

# NEWSLETTER



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Term 5: Week 1

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April

Rainbow Award Winners

Week 1

Reception – Matilda & Isaac

Year 1 – Finlay

Year 2 – Dollie

Year 3 – Huxley

Year 4 – Athena

Year 5 – Mason

Year 6 – Marco

## School Calendar Dates

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April - First Day of Term 5

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April – INSET DAY

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – *The Friends* Quiz Night

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Coronation Picnic and School Discos

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photos

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June – *The Friends* Family Trek (School Field)

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - INSET Day

House points:



Celebration Assembly



Celebration assembly was lovely this morning. We celebrated plenty of enthusiasm, positive attitudes, collaboration, independence, focus, independence and children taking on responsibilities - all of our learner skills and behaviours! We also celebrated the beginning of a new chapter for Mrs White, whose last day is Monday. She has been so supportive in her role, and brought such joy to our entire school community with her fantastic sense of humour. We will miss her immensely and wish her all the best in what comes next!



## School News

### Author Visit

On **Tuesday 25th April**, **Jacqueline Wilson** will visit **school** to deliver an assembly and be interviewed by some Y6s.

Jacqueline Wilson has written over 100 books for children which most often feature realistic topics such as adoption and divorce. She has received many awards, been appointed an OBE and DBE, has served as the Children's Laureate and serves as a patron of many charities, including the East Sussex Foster Care Association (ESFCA). Many of Jacqueline's books have been dramatised and adapted for TV, including the well-known stories of Tracy Beaker.

We've been able to arrange this through Mrs Beesley (parent/carer governor), who knows Jacqueline Wilson through her work for the ESFCA - thank you!

Jacqueline will not bring any books to sell but children are welcome to bring books for her to sign if they would like. We will also organise a bake sale to raise funds for the ESFCA.

It is very exciting to be able to welcome such a renowned author to our school!



As a way of thanking Jacqueline Wilson for her visit to our school, we will create a coin mosaic to fundraise for the East Sussex Foster Care Association, a local charity of which she is a patron. Although our mosaic won't be as intricate as some of these examples, we will create the acronym ESFCA with any and all coins that are donated. Please start collecting change!



## Celebrating Diversity

Eleni (Year 4) went to Cyprus over Half term to celebrate Orthodox Easter, it's a huge occasion, and held over a month. Here she is standing in Ayios Lazaros church, behind her are the remains of Saint Lazaros, who was buried in Larnaca and the church was built around his tomb.





A colorful poster for the 'DCAT In Bloom' competition. At the top, the DCAT logo (Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust) is displayed with a sun, clouds, and butterflies. Below the logo, the text 'In Bloom' is written in a green, cursive font. The background features a green hill with various colorful flowers and a small brown bird. The text on the poster is as follows:

**CALLING ALL KEEN GARDENERS!**

**St John's Meads is joining other DCAT schools in their 'DCAT In Bloom' competition. We would be grateful if you could help us by contributing to our potted plant display!**

**We would love you to create your masterpiece over the Easter Holidays and bring it into school with you during the week of 17th April 2023.**

**All pots should be able to be carried to stand up on their own outside in all weathers. They should also be clearly marked with your name.**

**Please bring them to the office so we can display them outside against the wall by the Reception Class! We will use our green fingers to keep them watered and in good health as they grow.**

**We really hope you all enjoy this challenge and that the children enjoy choosing the flowers and watching them bloom.**

## Out of School Achievements



Hollie (Year 6) won a swimming award at her swimming club on Saturday. The award was given to her by her coaches for her effort in training and progression.

Amelia (Year 4) went to Google HQ in London with her Brownies group over the Half term. Their unit learned how to code and how it enabled her and friends to make shapes and colours onto an 'imagicharm' and enable mechanical robots to walk. Amelia wants a career as a coder now!!!



## Friends News



**QUIZ and Curry NIGHT**  
27TH APRIL 2023 @ THE SHIP INN, MEADS

DOORS OPEN 7PM  
FOOD @ 7.30PM SHARP

**£15**  
PER PERSON  
INCLUDES:  
**CHOICE OF CURRY & QUIZ ENTRY**

**GO FOR GOLD!**  
To celebrate the Coronation, come with your finest gold, nails, clothes, hair, crowns and accessories!

6 - 8 PEOPLE PER TEAM

To book your place, please visit:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa)

BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE ON THE 25TH APRIL  
All funds raised go towards facilities for St. John's Meads School, to advance the education of its pupils. Reg. charity Number: 1106227

### QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

Please join us for the quiz on **27th April, 7pm** Ship Inn Meads. Grab some of your fellow parents, family, and friends (teams of 6-8 people) and come along for a fun night of curry and quizzing. If you need help booking or want to join a team, please do get in touch with your class reps. To book please visit: [www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa)



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S MEADS PRIMARY SCHOOL  
INVITE YOU TO:

**Glow DISCO**  
with live DJ  
& supervised by parent volunteers

**FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023**  
St John's Meads School Hall

Y1, 2 & 3 16:00 - 17:15  
Y4, 5 & 6 17:30 - 19:00  
Reception will have a free mini disco after lunch, no need to book

Tickets on sale:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa)  
£3.50 per child  
(incl glow stick & treat on the night)

Registered Charity No 1106227

### DISCO

It's finally disco time on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May!** We are so excited to be able to host some dancing fun for your little ones... it's sliding on your knees a go go! If your child has a specific need, please do contact your Friends rep to discuss this.

**Tickets:** £3.50 per child (includes glow stick and a treat)

**Timings:** Years 1, 2, 3: 4pm-5.15pm / Years 4, 5, 6: 5.30pm-7pm

*(Reception will have a free mini disco during school time, 2.30-3pm. No need to book in for this)*

**Book here:** [www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa)

### BAG2SCHOOL

If you are having a clear out over Easter... we have arranged a Bag2school clothing donation collection at 9am on 12th May. **Please save any clothing donations at home** and then bring them in sealed bags **on 11th May from 3.15pm**. We get paid per kilo, so the more you bring the more we raise!

