

The St John's Journal



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'Together we have the roots to grow and the wings to fly!'

From Mrs Marsland

Here we are nearly at the end of another academic year, and what an unusual and, at times, challenging year it has been again. I want to take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the whole of the St John's community; we have navigated another difficult year with a real sense of togetherness.

Despite the challenges there has been lots to celebrate too: Headteacher Awards in person and back in the hall, Sports Day, Sports Awards, Year 4 Leavers' Play and music concerts with a live audience, school trips, the May Fair and after school clubs. It has been lovely to be able to welcome you back in to school to share these moments with you again.

Thank you to all of you marvellous parents, for your patience and support; we really do appreciate the kind messages you have sent in to us. Thank you to my awesome staff team and to the governors; every one of you has been phenomenal! You are all amazing colleagues who have put heart and soul into this last year making it the best you possibly can for our little people. I couldn't be prouder of you all. Most importantly, thank you to all of your children, who have been equally awesome. They have had another disrupted year, but have all shown great resilience and positivity. Again, I couldn't be prouder!

We've only got two days left before the summer holidays, and what a busy two days they will be:

Monday 25 th	Year 1 Weston-super-Mare Trip Choir/Music Concert – 2pm Year 4 BBQ/Disco – 5-7pm End of Year Party - Reception
Tuesday 26 th	End of Year Parties – Year 2 & Year 4 Year 4 Leavers' Service – 9-10.30am

We respectfully request that **only Year 4 Parents** attend the church service on Tuesday, as there is not enough space to accommodate everyone.

So Long, Farewell

On Thursday this week we held a special collective worship to say an enormous thank you and a rather special farewell to four members of staff, and to celebrate their time at St John's.

Mrs Marsland had written alternative lyrics to the song 'So Long, Farewell' from the Sound of Music, which children and staff had rehearsed the day before in secret. Ms Priddle, Miss Brimson, Miss Broderick and Mrs Banks (representing her daughter, Mrs Rylatt) sat in special thrones on the stage while staff and children sang to them, shared memories, and presented them with memory books, flowers and gifts. We counted up the years they had given to St John's over the years in total, and it turned out to be an incredible 58 years - an amazing amount of time given by four amazing ladies!

They will all be very much missed, but we wish them all the very best for the future, and we sincerely hope they will come back to visit their St John's family from time to time.



Welcome to:

As well as Miss Birkett, Mrs Murtaugh and Mrs O'Toole joining us in September, I am delighted to announce that Miss McBryde will be joining Mrs Budd teaching our new 'Seedlings' class, and Mrs Dunbar as a Learning Support Assistant, also in Seedlings.

Playground Markings

Have you had a close look at our brilliant new playground markings? The children certainly have! Playtimes have been even more fun with children being inspired to create new games as well as playing old favourites on these wonderfully colourful permanent markings.

Well done to our House Captains – not only for the ideas and the planning, but for helping to raise the funds to pay for them too!



Wishing you all a well-deserved enjoyable and restful summer holiday with your families, when we get there! Please stay in touch with your news and photos on the closed Facebook page.

School restarts on Tuesday 6th September.