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It hardly seems possible that it will be half term next week. We are relieved that the SATS are now over for our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils and are very proud of the perseverance and positive attitude our pupils have shown during what can be a very challenging time. As governors we would also like to pass on our thanks to the school team for all their efforts working with the new curriculum and assessment framework.

The school leadership team have decided to plan two creative weeks for this term starting with Arts week which hopefully the pupils are enjoying this week. The exhibition of their work in the hall on Thursday 26th May was stunning. If you haven’t been able to enjoy seeing the exhibition I am sure that there will be pictures put up on the wonderful new website. Next half term there will be a Health and Well-being week incorporating a range of sporting events as well as time to focus on the importance of mental health. The aim of both these focus weeks is to keep education varied, creative, enjoyable and stimulating whilst at the same time ensuring that your children reach their highest potential.

As year six go into their final year at St John’s, the school will be working to help ensure they are prepared for their transition to secondary school and have positive memories of their time at St John’s. I know how much the school love to hear how your children are getting on in their new schools. The school will be contacting parents of Year 5 pupils next half term to arrange transition meetings well in advance of the secondary school application deadlines next term. As you may be aware David Price, one of our governors, is an “old boy”.

We always try to ensure that parents are able to be involved at St Johns wherever possible and recognise the real benefit this has for your children. The school aim to help you understand what the teachers and staff are doing to help your children’s education here at St John’s, especially as things have developed and changed so much since our own primary education. We also hope that you enjoy the schools community activities as well; they play an important role in strengthening our sense of pride in the school and help make it such a wonderful place to be.

We always appreciate your comments and will be available at the parents’ evenings next half term should you wish to come and talk with us about any ideas or thoughts you have.

In the meantime have a good half term holiday – make sure you get registered for the EU referendum - <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.

On behalf of the governing body

Sue Hallam

Chair of Governors