



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your help and support this term - it sure has been a busy one with our topic 'Extreme Earth'. The children have created brilliant non-fiction pages about natural disasters, created presentations about their natural disasters, made models to represent different weather types and geological features. They have also been on a brilliant trip to the Natural History Museum where they took part in a Rock Stars workshop which was great! In P.E. they have used the skills they developed to compete in a friendly 'End Ball' tournament in mixed Year 5/6 teams. Their tactical playing has really developed during this, especially ensuring they don't all chase the ball!

For the final term of Year 5 we are going to be focussing on the 'Road to Rio Olympics' learning about the South American culture, countries around the world, history of the Olympics and the sporting events. We are hoping to enter a national competition where we will be writing a motivational speech to the GB athletes who will be competing in the Olympics. Other learning will include how to make a website, a radio programme, measuring distances and healthy eating for athletes competing in sporting events. We are going to make headdresses for a mini carnival linked in with Sports Day. If you have any resources that might be useful for this, that you no longer need, Year 5 would be really grateful to receive them. We would really like feathers, coloured card, sequins etc..



P.E. kit

Please ensure the children have their full P.E. kit in school every day as our P.E. days often change due to events such as trips. There are still a number of children who do not have their P.E. kit when we do P.E. and are therefore borrowing kit regularly. As the nicer weather is here I am hoping we can get outside and enjoy a range of sports in the sunshine!

French

French is going really well in Year 5. Mrs Roy is doing a great job at making the lessons exciting and varied. So far we have learnt about family members, greetings, how to say our names and counting.

Clarinet

We are continuing to have our Clarinet lessons on a Tuesday so please help the children remember their clarinets for the lesson. Please encourage them to practise their clarinet at home to support the learning they have done in the music lessons. Miss Brain, the clarinet teacher, has mentioned that the majority of the class have not been on the Charanga music website for a few months so has asked me to request your support with this as it really does make a difference to the children's playing. Date for your diary - We will be having our final clarinet performance on Tuesday 5th July at 11am.



Homework reminder

There may be occasions where they get different homework, however, this is the usual expectation:

Reading	15-20 minutes at least 4 times a week	I check their reading journals daily so please ensure they have them at school every day.
Reading homework	Set every week. The children need to choose 1 of the activities from the sheet that is stuck in their reading journals. This should take about 25 minutes!	Due in on a Monday
Maths	This is usually on the mymaths.co.uk website.	Set on a Tuesday and due in the following Tuesday.
Spelling	These will either be linked to the children's phonics lessons or from the KS2 curriculum list (see attached).	Usually set on a Monday for a quiz on the Friday.

Reminder about the upcoming production

We would like all the children (both boys and girls) to dress in 1920s style clothing. The children will all need:

- Black trousers
- White shirt
- Waistcoat or blazer
- Sport shorts (with a stripe if possible)
- White t-shirt or vest
- Flat cap or trilby

We would like as many of the children to have boxing gloves, however, this is not essential. We are hoping that you might be able to find most of the items at home or can start hunting in charity shops etc... We will let you know when the costumes need to come into school. Please let us know if you have trouble sourcing any of the items.

Bugsy Malone making evening

We are going to be holding 2 making evenings to get props and backdrops ready for Bugsy Malone on **Tuesday 21st June and Tuesday 28th June between 7pm and 9pm**. We would really appreciate any help you are able to give with this so will hopefully see many of you there!

Helping Out in Year 5

We really welcome any offers of help to support our learning in Year 5 especially with reading. Please do not feel you have to come in every week if you volunteer, just turn up as and when you can and I will allocate you children to listen to. We also need occasional help when we go out on local trips. Please come and speak to me if you can help – we will really appreciate it!

As this is the final letter of Year 5 I would like to thank you all for your support, kindness and enthusiasm throughout the year. The children this year have been absolutely amazing and I can genuinely say I have enjoyed every minute of teaching them and having them in my class. In my 9 years of teaching, they are the hardest working, kindest and most enjoyable group of children I have taught.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Colbourne and Mrs Perry