

The end of the academic year is fast approaching and first of all I want to thank parents for their continued support during these challenging times. I also want to thank the children who have not been able to return for continuing their home learning - I have seen some amazing work completed and even saw one pupil who had filmed himself using Loom! I was incredibly impressed.

In school the 'bubbles' have also been working hard and continue to have staggered start and finishing times, lunches delivered to classrooms, separate break times and separate lunch times. The children and staff member stay with one bubble and are not allowed to work in a different bubble at any time. Unfortunately, this means that children don't always get to see their peers but it means we are keeping strictly to government guidelines.

The bubbles currently working in school:

- Three Year 6 bubbles
- Three Reception bubbles
- Two Year 1 bubbles
- Three Key worker/vulnerable children bubbles

Every child continues to have their temperature taken every morning. Any sports equipment used is washed thoroughly after each break, Mr Welch can be seen sitting in the corner of the pitch washing footballs after every lesson and Mrs Ostler washes musical instruments after every use.

Next week you will receive notification of who your child's class teacher is. Meanwhile, there are a few other important notices.

Please see the following page for information about your child's end of year report and information about booking a follow up telephone call, should you wish to do so.

The staff are organising to say goodbye to their class over Zoom, this will be towards the end of the last week and parents are encouraged to be in the room while this takes place. Please discuss this with your child and encourage them to prepare a few words to say to their teacher and to their friends as they will each have the opportunity to say something. There may be party games and dancing!

The staff are preparing a welcome video for their new class. This will be sent out on Monday, 13th July.

We are so disappointed not to be having our usual end of year activities: Year 2 and Year 6 residential visits, sports day, the Art Gallery and the end of year parties. The staff leading the Y6 bubbles (with help from Mrs Ostler) are organising something very different for the Y6 end of year performance and I can't wait to see it - separate bubbles and socially distanced!

The most recent government guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

Your child's report will be emailed to you on Tuesday, 7th July. If you would like to discuss this with your child's class teacher then you will be able to make an appointment for a telephone conversation. Please see details below. You will need to go online to book this appointment. Please see the information below which has been emailed separately.

Your child's report will be emailed to you on Tuesday, 7th July and you will have the opportunity to discuss this report with your child's class teacher, should you so wish. We have organized an appointment system for these telephone calls, which are to be held as follows:

- **Nursery - Friday 10th July**
- **Reception – Friday, 10th July**
- **Years 1 and 2, - Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July**
- **Years 3 – Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th**
- **Year 4C – Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th**
- **Year 4S – Thursday 9th and Friday 10th |**
- **Year 5 - Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July**
- **Year 6 Friday 9th from 2.00pm and Monday 13th July**

If you would like to discuss your child's report, you will need to go online to make an appointment. There is a link on the school website taking you directly to the booking system. Alternatively, type the following address into your URL bar; <http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/stjohnsce>

Logging in

You will need the information, which you have given on the data collection sheets:

1. Your own first and surname
2. Your child's legal first name and legal surname
3. Your child's date of birth

The system will be live from **9am, Tuesday 7th July 2020** and will be open to take your bookings until **3pm, Wednesday 8th July 2020**. You will **not** be able to make an online booking after this time.

Normally, we would be discussing issues in class and in assemblies, as we have not been able to do this we will be addressing discrimination and Black Lives Matter on our return in September. It is our duty as teachers to equip our children with knowledge and understanding so that they can make a change and show that racism will not be tolerated.

Please click on this link to a [Virtual Library](#) which houses books that can be shared with your child.

Click [here](#) for a really useful document entitled 'A Parents Guide to Black Lives Matter.'

It was a huge privilege to receive this letter from the NSW government this week. A huge thank you to everyone for their support and especially to Miss Synnott for organising the fundraising events.



The Honourable Matt Kean MP
Minister for Energy and Environment

MD20/833

Mrs Barbara Wightwick
Headteacher
St John's Walham Green
Church of England Primary School

By email: admin@stjohnsce.lbhf.sch.uk

Dear Mrs Wightwick

It was brought to my attention by Mr Peter Synnott, the father of one of your teachers, Ms Louise Synnott, that earlier this year, the students and staff at St John's Walham Green primary school raised money for the Australian Red Cross and Wires in support of the people and wildlife that were affected by the NSW bushfires.

I am grateful for the efforts of students and staff to help support us through what was an unprecedented and tragic time for many affected communities in NSW. This was a heart-warming initiative undertaken by your school and on behalf of myself, the NSW Government and the people of NSW, I would like to thank you.

I applaud the various initiatives that the school community was involved in during January 2020, such as the second-hand book and toy sale, dressing in Australian colours day and copper coin donations to raise money to support NSW and its wildlife.

Your students may be interested to know that we are also working hard to support the recovery of our native wildlife and our natural environment. We have prepared a plan called *Wildlife and Conservation Bushfire Recovery: Immediate Response* that outlines what we have done already, including providing food and water to injured animals, and how we will continue to protect wildlife and support the natural recovery process that has already started in many areas.

Your students will be pleased to know that we are also providing financial support to wildlife carers and rehabilitators, including those volunteers who rescue more than 100,000 animals every year. The NSW Koala Strategy also outlines our plans to protect and increase koalas in NSW by purchasing more koala habitat and to improve koala health and safety. These initiatives are even more important since the impact of the bushfires.

Your students can find information about what we are doing to protect the environment on the NSW Government's website at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au.

Once again, thank you for the support of the St John's Walham Green school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'MKean'.

Matt Kean MP
Minister for Energy and Environment
2.6.20
CC: Mr Peter Synnott and Ms Louise Synnott

Please pass on my personal thanks for the amazing work of your students + teachers.



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