



# GOLDEN EAGLE

"Love one another"

21st July, 2017

## DIARY REMINDERS

**Wednesday,  
6th September**

**Return to school**

**Nursery and Reception  
phased return after visits**

## PTFA NEWS

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept**  
**Nursery and  
Reception Parents  
'Welcome' Coffee**  
**Morning 9am**

**Wednesday 20th Sept**  
**Annual General  
Meeting & Parents  
Social Evening 7pm**

**w/c 2nd Oct**  
**Class rep meeting**

**Friday 13 Oct**  
**Year 6 – Bake sale**

**Friday 10 Nov**  
**Year 5 – Bake sale**

**Saturday 2nd Dec**  
**Winter Fair**

The end of another brilliant year at St. John's. It's been an incredibly busy (sometimes challenging) yet fun-filled one with great successes.

A successful SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) in October, three successful moderations of each key stage and a long-awaited Ofsted (we look forward to the report in September).

We've strengthened our links with the Church and continued our collaborative work with local primary schools. I would like to thank the PTFA for all their hard work and support this year—an amazing effort from so many parents. The kindness and generosity of our community was evidenced in the fundraising for Grenfell.

We're saying goodbye to five of our teachers this year: Mr Furniss (off on his travels), Mrs Cole (to work nearer home), Mrs Bryant (to live in Luxembourg), Miss Hagger (to work nearer home) and Miss Hachey (to return to Canada). We also said goodbye to Mrs Davison who has taken retirement after working at St. John's for 32 years—what an achievement! We wish them luck and success for the future.

In assembly today we also said goodbye to a number of our pupils who are also off to pastures new and wished them good luck and success.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and we look forward to another successful year when we welcome our new Nursery and Reception children and parents—and our new staff members.

**From all the staff at St. John's please have a safe and happy holiday!**

## WELL DONE TO ALL THE PUPILS WHO ACHIEVED 100% ATTENDANCE THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

Our whole school target this year was 96% and we are pleased to say that we achieved **96.2%** of overall pupils attendance.

## FUND RAISING FOR GRENFELL TOWER

We are absolutely amazed by the kindness and generosity of our school community. Since our last count, we have now raised a total of £6,177.79 for the survivors of Grenfell Tower.

What a wonderful testament of our school motto: 'love one another'.



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## LATIN CLUB TRIP

Spirits high, thirty-two members of the Latin Club and accompanying adults set out for Paddington on Monday morning, bound for Bath. We found our reserved seats and had a very comfortable journey, arriving only slightly behind schedule. Our entry to the museum was similarly streamlined, and we were soon viewing the wondrous Great Bath from the 18<sup>th</sup> century gallery above, gradually working our way down through the various rooms of the museum until we were next to the bright green water, treading the worn marble slabs where the Romans had once relaxed and taken their baths. We met a real Roman lady who explained all about Roman make-up.



The source of the spring, where the rock is stained orange by the minerals deposited and the water comes out of the rock at a temperature of 45 degrees C, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, is an awe-inspiring sight. Mrs Ostler was disappointed that the drinking fountain dispensing pure Bath water was closed for maintenance, so we could not taste the waters. All the children visited the shop, and Helena was able to add to her collection of wooden swords. Some opted for pencil sharpener trebuchets, and some for edible items.

On the way back to the station, we went to look at the weir by Pulteney Bridge, and were catapulted forwards in time to the era of Jane Austen. The journey back was also smooth, although the adults had expected the children to be more tired than they appeared!



Mrs Ostler would like to thank most sincerely the Governors for buying the railcards, the adults who accompanied the trip, and all the adults and children who helped with the fund-raising.