

Dear All,

Welcome back to the Summer Term.

You will have recently been notified about a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing board. The governing board has an extremely important role. They are responsible for the strategic direction of the school, working in partnership with the headteacher, promoting high standards of educational achievement and ensuring our resources are used to maximum impact.

If you would like to stand for election, please complete the nomination form and return it via email to hroberts.gov@st-john.oxon.sch.uk or in paper form to the school office clearly marked for the attention of Helen Roberts (Clerk to Governors), no later than 12 noon on Thursday 2nd May 2024.

Please include a few details about yourself and why you would like to become a governor. This will then be circulated to all parents to help them decide who to vote for if an election is needed.

All are welcome and are invited to nominate for the position. We want our governing body to be representative of the community our school serves.

This term please look out for our Pastoral Coffee Mornings, the first is 9am Thursday 25th April in the New Harbour. Come meet the team, have a coffee, and perhaps explore the community resources available to you.

Some movement in staff this term. Mrs Hadland, who has been working in the office as Marketing Administrator and 'Chocolate Fairy', will be leaving for new opportunities. We thank her and wish her well with future endeavours.

Marie Wargent
Acting Headteacher 2023-2024

Newsletters are published to the school website. The easiest way to receive newsletters is to subscribe to the newsletter through the school website, <http://www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk/news/newsletters> - this way you will be notified when a new letter is uploaded. In addition, our school website has all the recent newsletters and class letters on it, as well as lots of other information such as dinner menus. Add us to your favourites: www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk

We also use a text message service to send reminders to parents and Facebook to communicate school events and notices.

Find us on Facebook



at: @stjohnsschoolcarterton



Shout Out



Freddie Clayton (Cherry Nursery) completed his incredible challenge - Cycling 100 miles in March on Saturday 30th March. This was to raise funds for Oxford Hospitals Charity, inspired by his Grampy's battle with mouth cancer.

The Cherry children celebrated Freddie's success by presenting him with a special medal. Mrs James & Mrs Clarke had the pleasure of supporting Freddie at the finish line too.

Freddie raised an amazing £3,300. We are all super proud of you.

Well done!

Upcoming Events



The UK's leading provider of skateboard and scooter coaching and events for over a decade.

TEAM RUBICON

Team Rubicon – Skateboard & Scooter Coaching.

Team Rubicon will be visiting the school on:

Thursday 23rd May: Planned for Years 3, 4 & 5

Friday 24th May: Planned for Years 1, 2 & 6

They are the UK's leading provider of skateboard & scooter coaching and provide fun and engaging workshops to children of all ages and abilities. All equipment and safety equipment will be provided and there is no cost to our parents. We believe the children will have an amazing day.

Please can all children ensure they have their PE kits in school on these days.



This year our sports days will be taking place on:

Monday 20th May, morning (times TBC): Reception Beech & Oak

Tuesday 21st May, morning (times TBC): KS2

Tuesday 21st May, afternoon (times TBC): KS1

Wednesday 22nd May, morning (times TBC): For morning and all day Cherries

Wednesday 22nd May, afternoon (times TBC): For afternoon Cherries

Please can all children ensure they have their PE kits in school on these days.



**Summer Disco –
Wednesday 12th June**

The summer disco will be for Reception through to Year 6.

More details will follow soon including how to book tickets.

Summer Fair – Friday 5th July



General Reminders and Information



Please kindly ensure you pre-order your child's dinner, even if they are universal infant free school meals. This allows the kitchen to order and prepare the right number of dinners.

Reminder to please cancel any pre-ordered lunches if your child is not attending school that day.

Morning drop-off:

The school gates will be open from 8.35am, with leaders welcoming the children at the gates.

The register will be taken at 8.45am and all children will be expected to be settled in class by this time. Lessons will start promptly at 8.50am.

Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 children enter via the side gate (opposite the play park) Nursery, Reception, Year 4 and Year 5 children enter via the front gate.

Reception parents will be invited to drop the children off at the classroom door via the reception garden.

After-school pick-up:

The school day will end at 3.15pm and parents are asked to pick children up from the outside classroom doors.

Beach Club After-school Childcare Provision:

The after-school Beach Club provision will operate from 3.15pm to 5.15pm from September 2023.

Family Holidays in Term Time

Attendance regulations make clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

We do not authorise family holidays in term time, long weekends, or special visits/trips/half days for example. At the end of the school year we have blocked INSET days to support families in booking holidays before other schools across the country break up.

Changes to national regulations (from September 2022) has meant that the county council will issue penalty notices (fines) where unauthorised absences or holidays are taken in term time.

Safeguarding Children

We take seriously our responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children; to work together with other agencies to ensure adequate arrangements exist within our setting to identify and support those children who are suffering harm or are likely to suffer harm.

Find out more about our safeguarding procedures at:

<https://www.st-john.oxon.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding>

Pastoral Team News

Parents are very welcome to contact Alaina directly via email at atabern@st-john.oxon.sch.uk or her work mobile 07715 144381. Mrs Stainer can be contacted via the school office (office.2613@st-john.oxon.sch.uk, 01993 843124).

Over the course of the last school year, the Pastoral Team put together a series of videos detailing many of the topics covered in the Family Links Nurturing Programme. Those videos can be found via the following links:

Overview of topics - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkxFqxbWt6w&t=2s>
 Praise is Magic - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvqVCJVPhYg>
 Creating Boundaries - <https://youtu.be/HGs1VVqZXGo>
 Time to Calm Down - <https://youtu.be/8vPEf0XUydw>
 Using Rewards - <https://youtu.be/-iphIEq4HXU>
 Listening: <https://youtu.be/kWy7DYqvlNlM>
 Choices: <https://youtu.be/wADKfAbIBn0>
 Understanding Feelings: https://youtu.be/Fk88KH_cM3c
 Understanding the Feelings and Behaviour of Children - https://youtu.be/Z0llyAK_QVY
 Taking Time for Ourselves - <https://youtu.be/0zpa8Ncrm6o>
 The Power of Play - <https://youtu.be/-VezCWn7wvo>
 Diversion and Distraction - https://youtu.be/FrMQ8_aNGDs

Attendance and Punctuality

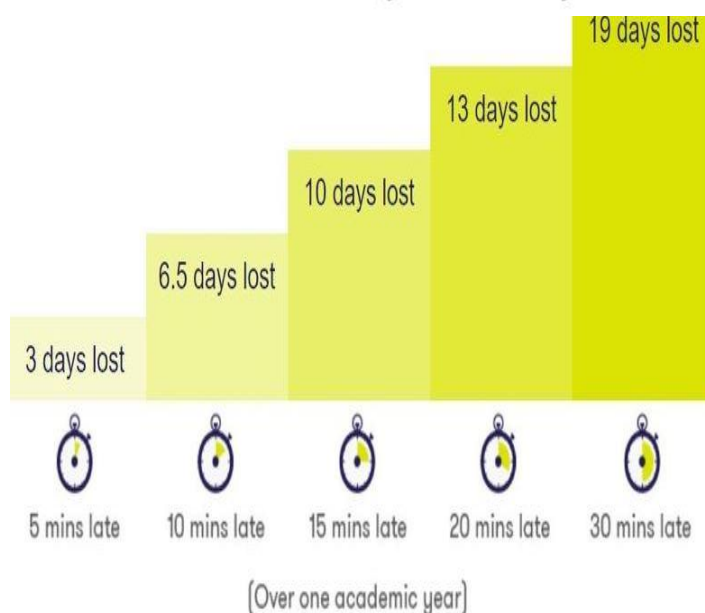
Each week we promote and celebrate good attendance across the school. Research shows that poor attendance limits pupils' life chances, impacts on their academic success but more worryingly adversely affects children socially and emotionally. We understand that children are unwell from time to time and would not want a child to be at school if they really shouldn't be. We would also like to remind parents that a child should be kept off school for 48 hours after a case of sickness or diarrhoea. If you are ever unsure whether to send your child to school or not, call and talk to Alaina at the school.

The following is the attendance by class for the last two weeks.

Class	w/b: 18/3	w/b: 25/3
Oak	95.0%	95.4%
Beech	90.3%	95.4%
Elm	96.0%	94.2%
H Chestnut	94.3%	96.7%
Ash	95.7%	95.0%
Hazel	95.5%	89.2%
Cedar	96.0%	99.2%
Rowan	97.7%	97.9%
Holly	99.3%	97.1%
Silver Birch	98.0%	98.3%
Sycamore	95.7%	95.5%
Maple	98.0%	97.9%
Walnut	94.3%	95.4%
Willow	99.3%	97.1%
% Attendance Whole School	96.1%	96.0%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every school day counts.



<p>Term Dates</p> <p>Term Dates 2023 - 2024</p> <p>Term 1 Monday 4th September to Thursday 19th October 2023</p> <p>Term 2 Monday 30th October to Wednesday 20th December 2023</p> <p>Term 3 Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2024</p> <p>Term 4 Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024</p> <p>Term 5 Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May 2024</p> <p>Term 6 Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July 2024</p> <p>INSET Days: Friday 1st September 2023, Friday 20th October 2023, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th July 2024</p> <p>May Day Bank Holiday (school closed): Monday 6th May 2024</p>	<p>Diary Dates:</p> <p>Mon 15th April: Back to school</p> <p>Fri 19th April: Year 2 Cricket Festival</p> <p>Tues 7th May: Year 4 Tennis Event</p> <p>Mon 20th May: Reception Sports Day 9.30am to 10.30am</p> <p>Tues 21st May: KS2 Sports Day – Morning</p> <p>Tues 21st May: KS1 Sports Day – Afternoon</p> <p>Weds 22nd May: Cherry Nursery Sports Day AM and All Day Cherries: 9am to 9.45am PM Cherries: 2.15pm to 3pm</p> <p>Weds 22nd May: U9/U11 Quad Kids Event 3.15pm to 5.15pm</p> <p>Thurs 23rd May: Team Rubicon Scooter & Skateboarding</p> <p>Fri 24th May: Team Rubicon Scooter & Skateboarding</p> <p>Mon 3rd June: Year 6 off to PGL</p> <p>Fri 7th June: U11 Boys Dynmo Cricket 9.30am to 4pm</p> <p>Weds 12th June: PTA Summer Disco (Reception to Yr6)</p> <p>Thurs 13th June: PTA Someone Special Sale</p> <p>Fri 14th June: U11 Girls Dynmo Cricket 9.30am to 4pm</p> <p>Thurs 4th July: Year 5 Sports Day Carterton Community College</p> <p>Fri 5th July: Summer Fair 3.15pm to 7pm</p> <p>Thurs 11th July: Shuffle Up Day</p> <p>Thurs 11th July: Open Evening</p>
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