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Dear Parents,

We have had a busy first term and I can't quite believe we are heading into the last week!

Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 enjoyed making bread whilst learning about Harvest, as well as preparing for their Harvest Assembly which they shared with the rest of the school last Friday. During the assembly Foundation Stage re-told the story of 'The Little Red Hen', and Year 1 and 2 shared what they were grateful for. We were proud of all the children who were brave when speaking in front of the rest of the school. It was the first time of doing so for both Foundation Stage and Year 1 too! Year 2 have been busy learning Circus skills for the culmination of their topic - a Circus Show which they will perform for the rest of Key Stage 1 at the end of the week. On Wednesday, Year 3 and 4 will also be conducting some Geography field work as part of their 'Go Green' topic, surveying the Bullcroft to report back on potential environmental damage should any building development take place there. Year 5 have been becoming volcano experts and Year 6 have been learning about North America, including making clay totem poles.

I was really pleased that so many children put themselves forward for School and Eco Council this term, preparing speeches at home and delivering them to their classes. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for election! The children had some great ideas on how to be more environmentally conscious as a school, as well as general improvements to St John's. The elections took place on Friday and we announced the successful candidates in assembly. Thank you to all of you who helped the children prepare their speeches at home. We look forward to our first meetings after half term.

We will be arranging virtual parent teacher interviews during the week beginning 8th November and you will receive an email this week inviting you to book an appointment with your child's teacher.

We are able to take an extra day's holiday this year in lieu of the bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee which falls in May half term. We will therefore be taking an additional day's holiday on Monday 4th July. This date was not in the original school dates, so do please put it in your diaries - hopefully it will be a nice opportunity for a long weekend in the summer term. A reminder too that Monday 1st November, the day after half term, is an INSET day.

Our parent librarians have been working hard to keep our KS2 library tidy and well stocked, for which we are very grateful! They have also told us that around 200 books have been borrowed and not returned. This is probably largely due to books being borrowed before and during school closures. If you have any St John's library books floating around at home - including those borrowed by children who may now have left - please do return them. Thank you.

Don't forget to order your Christmas wreath making kits from the PTFA and look out for your child's Christmas card designs which we will be able to share with you shortly after half term!

Have a lovely half term break next week.

Kind regards,

Nicky Hughes

