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# SPARKLE NEWS

Autumn Term 1: 2023

Friday 22nd September 2023

## Dear Parents/Carers,

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## Coming Up:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Sparkle spot session Years 1-6

Wednesday 27th September—The Friends of the John Moore Primary AGM - 6:30 pm in the school hall (everyone welcome)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Harvest assemblies –  
EYFS and KS1 @ 9:00am  
KS2 @ 10:00 am

Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October —Parent’s Evenings 3.30—6.30pm Letter with booking details will be sent.

Welcome to the first Sparkle News of the new academic year and welcome to all of our new children, families and staff who have joined us at JMPS.

The children have made an excellent start to the year, re-establishing friendships, excellent learning behaviours and having a great time during lunch using our new Playpod equipment.

Coming up in the next few weeks we have Sparkle Spots for Years 1-6, visits to Cheltenham Literature Festival and our Harvest Assemblies for all of our classes. Further information will be given on your child’s class page of dojo.



**Turning circle :** Please keep your children with you when waiting in the turning circle. Staff have to park their cars around this area and several members of staff have raised concerns with me that children are scooting or cycling around their cars and also that children have been touching their cars . We would hate for any member of our staff to have their car damaged while it was parked at their place of work.

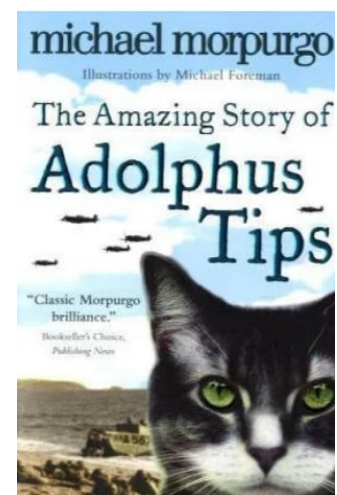
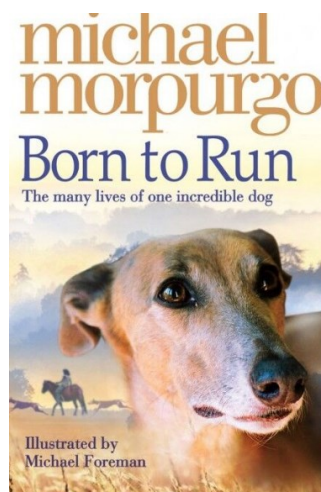
**Do you know the ratings of the games your children play?** Common sense media is a trustworthy, useful website that reviews and provides ratings for a range of technology including games, apps and films. Use it to help you understand what game your child is on and if it is appropriate for their age.

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

**HOW OLD DO YOU HAVE TO BE TO USE SNAPCHAT?** According to the terms of service, users must be 13. You have to enter your birth date to set up an account, but there's no age verification, so it's easy for kids under 13 to sign up. **Common Sense Media rates Snapchat OK for teens 16 and up, mainly because of the exposure to age inappropriate content and the marketing ploys, such as quizzes, that collect data.**

**Reading for pleasure recommended reads. This weeks recommendations are from Harry Hathaway (aged 11) who recommends these books for animal lovers in KS2.**

If you would like to recommend books for future editions of Sparkle News please email your selections to Mrs Hathaway via dojo.



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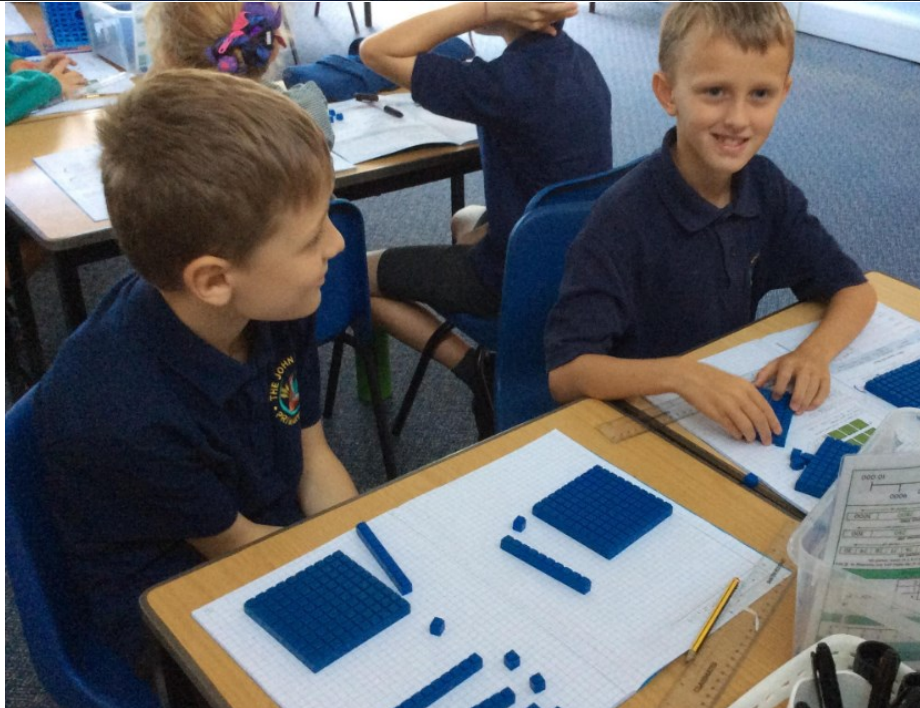


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Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Sparkle spot session – A chance for parents or grandparents to come into school to have a look at and share some of your child/ren’s work. This is for parents of children in Years 1– 6 (not EYFS this term)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	The Friends of the John Moore Primary AGM - 6:30 pm in the school hall
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Cross country race 1 @ 4:00pm at the Vineyards for any children in Y4-Y6 that would like to take part. <i>Parents need to transport their child to the Vineyards and be there to pick up after the race.</i>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Cross country race 2 @ 4:00pm at the Vineyards for any children in Y4-Y6 that would like to take part. <i>Parents need to transport their child to the Vineyards and be there to pick up after the race.</i>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Y1/2 trip to the Cheltenham Literature festival
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Y3/4 trip to the Cheltenham Literature festival
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	World Mental Health Day – the children can wear something yellow in support of this day.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Y5/6 trip to the Cheltenham Literature festival
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Cross country race 3 @ 4:00pm at the Vineyards for any children in Y4-Y6 that would like to take part. <i>Parents need to transport their child to the Vineyards and be there to pick up after the race.</i>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Harvest assemblies – All families are welcome to join us in the school hall for these celebrations. EYFS and KS1 @ 9:00am KS2 @ 10:00 am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Cross country race reserve date (in case of any poor weather) @ 4:00pm at the Vineyards for any children in Y4-Y6 that would like to take part. <i>Parents need to transport their child to the Vineyards and be there to pick up after the race.</i>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	School closed for INSET training day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023	Half term holiday
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Autumn term 2 begins
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 until Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Y6 bikeability sessions. The children that sign up for this will work in small groups on their bikeability course across the week.
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Children in Need. We will be supporting this national fundraising event with events across the day in school. The children can come into school wearing their own clothes, pyjamas or something spotty.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	8:30 – 9:00 a.m. – Sparkle spot session – A chance for parents or grandparents to come into school to have a look at and share some of your child/ren’s work.
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	EYFS nativity performance – dates/ times TBC
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Y1/2 Christmas performance – dates/ times TBC
Week beginning	KS2 Christmas concert – dates/ times TBC