St John's CEVA Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term, I would like to thank God for His continued blessing on our school community. During Collective Worship this half term, we have been exploring the theme of 'Wisdom' and reflecting on what Jesus and the Bible teach us about living wisely.

After half term, we will be learning about and celebrating Pentecost—the birth of the Church—which is always a special time in our school calendar.

This half term, Class R and Year 5 have shared their learning with us through their class assemblies. As always, I am amazed by how much learning takes place, the high standards the children achieve, and the confidence they show when performing and speaking in front of others.

Year 6 have now completed their SATs. I am incredibly proud of all the children for the determination, resilience and bravery they have shown throughout these assessments.

Last week, we also enjoyed a wonderful day celebrating Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. During assembly, we reflected on his work and the importance of caring for God's world. The children thought carefully about how they can be agents of change and help protect the environment for the future.

Year 6 have begun enjoying some of their end-of-year activities with a trip to Kingpin last week and have had a super time at their residential visit to PGL Bawdsey these last three days.

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the disco. We are very grateful to all the helpers and staff who are giving their time to support and enjoy the event with the children.

Classes for next academic year will be finalised and shared after half term.

As we head into the final half term of the school year, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and partnership.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 1st June 202C

Best wishes,

Mrs Betts

Requesting Exceptional Absence

We have noticed an increase in requests for exceptional absence and wanted to take the opportunity to refresh the details of the school attendance policy regarding term time absence requests. Please click this link for the policy, sections 6 and 7.

Term-time leave is only granted for exceptional absence. The policy states that Headteachers shall not grant any Leave of Absence during term time unless they consider there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. Exceptional circumstances being defined as being of unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child which outweighs the loss of teaching time.

Exceptional Absence requests must be submitted in advance and on an exceptional absence request form which can be obtained from the school office or can be found on the school website under the Parent Handbook section.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Just a reminder that lunch boxes must contain healthy food options, **no sweets or chocolate**

FOR ALL PUPILS SAFETY THIS IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL –
ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS ARE FORBIDDEN.

A healthy lunch box looks like this:

A Main Dish

Add some fruit or salad

Add a little something else

CHECK OUT THE "CHANGE 4 LIFE" WEBSITE FOR LOTS MORE IDEAS AND RECIPES
https://www.nhs.uk/change4life

Please also remind your child that rubbish should be placed back in the lunch box to return home.
Thankyou

Dates for Diaries 2026

All parents and other family members are welcome to attend whole school worship assemblies on Friday mornings.

Please check the school website for all the latest dates.

25th-29th May	**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
1st June	Children return to school
	Year 6 – Crucial Crew Trip
2nd June	Class R and Class 1 – Pipers Vale Trip
	CYM Parents meeting
4th June	Class 2 and 3 – Pipers Vale Trip
5th June	Pentecost Assembly
9th June	Class 4 and 5 – Pipers Vale Trip
10th June	Class 6 – London Theatre Trip
11th June	Class 6 – Pipers Vale Trip
12th June	Sponsored Walk
15th June	Class 3 – WCET Festival Trinity Park
16th June	Sports Day
19th June	PTA Non Uniform Day – Chocolate fundraiser

Dear God

Thank you for the opportunity to serve others and the example that Jesus is to us. Help us to see others the way you see them and show us the needs of those around us. Lord, help us to be others focused and give us the grace to serve when it's hard.

In Jesus name,

Amen