



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

This letter marks the 'beginning of the end' – your child's last term at primary school! As I'm sure you are already aware, the second half the Summer term is a busy one in Year 6, so this letter is intended to give you as much information as possible about what we will be up to over the next seven weeks.

Curriculum

The main focus of our learning after half term will be Charles Dickens' *Oliver Twist* and The Victorians. Our learning in English, Art and Design, History and Music will all be linked to our work on this book. We'll be using a variety of versions of the story, including the original text, film and TV versions, and comic strips. We'll also learn more about children during the Victorian era, making a link back to our work earlier in the year on *Street Child*. The other focus of the term will be our Dragons' Den project, which this year will have a French theme, enabling us to work on our language skills! The actual sale will be on Friday 14th July, to coincide with Bastille Day. As part of the project, we'll learn about marketing, creating persuasive advertising, product design, creating surveys, designing packaging and much more! In addition to our Dragons' Den work, we will also be designing and writing our own pages in our Yearbook, and preparing for our performance.

Homework

The main focus of our homework this term will be devoting time at home to learning our lines and song words for Oliver. I would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to spend time doing this at home so that we can concentrate on singing, acting and dancing in school!

Trips, Celebrations and Visitors

As always, Year 6 are going to get lots of lovely treats before they leave! Dates for your diary include...

Wednesday 14 th June	Year 6 Celebration and Awards Evening at The Hithercroft
Friday 7 th July	Oliver Twist - Visiting theatre production and workshop
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Party - Venue / Details TBC

Fundraising

Some of our parents are already hard at work on the Yearbook – I am VERY grateful! We need to raise some money to cover the cost of the yearbook, and hopefully to pay for some other end of year treats and goodies! Due to early cake and ice cream sales, and some generous parent donations, there is already some money in the kitty. Part of our Dragons' Den profits will be added to class funds, (some will go to charity causes). We also hope to continue to sell ice lollies and ice creams in the Junior Playground after school on Fridays (and possibly on other sunny days too!). Please let Sue Dunne (Tom's mum) know if you can help with any of this.



Key Dates

Date	Event
Monday 5 th June	Football friendly at St. John's
Tuesday 6 th June	Carnival making session after school - All welcome!
Thursday 9 th June	Carnival making session after school - All welcome!
Tuesday 13 th June	Oliver! making evening
Wednesday 14 th June	Awards Night and Celebration at The Hithercroft
Saturday 17 th June	Wallingford Carnival
Tuesday 20 th June	Oliver! making evening
Thursday 29 th June	It's Your Move - transition event
Monday 3 rd July	Sports Day
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 5 and 6 Careers Fair
Friday 7 th July	Oliver Twist performance - visiting theatre company
Monday 10 th July	Oliver! - dress rehearsal
Tuesday 11 th July	Oliver! - first evening performance
Thursday 13 th July	Transition day for Wallingford School
Thursday 13 th July	Oliver! - second evening performance
Friday 14 th July	Dragons' Den sale
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 Treat – Venue TBC
Friday 21 st July	Leavers' Assembly 12:45 pm

Friday 14th July - Dragons' Den Sale

The sale will start at 2:45 pm, and will finish at around 3:45 pm. If possible, I would like the children to stay until the end of the sale, but of course I realise that they may have other commitments that afternoon. Please complete the slip at the end of this letter to indicate what you would like your child to do.

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Child's name _____

On Friday 14th July (the Dragon's Den Sale), my child will;

- 1) Leave school as usual at 3:00 PM
- 2) Stay in school at the sale until 3:45PM, when they will be collected / may walk home (please delete as appropriate)

Signed _____ Name of Parent _____

If you have any queries or comments about any of the above arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact me via the Office email.

Thank you,

Jo Beckett