



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The class have worked very hard this term and we have been really pleased with their progress. It's been a busy term so the children definitely deserve their holiday! We have been planning next term's learning, and are delighted that our topic when we return in January will be "Chocoholics" – always a favourite of children and staff alike! Please see the attached topic grid for more information about what the class will be learning.

Forest School

Year 4 will continue to have Forest School on Monday afternoons, led by our Forest School Leader, Melanie Gravett, assisted by Julie Carr. Please make sure your child has his or her Forest School kit in school each Monday: long-sleeved top and fleece, long trousers and wellington boots, together with waterproof coat and waterproof trousers if you have them. (If not, we have some in school which can be borrowed.) Please also pop a warm hat, scarf and gloves in your child's Forest School kit bag so they are ready for any particularly wintry weather.

Swimming

As you know, the class will be having swimming lessons on Tuesday mornings, starting on 9th January 2018. If you haven't yet logged on to Parent Pay to give permission and make your payment for the coach transport, please do so. Please make sure that your child brings swimming kit (in a separate bag) to school on Tuesdays. Swimming kit consists of swimming costume, swimming hat and towel. They may bring goggles if they wish. All kit and school clothes (including shoes) should be clearly named. If, in any week, your child is unable to take part in lessons for medical reasons, please send in a note. Also, if your child needs any medication, eg inhaler for asthma, please make sure they have it with them on the day as they will not be able to take part without it.

Music Technology

The children are loving their weekly lessons in Music Technology, led by a specialist teacher from the Oxfordshire County Music Service. These lessons will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons, at no cost to parents.

Homework

Please continue to support your child with their homework. We have recently introduced Times Tables Rock Stars which are a brilliant way to practise tables facts – please remind your child to log on to take part in the activities and challenges. A reminder also to please keep encouraging your child to read at home daily as it has such a positive impact. Please also read **to** your child, as this helps them to develop a love of books, expands their vocabulary and enables them to access books at a slightly higher level than those they can read on their own.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 4th January – Start of term

Tuesday 9th January – Swimming lessons begin

Friday 26 January – Educational visit to Cadbury World

Friday 9 February – Term ends



A reminder that we are still collecting chocolate wrappers, and would also like to collect chocolate packaging to study next term. So please keep any wrappers, packaging and chocolate boxes etc from your Christmas festivities and send them in to school with your child in January. Thank you.

We are looking forward to a busy but exciting term! If you have any questions about your child's learning, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can pop in to school at drop off or collection to arrange a convenient time to meet, or contact us via an email to the school office. (office.2567@st-johns.oxon.sch.uk)

Wishing you a very happy Christmas and a relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing you in 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hannaford and Mrs Burgess