



St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely half-term – last term was short but very busy for the children so hopefully they will return rested and full of energy! We are now half-way through our Chocoholics topic, and will soon begin rehearsals for our end of term production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which we are all looking forward to. Please see the attached topic plan to see what else the class will be learning this term.

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 as we have not yet left the chilly weather behind.

Swimming and PE

Year 4's last swimming lesson is on Tuesday 20th February. It has been lovely to see the class progress in skill and confidence over the series of lessons, and we have been very proud of the high standard of their behaviour. From Tuesday 27th February the class will be having PE lessons with our specialist coach, Judith Ross. She will cover a combination of gymnastics and movement for performance, to support our production.

Music Technology

These lessons, led by a specialist teacher from the Oxfordshire Music Service, will continue to take place on Tuesday afternoons, from 27th February.

Homework

Please continue to support your child with their homework. Please remind her or him to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars to take part in the activities and challenges to help them to learn their tables facts. Each week the achievements of one pupil in each class are celebrated in our Key Stage 2 Assembly. It could be your child next week! 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

Tuesday 20th February – Last swimming lesson

Tuesday 27th February to Thursday 1st March – Parent Teacher Interviews

Thursday 1st March – World Book Day (Please see separate letter)

Thursday 15th March – Visit to Science Fair, Birmingham

Thursday 22nd March – Class photos

Monday 26th March – Performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at 1:30pm



Tuesday 27th March - Performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at 6:30pm

Wednesday 28th March – Visit to Wallingford Baptist Church for 'Easter Explored' (more information to follow)

Thursday 29th March – Break up for the Easter holidays at 1:30pm

It will be another busy but exciting term!

We look forward to seeing you next week at the Parent Teacher Interviews. Remember that if you would like to speak to one of us at any other time, please do 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)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hannaford and Mrs Burgess