



# NEWSLETTER

Term 3, Week 6 2020

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*This week, children from Years 5 & 6 took part in a Swimming Gala.*

We came 8th overall, with Joel and Alexa making it into the finals for the boys and girls backstroke. Well done all!



In assembly, we found out that Terence Swann has recently spent some of his spare time volunteering, by going with his dad

and his St Bernard dog Leonard to visit visually impaired adults at RNIB Wavertree House. The activities organiser commended Terence for being 'very supportive' with the residents and commented on how lovely it is for a young person to give up their own time to make a difference to others. We agree and are very proud of you Terence.

Today I met with the School Council who have been doing some research on local charities we could support. From our discussions, they are keen for us to support the work of Chestnut Tree House (the children's hospice for Sussex). We'll keep you updated on this in the coming weeks as they generate fundraising ideas.

A massive thank you to our amazing super hero dads Pete James and Paul Neill who came to the rescue on Monday and made the Rowsley Road entrance and perimeter fence safe again after the damage caused by the storm.



I feel very blessed to be part of a school with such kind-hearted children and supportive parents (including our fabulous 'Friends') working for the good of the school and the wider community.

Have a lovely half term. Hopefully the weather will be better than predicted!

*Katherin Weeks*



## Term Dates and Coming Events

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February Last Day of Term 3**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February School Open—Term 4**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2.30pm-3.30pm Aurora Coffee –Drop in**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February Year 3 Swimming Starts**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April Last Day of Term 4**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2.30pm Easter Service at St John's**

## Rainbow Awards:

Reception: Lysander Haines

Year 1: Athena Damurakis

Year 2: Tristan Pilliner

Year 3: Lydia Richards

Year 4: Sophie Crossley

Year 5: Rory Hawkins

Year 6: Daisy Hill

## Collective Worship

### *More ...*

Continuing with the ongoing theme of trying to be 'More...', last term's collective worship focus was about being *More... Determined*. The following children were chosen for showing determination throughout the term.

Reception - Elliot Birley & Elene Scoufarides

Year 1 – Freddie Cornwall & Lillie-Mae Godfrey-March

Year 2 – Olivia Wright & Alessio Maciboba-Bisco

Year 3 – Isabella Jones & Penny Pike

Year 4 – Klevis Marku & Josephine Whitecross

Year 5 – Diggory Sleep & Daisy De Castro

Year 6 – Grace Andrews & Erik Stevens

## Mr Stone's Writing Group

***We are very grateful to Mr Stone who gives up his time two afternoons a week to work with pupils in Years 4 and 6 on their writing. During one of these sessions they were focusing on the theme of space.***

"Nothing. Blackness and darkness. Nothing. A small flicker of light glowing silently in the bleak, slowly absorbing dark. Lighter and brighter so the eye can see. Then another glow and more to come, lighting up the black planet of space. Stars shining, glowing in the pitch, flickering on and off like a torch running out of battery. Then something larger comes into view, a planet with green and blue. Life shone brighter than all the stars together, beaming from the strange world. Then more light came into sight, rising up in a flight. All was still, dim in the bleak, until a yellow golden glow came from below. As the fiery flicker rose upwards, all was light. This was our space."

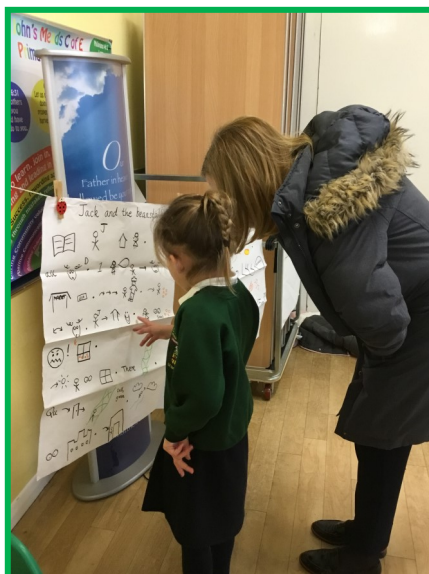
*Daisy Hill Year 6*

## Year 1 Trip to the Downs

On Wednesday, Year 1 went on a Geography field trip to the Downs. They have been learning about places in England and the difference between a town and the countryside. They walked up on to the Downs and looked at nature, they then drew sketches of the views over Eastbourne. They pointed out landmarks in the town, such as the pier and churches.



## Year 2 Happy Healthy Activity Afternoon



## Thrive

Thrive - What is it?

Thrive is St John's Meads' whole school approach to developing happy, healthy, confident children who are ready and open to learning. Thrive is based on the insights of neuroscience and child development and provides a framework for working with children to support social and emotional development. Children at St John's Meads access Thrive through whole class targets and PSHE lessons. Some children may also be invited to be part of a small group.

For more information, please see information can be found at [thriveapproach.com](http://thriveapproach.com)

The Thrive Approach draws on insights from these fields to provide a powerful way of working with children and young people that supports optimal social and emotional development. In addition, the Approach can equip you to work in a targeted way with children and young people who may have struggled with difficult life events to help them re-engage with life and learning.

Let's help every child  
**thrive**

# Friends News

## Fundraising with Tesco

The focus this year for fund raising is the conversion of the playground out-building. A nice indoor area where children can read and relax during break times. An incredible £918 was raised through selling all the books that were kindly donated by parents and carers at the beginning of December. Tesco at Langney Shopping Centre and Tesco Lottbridge Drove kindly sold our books and raised this incredible amount of money for our school. Thank you to Irene and Nikki at the Tesco stores for all their help and a huge thank you to everyone who kindly supported us.



**WINE TASTING**  
20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 7:30pm

HELP US TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF EXPERT-LED WINE TASTING AND SOCIALISING AT LEVELS, 14 GRAND HOTEL BUILDINGS, EASTBOURNE

**LEVELS**

£25  
Includes 6 taster wines, cheese and charcuterie.



Event open to parents and carers, family, friends and teachers of St John's Meads School.

Please visit <http://bit.ly/38fx5B> or contact your reps for tickets.

Thank you, The Friends x

## St John's Meads Summer Ball 20th June 2020

Please save the date 20th June 2020. The Friends are very excited to be hosting a Summer Ball at The View Hotel, in the stunning Horizon Suite. There will only be a limited amount of tickets so please think about inviting your friends and family. This will be wonderful event. Tickets will be on sale soon via the Friends of Meads Association website priced at £49.95 each and payable in 2 payments.

More information will be coming out soon.

Save the Date

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S

**SUMMER BALL**

MEADS PRIMARY SCHOOL

20th June 2020

The View - Horizon Suite



HM Government



# CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours.

To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)