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# St John's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who have attended parent teacher interviews this week. I hope you have found them useful and informative. I know there are some appointments taking place next week but if you haven't yet seen your child's teacher, please do contact the office to make an appointment.

We had an incredibly busy end of term before the half term break! We held our 'We Love Books' day including a visit from William Gryll, the author of 'Shackleton's Journey', and enjoyed lots of fantastic book character outfits. Do look at the photographs on our blog. We also enjoyed sharing our favourite books and voting for books to buy from Ali at the Wallingford Bookshop. Children should also be bringing their World Book Day vouchers home this week that can be used towards a book in any bookshop. Do look in their bags for them!

We also had a visit from the Olympic athlete, Luke Lennon-Ford, on the last day of term, who put all of the children through their paces with his circuit training. He led an assembly, telling the children about his path to success. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored the children; they raised £569.40, a really impressive amount, which will be spent on playground equipment to be used at breaks and lunchtimes.

Our Key Stage 1 playground equipment is being installed this week – and has taken a little longer than expected due to the rain. We hope it will be completed today and available for the children to use from Monday. I am sure it will really improve playtimes for the children in Key Stage 1 and they will enjoy it – they have been eagerly watching it being installed from behind the barriers and are excited to start using it. Thank you for your patience with drop off and pick up this week – we should be back to normal on Monday.

Our Year 5 and 6 children have taken part in 'Bikeability Training' – a cycling proficiency scheme, which is condensed into two full days. The children who took part have all done really well and earned their Level 2 certificate. Well done to all of them!

School Council have been encouraging everyone to think about walking, scooting and cycling to school, and have carried out a survey in each class. They have also been surveying the parking situation outside school. They will be writing a blog post about their findings. The children have discovered that 74% of our school population walk, scoot or cycle to school most days, which is well above the national average. One class even had 86% of pupils walking, scooting or cycling to school!

We have welcomed some new members of staff onto the team in recent weeks: Tracy Hill has taken up the post of Year 1 teaching assistant, Jo Underhill and Jane Atwood are new lunchtime supervisors. Welcome to you all; it is lovely to have you on the team.



The PTFA are holding their re-arranged Film Night tonight, which we hope will be well supported. They are showing 'Minions' and it is £3 on the door! The PTFA 'Bubbles and Nibbles' and short EGM is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Do come along to meet the committee and other parents. Our 'Love Your School Day' is also scheduled for this term – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Please do try and come along on Saturday morning for a couple of hours to help do some gardening, DIY and tidying jobs (there will be indoor and outdoor ones available!). It really is a big help to us.

We are looking forward to the Year 3 and 4 performance later in the term of Roald Dahl's 'Revoltin' Rhymes'!

We will be participating in Comic Relief Day next Friday and mixing it with Science. Please see the letter attached with this email. Children can wear red or dress as a Scientist.

Have a lovely weekend,

Nicky Hughes