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Dear Parents / Carers,

We have enjoyed another busy week and the weather has been lovely. Next week is the final week of term and we break up for the Easter Holiday on Friday 1st April at the earlier time of 1.30 pm.

Thank You - Mrs Kinslow

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Kinslow who will be moving onto a new school after the Easter Holiday. We thank her for her contribution she has made in many roles over the years including her work as Literacy lead, RE coordinator and Deputy Headteacher. We will all miss Mrs Kinslow and I know you will all join me in thanking her for the care and commitment that she has shown to the children over her eight years at the school. We hope that Mrs Kinslow enjoys her final week at St. William of Perth and remembers with fondness her time at our school. We wish her all the best as she begins a new challenge in her career development and wish her every success in this exciting role.

A letter will be going out to the parents of Year 5 and 6 outlining the staffing arrangements for Term 5 and 6 as a result of this change to staffing. From Term 5 and 6 Mrs O'Connor will be the acting Deputy Headteacher of our school.

Year R – Class Assembly

Well done to St. John's class for their fantastic assembly on Mother's Day. Thank you to the Year R parents who attended the assembly. This marked the first time in two years since parents have been able to attend an assembly.

Lent Preparations

Year 5 and 3 took part in a Penance service and were given the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Thank you to Father Neil for leading this service. Next week Year 6 and 4 will have the opportunity to take part in a Penance service as well.

Year 3 Parish Mass - Year 3 visited St. John Fisher Church and took part in a Parish Mass.

Wear a Hat day – Friday 25th March

Thank you for your generous contributions in supporting <https://www.braintumourresearch.org/>. The children all looked marvellous wearing their hats and really enjoyed participating in "Wear a Hat" day. We will let you know how much we raised.

Parent Teacher Consultation Evenings

Thank you for all the parents who attended our Parent Teacher Consultation appointments on Wednesday and Thursday. It is very good to be able to continue to welcome parents back on site for these important meetings. Working in partnership is keen to helping all our students fulfil their potential. We will seek to re-arrange Year 2 appointments at the earliest opportunity.

PTA Mother's Day shop

The children enjoyed purchasing their Mother's Day gifts from the PTA shop this Wednesday. We hope that everyone enjoys their gifts and their special day.

Medway Safety in Action Project

This week Year 6 continued with the Medway Safety in Action programme – this week's session explored Personal Safety.

Year R – Special People Topic

My thanks to all the members of the school community who have given up their time to visit St. John's class to explain about their work. This Week Mrs Hibben visited and explained her role as a Fire Fighter to the children. Mrs Hibben also arranged for a Fire Engine to visit the school. On Wednesday Year R had a visit from two local Police Community Support Officers. They spoke to the children about their role in helping the community. St. John's Class were allowed to try on parts of their uniform, sit in the police car and turn on the siren!

These were wonderful learning experiences for Year R. As part of our curriculum we aim to make learning as experiential as possible and it is very exciting when we can invite visitors into school to share their expertise.





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We Wonder: Protect our Planet - Competition

Last week, we launched our competition for We Wonder: Protect our Planet. Children are invited to create their own poster to encourage people to protect our precious planet. This is open to all children and Years 3-6 will have their entry uploaded to the official competition. These are due to be handed in by 28th March.

Monday 28.3.2022 - After School Lessons Postponed for all Year Groups

No after school lessons on Monday. We will advise on when lessons resume in Term 5.

Year R Flower Pot Donations

We are grateful to have received a variety of pots and planters; no further donations are needed. Thank you for your generosity!

Contract Dining – Menu Changes

Week Commencing Monday 28th March. To avoid food waste in the final week of this term, Contract Dining will offer burgers and buns (as an additional option on the menu along with meatballs on Thursday), burgers are available on a first come, first served basis. Changes to desserts: On Monday Jelly will be offered, Tuesday – Chocolate and Beetroot Cake, Wednesday – Cheesecake, Thursday – Eton Mess and Friday – Ice-cream.

Week Commencing Monday 18th April. Planned changes to the menu due to delivery disruptions caused by the bank holiday (when the school will be closed to deliveries). Monday's menu of Pizza / vegetarian pasta / jacket potato will be served on Tuesday and Wednesday's menu will be sausage roast dinner.

KM Charity Team – Young Cookery Competition

Children aged 7-11 years are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500! Closing date for entries – 18th April 2022.

The idea is to encourage all young people to roll up their sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be – while learning vital life skills along the way! Further details can be found at

<https://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/schools/youngcooks/>

Safeguarding

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link: Report a child safeguarding concern | Concerned about a child | Medway Council You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24-hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.mscc.org.uk/>

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

E-Safety Think u Know is a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. It provides lots of guidance on E- safety <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Breakfast Club

With the relaxation of restrictions and the return to commuting to work for some we would just like to remind you of our breakfast club provision. Places are available and should you like more information please email

breakfastclub@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk

Parish link

For information about the parish of St. John Fisher including newsletters and Mass times click on the link below.

<https://stjohnfisher.me.uk/>

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Red.

Walking Boot: Winners - Year 1.

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.

Lucy YR, Nyah Y 1, Noah Y 2, Joshua Y 3, Betul Y 4, Obi Y 5, Jan Y 6.





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Wishing all the Mums, Grandmothers and Carers a very happy Mother's Day. Hope you get to put your feet up and enjoy the day. Look out for the Kent Messenger 'My Mum' supplement this week for a special message from children in Years R, 1 and 2.

Yours sincerely,

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	Diary Dates – Subject to Change	
March		
Sunday 27 th	Mothering Sunday	
Monday 28 th	After School Lessons - Postponed	
Tuesday 29 th	Family and Fairy Tales – Year R	
	PTA Raffle - Final day for tickets to be handed in	
Wednesday 30 th	Y5 Class Trip – Rochester Guildhall Museum	
Thursday 31 st	Easter Bonnet Parade – School Playground	9.05am
	PTA Easter Raffle to be drawn	
	PTA Cake Sale – Cycle Compound	3.10pm
April		
Friday 1 st	Last day of Term 4 – Early finish 1:30 pm	
4 th – 18 th	School Holiday – Children not in school	
Tuesday 19 th	First Day of Term 5 – Children return to school	
Wednesday 20 th	Bags 2 School – Charity collection – unwanted clothing shoes etc.	9am – Cycle compound
Thursday 24 th	Yr. 4 Trip Kingswood Grosvenor Hall	
Friday 29 th	Pyjama Day and PTA Film Night	Details to follow

