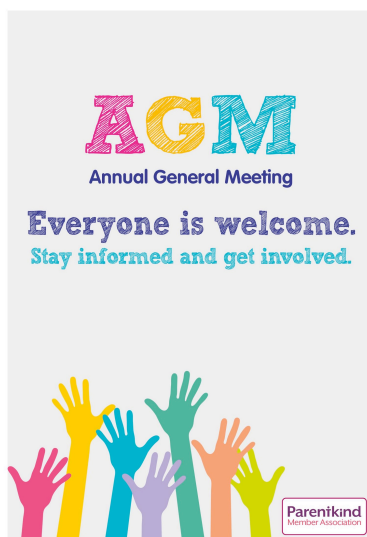
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**Dates box:**

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 16 July	12.30pm	School Sports Day & Picnic
Thursday 18 July	2.30pm	Maypole dancing display by Year 2 and ice cream van on-site
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 :



# DINTON PASTURES

SATURDAY 20th & SUNDAY 21st JULY

# MARVELLOUS 2019

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