



Newsletter 27

19th April 2024

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God.'

1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! It's hard to believe that we are already in the summer term! We have lots of exciting events planned for our whole community to be involved with, such as Celebration of Learning, Grandparents' Afternoon, Bring a Bloom Day, Board Games Cafe and our Summer Fair. There will also be transition events planned for the children to help them prepare for moving up to their new year groups.

This week, Giraffes had a presentation from Blue Cross (Pet Welfare Support). They enjoyed learning about how to keep our pets happy, healthy and well looked-after.

Pandas launched their new topic with a wonderful Stone Age Experience in our Forest School Garden. The children took part in a range of activities to experience a little of what it would have been like to live in the Stone Age. For more photographs, please see the [gallery](#) page on our website.



Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Half Term Value - Service

In worship this week, we read the story of the Feeding of the 5000. We thought about what would have happened if the boy hadn't shared his lunch. The boy could have kept quiet about his picnic and eaten it by himself. 5000 people would have gone hungry! But he didn't do that. He saw a need, he knew he could help and so he did. His small act of kindness made a huge difference to the hungry crowd. What small act of kindness could you show this week?



Board Games Cafe

Friends of St John's will be hosting our first ever board games cafe on Friday 26th April. Stay after school with your family for a relaxed afternoon with a variety of games. Drinks and cake will be available to buy too.



Class Worship

Elephants Class Worship for parents will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 1st May at 9:00am.**

Celebration of Learning

We will be holding our next Celebration of Learning on Wednesday 22nd May at 2:45pm. This is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and look through their learning and celebrate this together.



Staffing Update

Mrs Sheppard will be leaving St John's on Tuesday 30th April. She has worked as a lunchtime supervisor at the school for eight years and will be greatly missed. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to the role. We wish her all the best for the future.

Lost Property

Please could you ensure that *every item* of your child's clothing is clearly named. Iron-on or sew-in name tapes are best, as biro fades very quickly after washing. We have an enormous amount of clothing that has been left at school with no name. Lost, unnamed property is stored in the lost property box in school. You are welcome to search for any lost items in this box at the start or end of the school day. When the weather is dry, we will put this outside near the front entrance.

Attendance



Well done Pandas!



Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 15 April 2024

Elephants	95.3%
Giraffes	96.3%
Dolphins	95.9%
Pandas	96.9%
Snow Leopards	95.4%
Whole School	95.9%

Dates for your diary

Friday 19th April

Five Loaves Bakery

Friday 26th April

Board Games Cafe (after school)

Wednesday 1st May

Elephants Class Worship 9:00am

Y4 Leeson House Residential - Parents' meeting 2:45pm

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 14th May

Class Photographs

Wednesday 15th May

Around the World Day

Friday 17th May

Five Loaves Bakery

Wednesday 22nd May

Celebration of Learning 2:45pm

Friday 24th May

Bring a Bloom Day

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May Half Term Holiday

Friday 14th June

Grandparents' Afternoon

Friday 21st June

INSET Day

Friday 28th June

Transfer Day

Friday 5th July

Summer Fair

Five Loaves Bakery

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July

Year 4 Leeson House Residential Trip (Information to follow shortly)

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