

Success at East of England Athletics Championships—Chelmsford

This was an extremely successful event for the school, probably our best ever. Several parents came to support our pupils who achieved the following results:

Karnel Asher;

60m—Gold, 100m—Silver, Long Jump—Bronze, Ball Throw—5th place

Marangela Sirchia;

60m – Gold, 100m – Silver, Ball Throw – Gold, Standing Long Jump—Silver

Shaunagh Lea;

200m – Gold, 100m – Gold, Javelin – Gold, Long Jump – Gold



Message from Amanda

This half term has seen more pupils out and about, enjoying success at sporting events, and shopping and visiting different places on community access.

We have welcomed Chris Brooker to the St John's family as our new Premises and Facilities Manager this half term and he has already made a fantastic start on organising the work that needs doing around school and creating resources for the pupils.

Sadly, we say goodbye to two members of staff: Marian MacDonald, class teacher M2, and Zena Ecott, Finance Manager.

We wish them all the best.

Have a lovely half term break

Amanda



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Sainsbury's Vouchers



Thank you to everyone who has sent in the Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers. Closing date to bring them into school is Friday 5th June.

Mufti Days

The following amounts have recently been raised by holding Mufti days at the school

SWAN (Syndromes without a name)
£111.96

World Book Day – £47.50

Sponsored Bike Ride

Nicola Judd will be taking part in a sponsored 20km bike ride on 20th June at Woburn Abbey, raising money for St Johns School. If anyone would like to sponsor her please follow the link <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/NicolaJudd>



Carers Grants

Carers in Bedfordshire administer Carers Grants on behalf of NHS Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to enable **unpaid carers**, who provide **substantial care**, to access a *break, activity, service or training*, to improve their health or wellbeing. They offer a 'Main Carers Grant' and a 'Young Carers Grant'. Please contact school and ask to speak to Emily if you would like more information or an application form.



Deaf Awareness Week



Deaf Awareness week was once again celebrated at St John's during the first part week of May. We enjoyed singing and signing, sign hunts, a 'dress loud' themed mufti day, signing snap and bingo games. We also had sign only lessons and registration time, which one teacher described as "fantastic." Staff and pupils had fun and learnt new signs during the week. A huge thank you to everyone: together the School raised £112.85 for the National Deaf Children's Society.



The school's Communication Support Assistant, Lorraine Ball, would like to thank all the pupils and staff for supporting the week.

Absence

Please remember to ring the school office and transport each day your child is absent from school.

M5 Meet the Gruffalo

If you go down to the woods today ...



Students from M5 tracked down a friendly Gruffalo during some story telling at forest school.

Joe Gibson - Music Therapy

A massive thank you to everyone who sponsored teacher Joe Gibson for running the Paris Marathon this Easter. He helped to raise £855 for Music Therapy Bedfordshire who work with a number of our students.



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Funday



Don't forget our American themed Funday on Saturday 4th July from 11am - 2pm. There will be lots of stalls for both adults and children with a few surprise guests to make our children happy. Ice creams and BBQ refreshments will be available. Games galore. Come along and have a good time.

Minibuses

We have enjoyed the use of our minibuses for quite a few years now but would love to be able to replace them. If you know of any business or charities that would be able to help us out financially please let the office know.

Dates for your Diary

June:

Tuesday 9th June — SJSSA MTG 7.45pm

Saturday 13th June — Family Swim

Saturday 27th June—Family Swim

July:

Saturday 11th July — Family Swim

School Summer Holiday

Friday 17th July 2015 — Monday 7th Sept 2015

Pupils return to School on Monday 7th Sept 2015

Tote Bags

The St John's Tote Bags are selling fast — if you haven't already bought one send your money and order into the office quickly.

Date of return to school

Pupils return to school on

Monday, 1st June 2015