



"Be compassionate and kind to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. ." Ephesians 4:32

NO: 15

23rd May 2019

**Our Christian Collective
Worship themes for
the term are
Forgiveness**

**In this week's
newsletter:**

**Trips
Big Battery Hunt
Tennis & Cricket Event
Walk to School Day**

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

**Please
remember if you
have any
concerns or
questions
regarding
Safeguarding out
of school hours
follow the link.**

Message from the Head

We have been exploring the Christian value 'forgiveness' this term across school. I have to commend many of our children for displaying this characteristic in a range of situations that occur in school life.

We have had a very busy past few weeks with many exciting activities taking place in school. Newton Year 5 had a great STEM day at Kingston University. As part of their topic on Materials and Forces, the class took part in a range of experiments to test different hypothesis. They had a brilliant inspiring day and returned to school buzzing.

We kicked off our final run of class curriculum assemblies for this school year with Anning Year 4. The children delivered their lines beautifully and they were in full carnival spirit. The class then spent 3 nights at Hooke Court learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Please see the photos on our school website. <https://www.stjohns.kingston.sch.uk/blog>

Darwin Year 3 had a great time at the Natural History Museum learning about volcanos and earthquakes, and at Kingston University (Kingston Hill Campus), they had a day at forest school. Thank you to all the parents that supported the class during these visits.

Turing Year 6 had a very busy week with their national SATs tests. I am extremely proud of all the children. They were all focussed and in great spirit.

What a fantastic idea to have a Scavenger hunt across Kingston town. Every year our PSA think of different and exciting events to help school raise funds. This is the first time they have held a scavenger hunt. This was to replace the Fun Run in Bushy Park. The Run in the park takes up a lot of funds and it is time consuming to organise. So having an alternative event where families can still enjoy an activity together and raise funds was great. They had a fun afternoon and raised £275. This is a bit more than the fun run usually makes, so it was the right decision to try something new! Think of how much more could have been raised had more families joined in. Please try to support this and any other new events in the future. Thanks again to all who were able to take part. Well done to our hard working PSA.

Many of you are now aware that we will be saying farewell to Rev'd Vicky Maunder (our Vicar) and her family this half term. Vicky will be moving to St James' Church, West End, in Southampton. Vicky has been at the heart of our community for over 10 years and she will be sorely missed. We wish Vicky, Rob, Emma, Lucy and Holly all the best for the future. You are all welcome to attend Vicky's last service at St John's Church this Sunday at 10am. There will be light refreshment after.

Thank you to all our parents who joined us in our Gardening morning to help clear our field, garden and forest area. We will have it looking ship shape in no time.



Evie BJ in Turing Class 6 demonstrated how she really thinks and considers our planet. In her own words. "I was on the internet, looking at environment websites when I came across '50 ways to save the world.' I clicked on a link advertising things I could buy within my price range to help the planet. I saw a metal straw for £6.99 and remembered our class project, in which we wrote to plastic straw manufacturer, MPs etc. I was inspired to do my bit so I rushed downstairs to my dad and showed him. He said, 'Ok, I'll pay for it now and you can pay me back.' I have and it's a good feeling inside to know that in just a tiny way, I'm helping our world."

School Calendar?

7th June 3.20pm – Bring Toys & Books for PSA Fete Collection

10th June - Inset Day - School is Closed

11th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening

12.10-1.10pm – School Health Team visit Yr 6

15th June 12-3pm – PSA Summer Fete

17th June – Science Week - £4 per child

Choir Rehearsals during the day

6-8pm – Jnr Music Festival at Rose

20th June 9.05 – Class 5 Assembly

11.15am & 2.30pm – Nursery Sports Day

21st June – Mobile Farm Visit

27th June 9.05 – Class 6 Assembly

6pm – New Rec/Nur Parents Meeting

28th June am – Sports Day

1st July – Year 6 at Chessington World of Adventures

2nd July am – Year 2 Country Dance Festival

4th July 9.05 – Class 2 Assembly

5th July 3.20pm – Nursery Lolly Sale

9th July 3.20pm – Celebration of Work Day

11th July 6pm – Summer Concert

12th July 6pm – PSA BBQ

18th July 11.15 & 2.30 – Nursery Graduation

Last Day for Nursery

4th Sept - Inset Day - School is Closed

5th Sept – Years 1-6 Back to School

9th Sept – New Reception Children Start

23rd Sept – Old Nursery Children Back

24th Sept – New Nursery Children Start

9th Oct 2pm – Harvest Festival in Church

14th Oct – Photo Day Whole School

28th Oct – 1st Nov – Half Term

4th Nov – Everyone Back to School

18th Dec am – Nursery Xmas Party

20th Dec - Inset Day - School is Closed

21st Dec – 5th Jan – Christmas Holidays

[WEBSITE CALENDAR – MORE DATES](#)

Attendance & Lateness Information

Let us aim for 100% each week.

Class	Attendance % Wk beg 6/05	Lateness Wk beg 6/05
YR	94.2	3
Y1	98.3	4
Y2	99.1	9
Y3	94.2	0
Y4	96.3	2
Y5	96.3	5
Y6	99.2	1

Class	Attendance % Wk beg 13/05	Lateness Wk beg 13/05
YR	98.0	1
Y1	96.3	3
Y2	98.9	5
Y3	95.3	2
Y4	100	1
Y5	98.0	0
Y6	98.7	0

Big Battery Hunt

Big Battery Hunt is looking for the best battery recycling stories. We have entered our story with Manny C from Class 2 representing us as he brought in the most batteries to recycle. Each month they will pick an outstanding story to become our Battery Recycling Pioneer. Winners will receive an iPad and £500 of equipment vouchers for their school! To be in with a chance of winning we need as many likes as possible. Please use the link, find Manny C and “like” or “love” our story. <https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/your-stories/> Remember it's not about collecting the most batteries. The Big Battery Hunt Recycling Pioneers are pupils that go the extra mile and encourage others to do the same. So get recycling and bring in your used batteries.



Year 1 Church Visit



Vicky the Vicar blessed Year 1's toys and teddies.

Hurdu Gurdy Assembly



You may have seen a young woman playing the hurdu-gurdy in the streets of Kingston recently. We invited her to play for us and to explain how this most unusual instrument works. She kept us entranced with her playing and beautiful singing. There was certainly no shortage of questions from the children who were fascinated by the way the hurdu-gurdy produces the sounds.

Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament



We had our first cricket tournament yesterday and were unlucky to lose both games. However, we made 220 and 201 runs so it was a good effort against tough opposition. Well done to Alex H, Joe G, Ollie S, Rufus L, Gus F, Alex L, Thomas P and Thomas S. Thank you to Mr Hemmings for driving the minibus, Mr Murphy McVey for training them and Mr Jack Williams for accompanying the team.

House Achievements

25 Points – Bronze

Ilias D – Year 3

Summer B – Year 5

50 Points – Silver

Adam A – Year 2

Will J – Year 5

75 Points – Gold

Eve M – Year 2

Manuala T – Year 2

Sophie B – Year 5

Victoria S – Year 5

Superstar- 100

Nathan B – Year 2

Louis M – Year 5

Ariyaa K – Year 6

125 Points – WOW



Year 3/4 Tennis Event



Well done to Heidi W, Jake T and Josh S for competing in the Surbiton tennis tournament. They all improved as the tournament went on and played some great tennis. Special shout out to Josh S who won two out of his three matches.

Class 4 Assembly



Year 5 Bake Off



Some of our Year 5 are budding cooks and entered a Bake Off competition. They got through to the next round against SASM school and won! They made delicious sausage rolls and flapjacks. Well done Bake Off contestants.

Class 4 Hooke Court

Our Year 4 just got back from their educational residential trip to Hooke Court. They had fantastic weather and had a fabulous 3 nights learning about Egyptians. To see what they have been up to please use this link <https://www.stjohns.kingston.sch.uk/blog>



PSA

Next year we are looking for parents to take on roles within the PSA. We are looking for a new chairperson and treasurer. Being involved in the PSA allows you to meet new people and get involved in your child's school. We know that school funding over the last few years has been reduced and so the money raised by us has become more important. Over the last few years, we have bought furniture for three classrooms, bought a brand new set of chrome books, purchased equipment for the Early Years and textbooks for Key Stage 1. We need to make sure that we raise money so we can help the school pay for additional resources. If you are interested in taking on one of the roles, please contact Julie Morris julie.hallahan@yahoo.co.uk

The PSA is always open to new ideas and suggestions. Please talk to your rep if there is anything you would like to put forward and don't forget everyone is welcome at the meetings.



Year 5 STEM Outreach at Kingston University



Year 5 had very enjoyable Science morning at Kingston University. The children had hands on experience performing five different scientific experiments, which examined materials and forces.

Year 3 Natural History Trip



Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Natural History Museum where we learnt even more about earthquakes and volcanoes. We even got to experience what it is like to be in a real earthquake! Thanks to all of the staff and parent helpers who made the trip so successful.

Green Fingered Kids Scheme

St John's is now registered in a 'green Fingered kids scheme' at Woodcote Green Garden Centre, Wallington. If you, or family members, are shopping there please send in any vouchers to the school office. These vouchers are then claimed back and can be spent in-store on products, which benefit the children's gardening experience. For more information please use this link <https://www.woodcotegreen.com/Garden-Centre/green-fingered-kids-scheme.aspx>



Walk to School Day



On 23rd May, we celebrated walk to school day! You might have noticed Year 6 holding placards all week.

Active travel to school each day is good for you and the environment too! You can either: car share, park and stride, cycle, walk or scoot to school. Join us in celebrating walk to school day this Thursday.



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 4 May)

Monday 1 June 2020 to Wednesday 22 July 2020

INSET Dates for 2019/2020

Wed 4th September 2019

Friday 20th December 2019

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 8th June 2020

Wednesday 22nd July 2020



Class Assemblies

All class assemblies are on Thursdays from 9.05am. It lasts approx. 25 minutes.

~~9th May – Anning Class 4~~

~~23rd May – Edison Class 1~~

~~6th June – Hubble Class R~~

13th June – Darwin Class 3

20th June – Newton Class 5

27th June – Turing Class 6

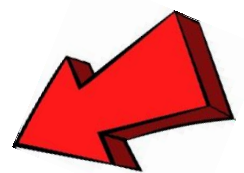
4th July – Byron Class 2



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