



Dear Parents and Pupils

It has been a pleasure to go into so many classrooms this term and to view your children's work. Over the last term our pupils have been involved in some great activities. Our Upper 4 (Year 9) pupils went to watch Woman in Black, junior pupils visited Kidzania in West London and a number of our pupils rehearsed with the Essex Symphony Orchestra.

The last half term has also been very sporty at St John's. The PE teachers have been challenging our pupils with the early morning cross country club: this hard work and determination has paid dividends as two of our senior pupils have made the National Championships in March.

It has been a pleasure to meet many parents this term and I look forward to meeting more parents over the next half term at the Parent and Grandparents Breakfasts and the Junior Parent "Coffee and Chat" morning. I wish you all a relaxing February Half Term, although for our Upper 5 (Year 11) pupils I would ask that they continue their revision throughout the holidays as GCSEs are approaching fast.



Kind regards

Andreas Angeli

Mr A Angeli, Headteacher

Next Open Morning

Wednesday 11th March 2020

Tours at 9.30am & 10.30am

Wait List in Upper 3 (Yr 7) and Upper 4 (Yr 9)

Record numbers of pupils applied for our Upper 3 (Year 7) in 2019/ 20 and two year groups are now at Wait List. The growing trend of applicants for Senior School entry has continued for September 2020 with record numbers of pupils attending our Senior School Entrance Assessment that took place on Thursday 23rd January 2020.

We are still enrolling for Pre-Reception, Reception and have some places in Kindergarten and Junior year groups. For further information please contact Mrs Cox, Registrar who can discuss the admissions procedure.

Parents, more than ever, are looking for a school with a family feel, where class sizes are small and their children are known by name and not as a number. At St John's personalised learning is key to ensuring each pupil achieves their potential.



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Cross Country Success

On Friday 17th January a large number of our Junior and Senior pupils attended Finborough School in Suffolk to compete in the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Eastern Region Finals.

All our runners performed well but a particular mention goes to two Upper 4 (Year 9) pupils Harry and Zoe who came 2nd and 5th in their races respectively and qualified for the National Finals in March.



Obertauern, Austrian Ski Trip 2020



As most of us had just welcomed in the New Year, 23 of our Senior pupils along with Mrs Moreira, Mr Murray and Mr Summers jetted off to Obertauern, Austria for the school's annual ski trip.

Pupils ranged from complete novices to advanced skiers however over the course of seven days, including five days at ski school, all were competently skiing on intermediate slopes by the end of the week. The evenings were just as much fun with a bowling trip and night skiing activity.

St John's will be returning to the slopes of Obertauern, Austria, next January and Mrs Moreira is now taking bookings from pupils that would like to experience a week on the slopes.

Upper 5 pupil makes Team GB Skating

One of our Upper 5 (Year 11) pupils, Alex, has been training hard in the world of Ice Skating. He recently tried out for Team GB and has now gained a prestigious place on the squad.

Alex trains six days a week. He regularly gets up at 4.30am, training at Alexander Palace twice a week and at the Romford rink four times a week. Despite the long hours he is extremely committed to his sport and is looking forward to his next solo and couples competitions and hopes to qualify for the British Championships later this year.



St John's has a new Equestrian Team

Due to the number of keen equestrian loving pupils at St John's and with the support of a some enthusiastic parents, Mrs Moreira has set up a St John's School equestrian team.

Team numnahs have been ordered and we are looking into the possibility of some tartan riding hat covers! If you would like further information on how to join the growing team please speak to Mrs Moreira via e-mail: h.moreira@stjohnsschool.net



We are here to listen



St John's
School Billericay

Drop In Sessions

Mr Angeli, Headteacher and Mrs Fleming, Deputy Headteacher have implemented a number of 'drop in' sessions for Prefects, Pupils and for Parents.

On Thursday 30th January they met, for the first time since being in post, with Prefects and pupils during a lunchtime drop in, These sessions have been scheduled for the foreseeable future. Mr Angeli said "We are committed to listening to the views of our pupils and truly value their input."

Pupils have initiated the purchase of better covers for the PSC football tables, suggested we improve lost property storage and shared views on Upper 5 (Year 11) revision sessions and the range of option subjects offered for GCSE.

On Monday 10th February the first drop in sessions for Kindergarten parents were held. It was well attended and Mr Angeli and Mrs Fleming valued the conversations that were had and look forward to meeting our Junior School parents on Monday 2nd March 2020 between 9am and 10am.

Positive changes from the School Council

Have you noticed the bright yellow "Friendship Stop" signs on the playgrounds? These were suggested by representatives from the Kindergarten and Junior School Council following discussions with their classmates. The signs offer a focal point for playground pals to meet by and aim to ensure that all children have a positive playground experience.

Our School Council is a group of elected children that represent the views all the pupils in school. They meet regularly to suggest improvements.

What has our newly elected School Council achieved since September?

1. Introduced a School Council suggestion box.
2. Prompted stronger air fresheners to be installed in the toilets.
3. Researched and introduced the "Friendship Stop" signs in both playgrounds.
4. Reduced the use of plastic cups in the dining hall by encouraging pupils to bring reusable bottles.
5. Requested and liaised so that menus will include more fruit dessert options after Easter.

Congratulations to our School Council! We know that you have many more ideas for this term!





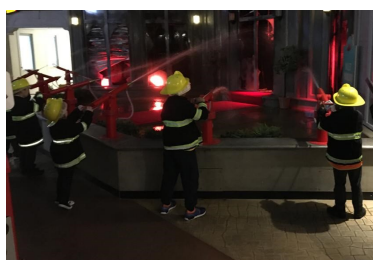
Theatre Visit

On 16th January our Upper 4 (Year 9) pupils enjoyed a performance of the Woman in Black at the Palace Theatre in Westcliff on Sea.

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

Having visited many productions over the years Mrs Zoller, Head of Drama, was passed some wonderful feedback from the Assistant Front of House Manager, David, who said; "We wanted to be sure to let you know how fantastically organised your team were and what a polite and very respectful group of children you brought. They were a real credit to your school and clearly enjoyed the performance with lots of excited jumps!" He went on to say, "You and your students were a real pleasure to have visit us. We very much hope to welcome you back soon."

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



On Friday 7th February our Junior Pupils visited KidZania in West London. The children were able to be firefighters, policemen, central heating engineers, window cleaners, vets, pilots, stand-up comedians, fashionistas and so much more! Then they were able to spend their hard earned Kidzos on fun activities like Just Dance, music workshops and lots more. Plus, our pupils were impeccably behaved waiting in line beautifully, showing off their excellent manners and representing St John's School perfectly!

KidZania blends learning and reality with entertainment, giving children the chance to build their confidence and step into some real life roles. We look forward to returning in the future.



KidZania

London



Important Information



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Morning Registration

We would like to remind parents that children start registration at 8.45am. Please ensure you arrive at school with enough time for your child to make their way to their designated meeting point for registration. If you are late your child must report to the main reception and give their time and reason for being late. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring your child/ children are on time to school.

Diary Dates 2nd Half Lent Term 2020

Mon 24 th February	INSET DAY
Tues 25 th February	RETURN TO SCHOOL SECOND HALF LENT TERM
Thurs 27 th February	UPPER 4 (YEAR 9) OPTIONS PARENTS EVENING
Thurs 27 th & Fri 28 th Feb	SENIOR SCHOOL FIRST AID TRAINING
Mon 2 nd March	JUNIOR PARENTS "COFFEE & CHAT" WITH THE HEADTEACHER
Tues 3 rd March	PRE-RECEPTION & RECEPTION PARENTS/ GRANDPARENT BREAKFAST
Thurs 5 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY (KG & JUNIOR PUPILS INVITED TO DRESS UP)
Mon 9 th March	LOWER 3 (YR 6) VISIT TO DUXFORD UPPER 4 (YR 9) PUPILS VACCINATIONS
Tues 10 th March	UPPER 5 (YR 11) PUPILS RE VISIT TO LONDON
Wed 11 th March	LOWER & UPPER KINDERGARTEN PARENT/ GRANDPARENT BREAKFAST WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING TOURS AT 9.30AM & 10.30AM
Thurs 12 th March	UPPER 5 (YR 11) PARENTS EVENING 4PM TO 6PM
Fri 13 th March	UPPER 2 (YR 5) OFFICIAL OPENING OF READING ROOMS PROJECT
Tues 17 th March	LOWER 5 (YR 10) PARENTS EVENING
Thurs 19 th March	LOWER KINDERGARTEN VISIT TO BARLEYLANDS FORM 1 (YR 3) VISIT PIZZA EXPRESS BILLERICAY
Fri 20 th March	PSC MOTHERS DAY PRESENT SALE
Mon 23 rd & Tues 24 th March	BSMA PERFORMANCE TOWNGATE THEATRE BASILDON (EVENING)
Tues 24 th March	UPPER 3 (YR 7) BIKEABILITY
Wed 25 th March	KINDERGARTEN & JUNIOR PARENTS EVENING
Fri 27 th March	BREAK UP FOR EASTER HOLIDAY

Who to Contact

Child Absence

Absence Line

☎ 01277 623070 (press option 3)

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Fee Queries

Mrs Truscott, Assistant Bursar

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Admissions

Mrs Cox, Admissions Registrar

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Please state your child's name,
form and reason for absence.

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