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**SAFER
INTERNET
DAY**

Mr Ramsey led an interactive assembly to promote 'Safer Internet day' where people around the world join together to help create

a better internet. We explored what are 'safe' images to share on line and which images would put a child at risk. There is no doubt that the internet is a fantastic place for children to learn, connect and have fun. But some websites, apps, games and videos aren't suitable for children. It was lovely to see so many children receiving an award for on-line learning at home; there are lots of safe games and activities that children can access through our home page on the school website.



Reading Eggs Awards - 10.2.17

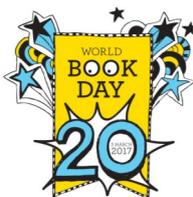


Mathletics Awards - 10.2.17



The children have been busy auditioning for 'St John's Got Talent' The judges have seen lots of talent: gymnasts, dancers, singers and poets. The finalists will be performing on Friday 3rd March at 2pm.

We will also be hosting a Bishop and other members who are part of the project 'Talking Jesus'. Parents of the contestants will be invited to watch the show; other parents may join at 3.20pm and meet our visitors.



'Book Week' takes place during the first week back. There will be lots of exciting things going on to promote reading for pleasure, introduce new books and authors and encourage children to read widely:

- Photo competition - great readers read anywhere! Take a snap (in the car, on a swing etc) and bring it in - a prize for all photos.
- Dressing Up Day - dress up as your favourite character on **Friday 3rd March**. Please don't go to a lot of expense; charity shop finds and an imaginative use of the card is best.
- The Book Fair is on after school from Monday 27th until Thursday 2nd March.

We hope you have a lovely half term - the children have worked very hard and are ready for a rest along with the staff! Many thanks for your support this term; we look to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 27th February**.



Spirit of the Sea review by Year 3

On the 7th of February 2017, Year 3 visited Crown Street Library to enjoy a theatrical performance of 'Spirits of the Sea'. When we arrived we were greeted by a caring fisherman who invited us into his fishing hut. He began telling us a story about his daughter Reva, who could talk to the sea and calm the waves, and a small fishing village that had become greedy and selfish. The villagers needed saving from their selfish ways and Reva was the only girl who could do this. We particularly enjoyed the clever props and fantastic live music that helped us to understand this story. We had an amazing morning and the theatre company were thrilled to perform to such a polite and caring class. We have completed some amazing writing about the performance as we left with some many questions. Well done Year 3!



SPORT NEWS

St John's were invited to take part in the Year 5 and 6 Town Five-a-Side football tournament but since Years 5 and 6 were on a visit, four Year 4 boys took up the challenge. The boys, who had only one training session, did not let themselves down with battling displays in every game. Organiser, Mr Paul Beilby commented 'What a great team spirit!'



St John's Girls' Football Team took part in a tournament on Monday at the Eastbourne Complex. The girls showed great spirit and determination throughout and were rewarded with a silver medal and are now heading onto the Tees-valley final. Fabulous ladies, well done!

Friday 10th February, some Year 3 children took part in a Tennis event at Eastbourne Complex. The children had a great time resulting in Team A coming second overall and Team B were fourth. Well done for being great ambassadors for our school!



Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a fantastic performance by the Durham Palatine Orchestra. They were introduced to the different instruments, given a brief history of music and then a performance of Roald Dahl's version of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Health and Safety

- ◆ Only parents/carers with a disability are permitted to park in the school car park. Please bring in your details if you wish to use this facility.
- ◆ It is very important that children have a named water bottle in school- only plain water is permitted.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Our school Nurse visited the children to talk about head lice - how you catch them, what signs to look out for and how to beat them. In order to keep our school head lice free we would be grateful if all parents would check their children's hair over the holiday. If you find any live lice, treatment is available free from the local chemist. Regular grooming using conditioner and a nit comb (free from school office) is also effective. Our school nurse is available on 03000030013.

Head lice - return slip

Please complete and return on Monday 27th February as a signed commitment to keeping our children head lice free.

- * I have checked my child for head lice
- * I would like an appointment with the School Nurse

Yes/No
Yes/No

Thank you for your support

Child.....

Year.....

