

# The Flying Newt



No:07 Week ending 19.10.18

Dear Parents/Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

Phew and double phew!! It's been a very full and very busy half term and I think everyone is ready for a break from the fast pace of school life and corresponding family life! **Many thanks to all of you for helping to make Autumn 1 a success** ☺

**This week we have had Consultations, 30 Korean Headteachers for an after school lecture of the 'Role of the Headteacher in UK Schools', the opening of our Café, Harvest celebrations and so much more! I also had the special treat of 'doing home-time' over at St John's with Mr Chamberlin. One of Year 4 children asked me if I was applying to be his Deputy** ☺

It was lovely catching up with so many of you at this week's **Parent +Teacher (+KS1 children) Consultations**. Thank you for coming and being an active part of the learning partnership. Feedback from parents/carers and staff has been very positive and complimentary which is just what we want, so a big thank you. Please find some time to feedback your views about our school on **ParentView**.

[www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views)

As you know, we had two lovely occasions today: the Grand Opening of the **Wilderness Café** plus our **Harvest Celebrations**. I do think it is really important to mark these school events so with great gusto we sang a 'Down in the Wilderness Café' song, shared some thoughts and prayers, said a big thank you to Mr Wright, Lujan and Anna for making the idea come alive...and our lovely kitchen staff also provided some celebratory biscuits! As if that wasn't enough fun for first thing on a sunny Friday morning, we followed up with our Harvest Assembly. We sang our Harvest songs, our Ambassadors shared thoughts and prayers about **sharing and giving**, we thought about how important it is to have fresh water which is why we have fund raised for **Water Aid** and we sang our '**Great Big Enormous Turnip**' song to remind us about the importance of **teamwork**. Thank you so much to all of who **sent in boxes of cereal, cans and money for Harvest: your kindness will be shared with many others**.

Both occasions were absolutely **joyous...a delightful sprinkling of awe and wonder** for the last day before we break up for half term, added to by my **lovely mumma** who asked if she could join us for my last Harvest celebration which she thoroughly enjoyed as well as her school tour with two Ambassadors.



Finally, a **very BIG thank you** to the families who have made a **voluntary contribution** to the school to help support learning. Lots of you responded very rapidly to the request and I am so grateful as the money will have a **positive impact upon the children** at our school. Thank you very much.

Wishing you all a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you on **Monday 29 October (remember, the clocks go back on Sunday 28 October!)**

Warmest wishes, HJP  
Heidi Johnson Paul, Headteacher

### **Focus Week: Let's go Fly a Kite Monday 12 – Friday 16 November 2018**

This week will soon be upon us and we are **looking for scientists** in our school community who can come in and share their knowledge and skills about how things work. We would love to hear from people connected with flying (pilots, flight staff and operators), kite flyers, anyone knowledgeable about aeroplanes and space and people who can do any nifty 'flying rocket' experiments. **We'd love some input for year groups so please don't be shy... I know you are out there and if you know of anyone in the wider community, please send them my way! Thank you ☺**

### **Preview learning...coming up the week after the half term break:**

**N:** Learning about people who help us, fire fighters and fire safety

**R:** Bonfire Night, describing fireworks and how firefighters keep us safe.

**1:** Learning about the North Pole and the South Pole

**2:** Space: What fun facts can you find out over half term and share with the class?

### **Film Night: Alvin and the Chipmunks: Road Chip**

Year 1 and Year 2 film night is on **Thursday 8<sup>h</sup> November**, 3.30 – 5pm. Limited tickets will go on sale from **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**, to make payment and secure your place please follow the link to your Groupcall account

### **Message from FHWINS Chair**

5,4,3,2,1..... It's Half term! Please add these events into your family calendars for next term and keep an eye out for posters or messages to find out more and get involved!

### **Halloween Cake Sale: Wednesday 31st October, 11:45am & 3:15pm**

Please bring in some themed baking (homemade or bought) to school in the morning of the 31st - **NO NUTS**

If you are able to help bag up treats in the morning or sell cakes & treat bags later on the day do get in touch with Kate Cartwright or Karen Paul

### **Y1&2 Film night: Thursday 8th November, 3:30-5pm**

Keep your eyes out for the Film night posters & ticket sale link from the office. The film on show will be Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip

### **Christmas Tree Fair: Saturday the 8th December, 9-1pm**

A special event for the whole school to get involved in and to get into the festive spirit... Planning is already underway! If you are able to have an estate agent board outside your house for the 3 weeks leading up to the event do get in touch with Helen [helen.scullion@gmail.com](mailto:helen.scullion@gmail.com)

More information and asks to get involved with come rolling in early next term!

### **Christmas Card Competition**

Hi, it's that time of year again.

Vince Cable, MP for Twickenham is running his Christmas card competition 2018. All children can enter from LBRUT schools and the winners cards will be made into his personal Christmas cards.

Designs must be on A4 white paper landscape or portrait. Designs need to be sent to Vince's office at **49 Church Lane, Teddington TW11 8PA by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Entries must include the entrants name, age, and school address on the reverse of the design. Remember to encourage bright colours and seasonal designs, **NO PENCIL.**

Happy designing

Caroline Crawford

**St John the Baptist Junior School Hampton Wick**  
**OPEN MORNING**  
 For prospective parents

**ARRIVAL FOR 9:00**  
**HEADTEACHER'S INTRODUCTION 9:15**  
**TOURS BY THE CHILDREN 9:30**

**St Johns is a family school** that gets to know every child as individuals. **In everything we do**, we strive to give your child every opportunity to flourish, both now and in the future, **that they may live life in all its fullness.**

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**  
 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, KT14HQ  
 0208 9774114 | www.st-john.richmond.sch.uk *Come and see for yourself!*

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 2 children,

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Morning on Wednesday 21st November from 9.00am, where you will be able to see our school in action. Our pupils will be happy to take you on a tour of the school.

### Community Diary Dates week beginning 29 October

29 October 2018	Monday 29	All Children Return to School
	Tuesday 30	9.00am Hearing Test Reception
	Wednesday 31	12:00pm & 3:15pm - Friends of HWINS Halloween Celebration
	Thursday 1	9.15am Flu Vaccines Rec, Yr1 & Yr2
	Friday 2	9.00am Hearing Test Reception
		Target books back
		<b>2.55pm New Helpers Meeting</b>
05 November 2018	Monday 5	
	Tuesday 6	
	Wednesday 7	
	Thursday 8	9.00am Hearing Test Reception
		3:30-5:00pm - Film Night Yr 1 & Yr 2 children
	Friday 9	
12 November 2018	Monday 12 - Friday 16	<b>Focus Week: Lets go Fly a Kite</b>
	Monday 12	
	Tuesday 13	
	Wednesday 14	
	Thursday 15	
	Friday 16	Please bring in Christmas hamper donations, such as wine, chocolate, Christmas crackers – NO CAKES ARE NEEDED. Children dress up - Focus week theme