



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

When we come back to school in 2017 we have lots of exciting new learning planned, based around the topic theme of 'I Will Survive'. This topic will last for the whole of the Spring term, with a focus on Famous Explorers in Term 3, and on Exploring Space in Term 4. Through this topic, we will learn about how humans have survived in a variety of challenging conditions, from Scott in the Antarctic to Armstrong on the Moon! Our work in Science, Geography, Art, P.E. and R.E. will link to our topic.

P.E and Swimming:

We have one more swimming session in January - on Tuesday 10th January 2017. The children will need their usual swimming kit, but will NOT need pyjamas for this session.

Our P.E. this term will involve measuring and improving our fitness. We will have circuits sessions, regular bleep tests, and will also take part in an exciting new initiative called Marathon Kids. The children will need their P.E. kits in school EVERY DAY as we may make use of shorter, more frequent slots to improve our fitness.

Class Dojo:

Just a reminder that we use Class Dojo to share information with you - both about what the children are up to, and to give you important messages and reminders. However, if you need to contact us, please continue to use the school email address to do so - we have, as a school, agreed to use this as our only online communication method, so that messages are logged and responded to during office hours. Sometimes the Class Dojo messaging feature isn't as reliable as it could be!

Life Skills Learning:

The Spring Term is going to be a busy one for Year 6! We are booked to visit IMPs at Henley Hospital, Junior Citizens at Oxford Fire Station, and will also have visits from the Life Bus and the Fire Safety Team. In addition, Year 6 will have a learning session from the school nurse about growing up and puberty. Please look out for letters about each of these events.

Year Book:

Once Christmas is out of the way, it will be time to start thinking about Year 6's Year Book (!) It would be really useful if you could start looking out any photos you have, including the following;

- Your child's first day at school (or one taken during their first year)
- A baby or toddler picture of your child
- Any photos you have of school events featuring the class, such as Nativity plays or class trips
- Any pre-school photos or photos taken at community events, such as the carnival

If your photos are printed, please pass them to Ms Beckett or Mrs Brotherton for scanning; if they are in a digital format, please email them to the school office email address, marked for Ms Beckett's attention. Thank you!



Term 3 and 4 Y6 dates:

3 rd January	INSET day
16 th / 17 th January	School Nurse Visits
1 st February	IMPs Visit
2 nd February	Fire Safety Visit
6 th - 10 th February	Science Week
20 th February	INSET day
21 st - 24 th February	Life Bus visit
7 th March	Junior Citizens
4 th April	Year 6 Weighing and Measuring

Please do not hesitate to come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns or send us an email via the 'office' email account – office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Ms Beckett and Mrs Brotherton