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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

What a fabulous half-term! Even in this amount of time, as a teaching staff, we are delighted with the progress being made by our children. Children becoming more confident in using their editing skills, understanding how to support their learning with well-chosen resources and great improvements with handwriting - well done children!

After half-term I will be working four days a week and not working on a Thursday. On Thursdays, Marion Stevens will be acting Headteacher. If there is any situation which requires an immediate response please do contact Marion. Otherwise I will be available again on the Friday. In addition to this, our SENCo, Sophie Ireland, will be working an additional day in the role of Inclusion Lead. She will be in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be on the door on Thursday mornings. With this new model in place of having Marion, Sophie and myself, I feel we will have a really strong leadership team.

In Sophie's present role, she is involved in co-ordinating and organising SEN provision for a very small number of our children. In her additional role as Inclusion Lead, she will be working with us to ensure that all our children's learning needs are met. As a staff we are constantly thinking of exciting and creative ways to improve and develop our practice and, with this leadership team in place, I feel we will be in a good position to do this, with great benefit for the children.

You may not be aware of this, but St John's is now running Forest School on Friday afternoons as part of our creative carousel. Hannah Wills is the Forest School teacher and it is a great success. It obviously takes place outside (at the moment this is on our field beyond Arthurs' Gate) but after Christmas this will be moving to a very close area of woodland. Forest School encourages a learner-centred approach. It gives opportunities for children to develop their creativity, curiosity, confidence, self-esteem, empathy, communication, and knowledge of the natural environment including the ability to assess risk. All our children will be taking part in this and, at the moment, it is the turn of Yr 1.

Please may I remind you that we are continuing to collect food and toiletries for the Haslemere foodbank - there is a box situated in the children's entrance for your donations. Thank you.

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Finally, after our recent request for nominations for the role of Parent Governor, I would like to congratulate Clair Craven on her successful nomination - super news!

Best wishes for a restful and happy half-term.

Ginnie

Dates Box:

W/c Mon, 23 through to Fri, 27 Oct		Half term
Mon, 30 Oct	8.30am	First day of second half of term
Fri, 3 Nov		Nasal flu immunisations
Thurs, 9 Nov	TBC 2.15pm	Official Library Opening Day Rabbit Class "Storytime" - all Yr R parents welcome
w/c Mon, 13 Nov		"Children in Need" week - further details to follow
Wed, 15 Nov	2.15pm	Fox Class Assembly + "Stay & Share"
Thurs, 16 Nov	from 8.30am 2.15pm	Photographer in school - further details to follow Badger Class Assembly + "stay & Share"
Wed, 6 Dec	4.00pm-6.00pm	PTA Christmas Fair
NB: new date		
Fri, 24 Nov	early pm	PTA film night - further details to follow

News items for this week:

After-school Club: SportsKids Club - please note there will be NO session on Monday, 30 October. Normal service will resume the following week!

PTA fundraising: as a school we very much believe that being active is an important step to take towards being healthy. To support this vision, in March 2018 a group of parents are getting together to raise money for the PTA by running the Surrey Half Marathon! The group is being led by Phil Law (dad to Sienna in Rabbits) who is a Personal Trainer, and Helen Rutt (mum to Caspian in Rabbits) who is a Physio. If you are interested in joining their group, do have a chat with them and, for more information, check out this link - <http://surreyhalfmarathon.co.uk/>. Apparently it's going to be lots of fun!



Grayshott Pottery - please see the flyer, advertising their half-term activities, which we have been asked to forward to everyone.