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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

I think it is almost impossible not to feel just a little bit emotional about the end of another school year. For some of you with children moving onto Yr 3 it really feels like the end of an era, especially if this is your last child through St John's. There is an enormous sense of pride that I hope you all feel, in all that your children have achieved over the past year and, in some cases, over the past three years. Not only a pride in their academic and developmental achievements, but also in the little person your child is becoming. I was really moved to read what parents had written to their children in the beautiful Bibles received from church. We celebrate together kind, thoughtful, "giving", and joyful children, exemplifying so perfectly what St John's holds so dear.

St John's is a place where we can grow as life-long learners, understand the value of trusting friendships, show thankfulness and compassion to others, make mistakes knowing we will be forgiven, and find peace in the knowledge that we are all treasured and loved as precious children of God.

It has been a superb year, where not only have the children loved and thrived on a really rich and broad curriculum, but also made fantastic progress across all areas of learning. SATs results were exemplary where, in the majority of subjects, well over 90% of children achieved Expected Level / Great Depth Level. Also, 97% of children passed their Phonics screening test, with a 20% improvement on last year. This was fantastic as Phonics had been a real focus this year. An enormous *thank you* to our teaching team here at school who work tirelessly to provide challenging and exciting learning for all our lovely children.

As I mentioned in the Church Service this morning, the whole school community of governors, teaching staff, office staff, PTA, parent helpers, parents and children all absolutely "make" our school, and we are so grateful.

Thank you for all the support you have shown over the year. The staff and I would also like to thank you for all our gifts and cards - you have been very kind.

I hope you all have a fantastic Summer break and we look forward to seeing most of you again in September. Please remember Yr 2 leavers, we absolutely love you coming back and telling us all about your new adventures! We send you on with happy memories and all our love.

With best wishes.

Ginnie

Dates Box:

Mon, 4 Sept		INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues, 5 Sept		INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed, 6 Sept		First day of Autumn Term
Wed, 13 Sept	2.30pm	Volunteer Helpers meeting - school hall
Tues, 26 Sept		Open Day for prospective parents
Fri, 6 Oct	evening	PTA Quiz & Curry Night