



Dear Parents and Pupils

As we end this Lent term, it has been one that we could never have anticipated. I am sure you will agree that as the days go by, we see increased resilience and compassion in our society, something we have always strived for in our pupils at St John's. I would like to thank all our parents for their support and understanding during such unprecedented times. I am so proud of the way in which our pupils, parents and staff have adapted to meet the needs of our current and ever-changing society. Schools are about learning and, over the last couple of weeks, everyone has had to learn new ways of using the technology at our disposal to communicate and change the way we learn at St John's. We thank you for your patience whilst this continues to evolve.

Pupils have engaged in their lessons and continued their love of learning from home. Our staff have been truly impressed by the support our parents have given to ensure our learners have utilised the educational materials and work that has been sent home for them. We will be introducing further opportunities for remote learning after the holidays.

Our main priority is looking after our pupils and staff and adhering to government advice and as we move forward over the coming weeks, I want to reassure you that we will continue to keep you informed.

I'm sure this will be challenging for us all. In such times I urge you all to remain healthy, communicate with one another and with us, as we keep the St John's community thriving as much as we can. Please stay safe.

Kind regards

Andreas Angelis

Mr A Angelis, Headteacher



Meet Members of the New Equestrian Team





Our chosen charity for 2019/ 20 is Kids Inspire. A local Chelmsford based charity, Kids Inspire helps young people who are at an educational, social or economic disadvantage. Kids Inspire helps to turn lives around and give children back their future.

Three of our pupils took it upon themselves to set up challenges of their own to help boost our charity appeal. A sponsored walk, a 15 mile sponsored run and one pupil baked cakes throughout her entire half term holiday.

Much of Kids Inspire's work involves mental health and at this current time they have set up some useful guides with advice on how to look after our mental health whilst self isolating.



World Book Day 2020

On Wednesday 11th March St John's School celebrated World Book Day in style. Pupils in the Kindergarten and Junior School took part in our annual World Book Day catwalk. Throughout the day pupils took part in book themed activities including Pre-Reception who recreated 'The Tiger who came to Tea' - they made tiger masks, created sandwiches and decorated cupcakes.



Kindergarten Parent and Grandparent Breakfasts

March brought the revival of our Parent and Grandparent Breakfast morning for children in Pre-Reception, Reception, Lower Kindergarten (Year 1) and Upper Kindergarten (Year 2). Both events were so well attended and our pupils were extremely excited to show their parents and grandparents around their classroom settings and to show them their work.

The main event though was the breakfast which included yoghurts, fresh fruit platters, croissant and Danish pastries served with fresh juice, tea and coffee.

We look forward to welcoming parents again next year!





Cross Country Success

Our Kindergarten pupils recently participated in a local cross country competition. The practice definitely made a difference as they achieved two third places and one second place.



Billericay Netball Tournament

Our Junior netball team recently took part in a local schools netball tournament. They scored an amazing 22 goals and won an impressive four out of the five matches!

Netball is not only taught in the PE lessons but is also an extra curricular club offered to both Junior and Senior pupils.

Acro-Gymnastics

As part of their PE lessons, children in Upper Kindergarten have been working on their balance skills this half term.

By the middle of March the children were able to demonstrate some of their balancing skills whilst working as part of a team.



Keeping Active Whilst at Home

In these difficult times our PE Department have highlighted the importance of being active. Exercise does not have to be outside, in a gym or on a race track, it can be done at home! Always remember to warm up first; this can involve dancing, stretching or light exercise to increase the heart rate. All will help to prepare you for more vigorous exercise. Joe Wicks, The Body Coach, has been running PE lessons online daily.

For different exercise ideas to take part in at home, please visit the following link;
<https://www.sportengland.org/news/how-stay-active-while-youre-home>

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