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Valuing Effort, Valuing Others, Valuing Self

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<http://www.stjohnsmead.org.uk> (new one!)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for such a positive year and a fabulous end of term. Yesterday our Year 6s had us laughing and crying during their very funny and moving leavers' performance. This followed our church service last Friday with a blessing from Reverend David and visit from our Bishop's Visitor. The Upper Juniors have also had the benefit of seeing science and engineering in action thanks to the STEM funded trip to @Bristol for Year 6, and also to IMECH and UWE for hosting a design and engineering day for Year 5 at SJM. Huge thanks to Mr Hodey and team for taking the time to share their expertise and enthusiasm with our children. The day culminated with the children testing their model fan propelled boats to see which travelled the fastest and straightest across the pool.

Whilst we have been busy wishing our Year 6s well, we have also been welcoming our new children and celebrating our current nursery and reception classes. Our Early Years children and new starters for September 2017 enjoyed their summer celebration with scavenger hunts and games last week. Yesterday our Nursery children also had fun with their beach party. I am not sure who got the wettest – Heidi I think was probably the soggiest!

Staff have worked hard to ensure our children have had enjoyable, stimulating learning all year. This was reflected in the French Day held last Monday. Children got the opportunity to work in mixed aged classes and have a go at learning and speaking French in different situations and activities including French games, French café, art and boules.

Today our children hosted their annual fair, raising money for: their chosen charities, Hosanna School sponsored children and playground equipment. This follows Year 6 successfully fundraising for their end of year trip and the PTA run Summer Fair. Huge thanks to everyone who helped, donated and/or attended the popular event, especially Caroline Green and Jodie Rodgers who brought their ponies for the children to ride and to Tony Sarafian who kindly took on the rather daunting role of judging the dog show with his usual aplomb! Our thanks go to the PTA for all their events this year including the very enjoyable Children's Disco last night.

#### **Summer clubs:**

Yate Heritage Centre is holding free children's summer workshops in August for 5-12 years old with a particular focus upon Romans. See noticeboard or email: [info@yateheritage.co.uk](mailto:info@yateheritage.co.uk)

#### **Sodbury Play Scheme**

24<sup>th</sup> July – 4<sup>th</sup> August free for children 5-11 years old.

Go to their website for more information:

[www.sodburytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.sodburytowncouncil.gov.uk)

*Right: Year 6 final song to parents on Wednesday (tissues were required!)*



Diary Dates	
<b>July</b>	
21 Fri	SJM's Got Talent (children only) Last day of term 6
<b>September</b>	
1 Fri & 4	2x INSET Days
5 Tue	First Day back for children
27 Wed	<b>School Nurse 1:30-3pm</b>
	<b>Please note: we have an additional INSET to confirm</b>
20.10.17	<b>Last day of term 1</b>
30.10.17	<b>First day of term 2</b>
15.12.17	<b>Last day of term 2 for children</b>
TBC 2.1.18	<b>First day of term 3</b>
9.2.18	<b>Last day of term 3</b>
19.2.18	<b>First day of term 4</b>
23.3.18	<b>Last day of term 4</b>
9.4.18	<b>First day of term 5</b>
25.5.18	<b>Last day of term 5</b>
5.6.18	<b>First day of term 6 for children</b>
25-29.6.18	<b>Kilve Years 5 &amp; 6</b>
20.7.18	<b>Last day of term 6</b>

### Key to Diary Dates

**INSET:** In Service Training Day, children's day off.

**EYFS:** Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception)

**KS1:** Key Stage 1 (Infants – years 1 & 2)

**KS2:** Key Stage 2 (Juniors - years 3 - 6)

**MUFTI:** non-uniform day

Congratulations to Phoebe H and family on the birth of her baby sister and to Hudson and family on their new baby. Congratulations to Kacey P for all her impressive efforts to raise money for charity. Well done to all our children and families who also took part in the Relay for Life and Memory Walks recently.


**Sainsbury's Active Vouchers:** thank you for all your donations. The vouchers have been used to order additional sports and cooking equipment.

### School Dinners

Next term, the cost for a school dinner will be £2.10. This is payable on behalf of pupils in Y3 and up. Dinners are payable in advance; if you choose to pay weekly this is £10.50 for a week. For those families who like to pay termly in advance, the cost for next term will be £71.40, cheques to South Glos Council (SGC) please.


If you feel it is possible that you may be eligible to establish a claim for **Free School Meals**, please contact South Glos Council Children & Young People Information Service on 01454 868008 option 2 and they will be able to help you with your enquiry. Please do this even if your child is still young enough to be benefitting from Universal Free School Meals for infants, as there are lots of additional ways in which the extra funding can be used to support your child.

### READING AWARDS

Congratulations to all our children who have been reading regularly. 

Well done to Ashton T, Mya B and Rosie M who have achieved their **Gold Award** for 99 reads and to: Cerys B, Lacey D, Amelia-Rose L, Poppy T, Jed R, Imogen A, Katelyn B, Ben P and Joshua S for achieving their **Platinum Reading Award** for 132 reads. Congratulations to: Harry B, Austin V, Oliver M, Conor Y, Sophie B, Natalie H and Matthew H who have achieved the **Diamond Reading Award** for 165 reads and a massive WELL DONE to Ralphie C, Emma H, Jamie M, Steven E, Dylan L and Matthew E for achieving the **Amethyst Reading Award** for an impressive 231 reads. Congratulations to: Jack D, William K and Noah C who have completed the final reading award for **300 reads** – a fabulous effort! A big well done to all our dedicated readers.

### MATHS SUPER STARS

Congratulations to all our children who have been working hard to achieve their number clubs over the year. Keep practising those time tables over the summer! 



### ATTENDANCE SUPER STARS

#### 100% for summer

Harry B, Ethan D, Thomas, Nancy, Zak, Beatriz, Florence D, Lottie, Mylie, Elijah, Freddie, Haroon, Finley W, Maddison D, Ruby F, Natalie, Ben P, Isaac S, Kayleigh, Katelyn B, Steven, Cerys B, Mya B, Charlotte Da, Lucy D, Max F, Oliver M, Jed, Patrick, Chloe B, Sebastian H-F, Riley P, Tyler R, Holly P, Sienna B, Sam B, Daniel C, Gemma, Channon, Taylor, Jadon, Joshua Sa, Florence S, Harry A, Armela, Isaac B, Alyssa, Isabelle F, Charlie Ha, Elena H, Seren J, Abigail L, Luke, Henry, Cayden, Max R, Eli, Charlie C, Courtney, Evie E, Tommy, Apolline, Reuben, John B, Sammy, Carla, James A, Junjie, Daisy J, William K, Jessica M, Zoe, Sebastian R, Olly, Finley S, Jasmine T, Layla T.



#### 100% for the WHOLE YEAR!

Lily H, Maisie C, Matthew H, William P, Harry S, Lily C, Anna C, Jessica H, Philip B, Ashton B, Ruby M, Gabriella V, Sienna-Jade C-B, Aman H, Oscar N, Morgan G, Austin V.



Our value this term is **TRUTHFULNESS**.