

NEWSLETTER



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Term 5: Week 3

01st – 05th May 2023

Rainbow Award Winners

Week 3

Reception – Esme

Year 1 – Josh

Year 2 – Jubilee

Year 3 – Aria

Year 4 – Maybelle

Year 5 – Ted

Year 6 – Marigold

School Calendar Dates

Monday 24th April – INSET DAY

Thursday 27th April – *The Friends* Quiz Night

Monday 1st May – Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May – Coronation Picnic and School Discos

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday

Friday 26th May – Class Photos

Saturday 17th June – *The Friends* Family Trek (School Field)

Saturday 15th July – Summer Fayre

Friday 21st July - INSET Day



House points Winners Week 3 : JADE (well done!)

Celebration Assembly

We are enjoying the special efforts children (and staff) have gone to in wearing celebratory outfits today - everyone is looking fabulous!

To celebrate this weekend's special events, each class presented on the specific element of the coronation that they have been learning about: Reception: The recognition Year 1: The oath Year 2: The anointing Year 3: The investiture Year 4: The enthronement Year 5: Homage - orb and sceptre Year 6: The Coronation emblem.

We celebrated lifeguard, windsurfing and golf achievements outside of school by Lena, Aban, William, Dawson and Elizabeth. Well done to you all, fantastic efforts, keep up the great work.

School News

Author Visit – Jacqueline Wilson

What a Joy it was this week to welcome Jacqueline Wilson, children's international best-selling author, to St John's Meads.

Jacqueline arrived first thing, adorned with her beautifully chunky silver rings and cheerful demeanour, ready to meet the children and talk about one of her new books '*The Other Edie Trimmer*', and further enthuse our young learners about writing and what it means to be a successful author.

Jacqueline attended the children in our whole school assembly, where she explained to the children about how she approaches her writing; weaving little things from real life into her books (*including her new puppy Molly!*) but never real people!

Dame (did you know she was a Dame?) Jacqueline Wilson became a Patron for East Sussex Foster Care Association (ESFCA) back in 2012 following her success and poignant highlight of foster care work and children, within her infamous book series 'Tracy Beaker'. Jacqueline has commented that *'I've been involved with foster care associations ever since I wrote my book The Story of Tracy Beaker and I'm always impressed by the care and dedication of foster carers, but I think everyone at ESFCA are the absolute best.'*

Afterwards, Jacqueline undertook a brief tour of our lovely school, commenting what a beautiful library space we had and could offer the children. Once in the library she was joined by a selection of well-prepared Year 6 learners, who had come ready with questions they had thought about within their recent English lesson.

Here are some example questions from our brilliant Year 6's : What type of beginnings and endings do you prefer to use for your books? Does it always take a long time to accumulate a good story? What is the most memorable thing from your childhood that stays with you to this day? Do you enjoy your role at the East Sussex Foster Care Association? What inspired you to become a writer? What was your favourite book as a child? Do you ever feel like giving up in the middle of a book? Did you have anyone who convinced you to start your writing career, or someone who helped and supported you, or both?

Finally, Jacqueline finished her visit with a book signing session where, clearly, she had perfected her technique, having undertaken such a task many, many times beforehand. The children from across our year groups had left their favourite Wilson stories, ready for Jacqueline to personalise and sign. What a special treat!

A big THANK YOU to Jacqueline for her time, encouragement and kindness. We loved welcoming you to SJM and look forward to seeing you again very soon.

A huge well done to our Year 6 learners for their great questions and to all of our young learners for their impeccable behaviour (as commented on by Jacqueline!), manners and great questions throughout. What a lovely way to further embed their learning and encourage them to continue to enjoy not only reading, but story-telling too! Keep up the fantastic work. We are very proud of you all.



DCAT In Bloom



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In bloom

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.

Friends News

DISCO

What a fantastic DISCO we had last Friday, the children has a brilliant time. As ever, a big THANK YOU to the Friends for organising this very popular event. An extended THANK YOU to our parent/carer community who, as ever, were kind enough to come forward and volunteer their help at both events. Finally, a big THANK YOU to our staff who also took time to help and assist on the night.

We look forward to the next event very soon!



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
£3.50 per child
(incl glow stick & treat on the night)

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BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION – Friday 12th May

Bag2School is a fundraising initiative that collects unwanted textiles (clothing, shoes, linen etc.) and in return pays cash to our school. Their van will be dropping by next Friday 12th May so why not get sorting those cupboards this bank holiday!



- 1) Using any bag, simply fill it with 'good quality' textiles. Click to see what items you can donate [Bag 2 School](#)
- 2) Leave your bag in 'The Zone' (open shed area at back of playground) on Thursday 11th May; during afternoon pick up, or Friday 12th May; during morning drop off.

Where do all the bags go?

Bag2School takes your unwanted items and sells them to importers and wholesalers all over the world. For example, your donations may end up in a second hand store in Eastern Europe, or a market stall in West Africa, providing both valuable employment and affordable clothes for local people.

Happy sorting and thank you!

THE QUIZ NIGHT
RAISED OVER
£570
TO SPEND ON LOVELY
BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY...
Thank you everyone!

CHINESE NIGHT Fundraiser

If you missed out on the recent pub quiz curry night, don't worry...we've got another social night hot on its heels. You're invited to our Chinese Night Fundraiser at the brilliant **Xing Fu in Meads** on **24 May**. Come along for a fun night out whilst at the same time raising money for new reading book sets for all year groups! All parents/carers and friends are very welcome.

• Wednesday 24 May, 7pm • £17.95 per person • Xing Fu, Meads Street • Ticket includes: Two course meal plus complimentary prawn crackers & jasmine tea.

How to book: >> Book tickets online at www.pta-events.co.uk/stjohnsmeadsfmsa



The Friends of St John's Meads
invite you to our

CHINESE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY, 7PM

Xing Fu, Meads Street,
Eastbourne, BN20 7RG

**£17.95
PER PERSON**
TICKET INCLUDES: TWO COURSE MEAL
PLUS COMPLIMENTARY PRAWN CRACKERS
AND JASMINE TEA

**PRIZE RAFFLE
+ KARAOKE ROOM
ON THE NIGHT!**

BOOK ONLINE AT
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 **FRIENDS**
Funds raised will go towards purchasing new books
for the school library. Registered Charity Number: 1106227.

FAMILY TREK – 17th June

Save the Date – More details to follow soon!