



It is more blessed to give than receive. Acts 20:35

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26<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
**Our Christian  
Collective Worship  
theme for the term  
is Generosity**

In this week's  
newsletter:  
Welcome  
Harvest  
Shoobox Appeal  
PSA Dates  
Welcome Class R

Please, if you can spare  
some time to support  
our children with  
reading, craft etc.  
please inform the class  
teacher or main office.  
You must undergo a  
DBS clearance first.



**EXTRA!  
EXTRA!**  
READ ALL ABOUT IT!  
SAVE THE DATE

Please remember  
if you have any  
concerns or  
questions  
regarding  
[Safeguarding](#) out  
of school hours  
follow the link.

## Message from the Head

From the start of this term we have been exploring the value generosity, loving others as we love ourselves, giving sacrificially and cheerfully. We have seen numerous examples of this value in our children, and we applaud them and encourage them to keep this up. A good opportunity for all to show this will be by bringing in items for our Harvest festival service (for the food bank) and Shoe Box Appeal (for less fortunate children).

Welcome to all our new families in Year 3, 4, Reception and Nursery. I can assure you that your children will flourish and achieve their full potential in their years here.

It was great to see the regular hustle and bustle of school life returning to school. Anning Year 4 and Newton Year 5 took part in a Brazilian Carnival workshop, learning to drum and dance. This will culminate in these children being invited to be on a float at the upcoming carnival this Sunday. If you would like more information please speak to Mrs Hutchinson.

In line with our school vision for our pupils to be happy, successful and resilient learners achieving their full potential, they must be in school daily. I will not be approving holidays during the school term. Last year our attendance for the school year fell to 96.8%. St John's is consistently in the 97% bracket, which we strive to improve upon. We noticed that a greater number of pupils had an attendance rate in the low 90% and some even in 80% bracket. A child with 90% attendance in a school year means that they missed 4 weeks of schooling. There is research, which suggests that the more days off school lead to a drop in achievement. Please ensure your child is in school regularly and promptly, as teachers' plan early morning work to warm them up for the day's learning. This year we will be celebrating pupils with 100% attendance at the end of the school year with certificates and badges. I do hope many achieve this. I would request that children's medical appointments and holidays where possible, are arranged outside of the school day and term.

As we are fortunate to be within good transport links (bus and train), many exciting school trips are planned throughout the year like other schools. Our weather is unpredictable, so we will always recommend that our children are well equipped for their trip. In line with our School Trips Policy, trips will not be cancelled unless we deem this to be unsafe. Thorough risk assessments are carried out for all trips.

As a healthy school, we encourage the children to donate a book to school to celebrate birthdays instead of bringing in sweets/cake or other treats. Teachers will not be giving these out in school. When a birthday book is donated we will put in a bookplate with your child's name.

Over the summer holidays, a new colourful canopy was installed in Early Years area. This much needed shelter will ensure continuous provision, protecting their equipment and brightening up an aging building. Also by half term all our new wall games and daily mile markings should be installed for our children in the playground.

Turing Year 6 have been through a job application process, which included an interview to take on roles and responsibilities throughout school. They have been very enthusiastic and will no doubt be outstanding role models. There is an expectation that all children in Year 6 have roles in school throughout the year.

Our cycling for Cancer Research is still going strong. In our first week we cycled 135 miles, in the second week we cycled 145 miles and this week we're close to 250 miles. Don't forget – every mile cycled raises 25p for Cancer Research. If you see the bike hop on and cycle.

We are happy to say we are continuing our Big Battery Hunt. Look out for the battery collection boxes going home in book bags. We also have a big bunny battery collection box near the office.

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Miriam Katshube, who is leaving us this week to undertake a new post at another primary school. We thank her and wish her all the best for the future.

27Sept – 9am -Year R Parents - Nurse Drop In Service  
 30<sup>th</sup> Sept – 8.45am – Sign Up for Parents' Evening  
 30Sept - Year 5 at Gunnersbury Museum  
 1Oct-Black History Month  
 3Oct- 9am - Year 6 Curriculum Assembly  
 10 Oct – Wear Yellow Day for Young Minds – World Mental Health Day  
 10Oct- 9am - Year 5 Curriculum Assembly  
 10 Oct -2pm - Harvest Festival in school  
 14 Oct - All day - Photo Day  
 14Oct - 3:30 – 6pm - Year R to 6 Parents' Evening  
 15 Oct – 9am -12.30 - Year 3 at Kingston Mosque  
 17Oct- 9am - Year 4 Curriculum Assembly  
 17 Oct - 4:30 – 7pm - Year R to 6 Parents Evening  
 18Oct - 7pm - PSA Welcome Event in church  
 21 Oct - Assessment Week  
 24Oct- 9am - Year 3 Curriculum Assembly  
 24 Oct - 3:30 – 4pm - Year 5 cake sale  
**28 Oct - Half Term**  
 5Nov - Year 4 at Shree Ghanapathy Temple  
 5 Nov – Year 5 at River Thames Boat Project  
 5 Nov – 1pm – Years 1&2 at Rose Theatre Show  
 7Nov - 9am - Year 2 Curriculum Assembly  
 14Nov - 9am - Year 1 Curriculum Assembly  
 15Nov -3:30 – 4pm - Year 2 Cake sale  
[WEBSITE CALENDAR – MORE DATES](#)

### Attendance & Lateness Information

We want to aim for 100% each week.

We can do it.

Class	Attendance % Wk beg 9/9	Lateness Wk beg 9/9
YR	n/a	n/a
Y1	96.3	1
Y2	96.1	5
Y3	97.3	2
Y4	99.2	0
Y5	97.2	3
Y6	97.3	0

Class	Attendance % Wk beg 16/9	Lateness Wk beg 16/9
YR	96.7	3
Y1	98.7	1
Y2	98.2	5
Y3	97.3	3
Y4	98.1	1
Y5	99.3	1
Y6	98.9	2

**Link to Hope Shoebox Scheme** - We are supporting the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal again this year which distributes shoebox presents to families in need in Romania, Bulgaria, Moldova and Ukraine for Christmas. If you would like to support this appeal and fill a shoebox with gifts for a family please collect a leaflet from the school office. This explains the scheme, what to do and what items can be placed in the shoebox. Please follow the instructions carefully. Shoeboxes need to be brought to the school office **by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**. <http://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal>



### Harvest Festival & Donations Our Harvest Festival Service is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct at 2pm in School

We are supporting Kingston Food Bank for harvest donations again this year and money donations to Water Aid. **We would appreciate donations of the food listed below by the end of September.**

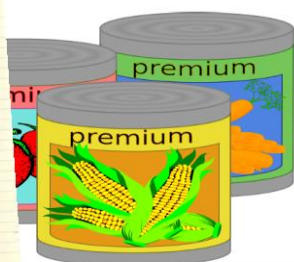


[www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.kingston.foodbank.org.uk)

Please support our  
**Harvest Appeal**

Your donations help to provide three days of emergency food and support to local people in crisis

long life milk  
 instant mash potato  
 tinned custard  
 rice pudding  
 rice  
 biscuits  
 sponge puddings.  
 tinned fish  
 fruit juice  
 fruit squash  
 tinned spaghetti  
 jams and spreads



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### House Achievements

We are waiting for the first group of children to reach the first milestone soon. When your child reaches that stage, their names will appear in this section. Keep an eye out on their progress.

**25 Points – Bronze**

**50 Points – Silver**

**75 Points – Gold**

**100 Points – Superstar**

**125 Points – WOW**

**150 Points – INCREDIBLE**

**175 – AMAZING**



### Term dates for Academic Year 2019 to 2020

#### Autumn term 2019

Wednesday 4 September 2019 to Friday 25 October 2019

Monday 4 November 2019 to Friday 20 December 2019

#### Spring term 2020

Monday 6 January 2020 to Friday 14 February 2020

Monday 24 February 2020 to Friday 3 April 2020

#### Summer term 2020

Monday 20 April 2020 to Friday 22 May 2020

(inc bank hol 8 May)

Monday 1 June 2020 to Wednesday 22 July 2020

#### INSET Dates for 2019/2020

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020



## PSA

Thank you to all who came along to the AGM where Emma Lloyd-Williams and Vikki Hone were voted in as co-chairs alongside Albina Osmani as Treasurer and Tamsin Williamson as Secretary. As a team we are all looking forward to working together to raise lots of money for our school.

We have a lot of fundraising ahead this year, with ambitious targets! Our aim is to upgrade the nursery classroom furniture, restock the school library, replace the (very worn) class reading sets and repair the playground activity equipment. This is in addition to the usual spending on coaches and theatre trips - we said it was ambitious!

Big thanks to Class 3 Reps who are organising a fabulous wine and cheese "welcome back" event on 18<sup>th</sup> October, to kick start our fundraising this year. You've probably noticed the posters around school, it promises to be a great evening, as we welcome back all parents into our school community and give a big hello to all new parents. Spaces are limited though so do make sure you sign up early to avoid disappointment. Tickets are being sold in the playground during drop-off/pick-up, please do join us!

Here is a list of our events for this academic year. Please add them to your diaries.

Date	Event	Time	Venue	Organisers
18 Oct	Welcome Event	7pm - Late	St John's Parish Hall	Year 3
24 Oct	Cake Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Year 5
15 Nov	Cake Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Year 2
27 Nov	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Megan L & Emma L-W
5 Dec	Carols & Light Switch On	3.30pm	Hall/Front of School	PSA
6 Dec	Bazaar	2.00pm	School Hall	Year 6
7 Dec	Christmas Tree Sale	TBC	TBC	PSA
24 Jan	Cake Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Year 3
4 Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Megan L & Emma L-W
13 Feb	Valentine Disco	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Church	Year 2
28 Feb	Cake Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Year 1
6 Mar	Book Swap		School Hall	PSA
11 Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Megan L & Emma L-W
20 Mar	Quiz Night	7pm - Late	School Hall	Year 5
27 Mar	Cake Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Year 4
7 May	Cake Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Nursery
13 May	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Megan L & Emma L-W
16 May	PSA Event	TBC	TBC	Year 4
13 Jun	School Fete	12pm - 3pm	Playground	PSA
3 Jul	Cake Sale	3.10pm	Playground	Reception
10 Jul	BBQ	7pm - Late	Playground	Year 1

## Welcome to Our New Children in Years 3 & 4



*Nihal Marwan*  
*Ege Emma Mihir*

**PLEASE  
NOTE..**

### Dates/Events to Remember

27 Sept – 9am - Year R Parents - Nurse Drop In Service  
 30 Sept - Year 5 at Gunnersbury Museum – Packed Lunch  
 3 Oct - 9am - Year 6 Curriculum Assembly  
 10 Oct – Wear Yellow for Young Minds – Please donate £1  
 10 Oct - 9am - Year 5 Curriculum Assembly  
 10 Oct -2pm - Harvest Festival in school



**DON'T  
FORGET!**



## Welcome to Our New Children in Reception

*Louie Drinithiya Sophie Magnus Neil Elena Grace Georgia Hamish Teddy Lily  
Ellie Henry Anabelle Joshua Alex Zoey Rupem Nadia Josiah Eliza Oscar Eddie  
Florence Mila Antonia Dylan Regino Rebecca Misha*

