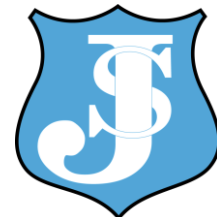


St John's C.E. Primary School

-high standards through a caring community -



PARENT'S NEWSLETTER July 2023



END OF A BUSY BUT SUCCESSFUL YEAR

As the academic year draws to a close we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone who has helped to make this such a successful year. Can we also wish all children, parents and families who are for various reasons leaving us the very best for the future.



Music Evening 2023



Year 6 Production:
Matilda the Musical



Colour Aerobics Party -
EFKF Week!

HIGH STANDARDS AT ST. JOHN'S:

As our school motto 'High standards – through a caring community' suggests we do aim for high standards of achievement in all aspects of school life at St. John's. This includes one of our five values of 'Core Standards' in reading, writing and maths. We are very happy to report that standards across school remain high as can be seen from the end of key stage data for 2022/2023 below, which shows the percentage of children meeting age related expectations and that we continue to generally exceed National standards:

Key stage	Subject	School	National (Provisional)
EYFS	GLD	67%	67%
Year 1	Phonics	100%	79%
KS1	Reading	82%	68%
	Writing	70%	60%
	Maths	78%	70%
KS2	Reading	84%	73%
	Writing	74%	71%
	SPAG	90%	72%
	Maths	81%	73%
	Combined (Reading, Writing, Maths)	65%	59%

CELEBRATION OF READING:

- PRIESTNALL SCHOOL** - over the last two terms our Y5 and Y6 classes took part in a reading competition organised by Priestnall School, which encouraged children to read a wide range of material. Congratulations to Elspeth, Arthur and Marianne from Y5 and to Marina, Jude and Rhys in Y6 who received special awards at the celebration event at Priestnall on 12th July. In addition, this year Elspeth was also the overall winner of the most committed competition for the whole of the Heaton's. Well done Elspeth!
- Stockport Reading Awards** –on the 4th July at Stockport Town Hall, there was a celebration of reading linked to the Stockport Children's' Book Awards where Marina received special recognition from the Mayor of Stockport as our reader of the year. She was able to meet a number of nominated authors and share her love of reading, whilst receiving signed copies of their books.



STRATEGIES FOR READING AT HOME: whilst we do acknowledge that the children are ready for and deserve a holiday, we do hope that the children continue to read for pleasure and most importantly 'FUN!' over the summer holidays. Below are some suggestions for ways that children can remain actively engaged in their reading:

- Heaton's Library Summer Reading Challenge: 'Ready, Set, READ!'
- Reading newspapers, magazines, comics and annuals
- Playing and reading instructions for games,
- Following recipes,
- Writing and reading postcards,
- Create a treasure hunt with clues to read,
- Read all the signposts on journeys



END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS:

As the term draws to an end here are a few key messages relating to the end of term.

- **Coffee Morning & Art Exhibition** - on Friday 21st July the school hall will be open to view the school's art gallery containing artwork from each child across school. At 8.45am the children will be asked to make their way to the playground to line up as normal. Parents are very welcome to stay in the hall for a coffee and cake which is kindly being run by the PTA. At approximately 10am we will then have our end of term/year achievement assembly. This will be streamed live, using the normal Family Assembly Link. During assembly we will announce the winning team, who will receive their prize on Friday afternoon.
- **Taking Books Home** - Please could we ask that all children bring in a carrier bag or similar in which they can take their exercise books and work home in. It would be appreciated if bags could be in school by Friday as books will start to be sent home then.
- **PE Kits** - May we ask that PE kits remain in school until Friday 21st July to allow for the remaining PE lessons to take place. Clubs led by Progressive Sports will continue next week so some children may still need their kit next week.
- **Transition Day** - On Monday 24th July, all children will meet with their new teachers and teaching assistants and spend the day in their new classroom. Children should be dropped off and collected from their usual places that they are currently and will be met and dismissed by their current teacher.
- **Leavers Assembly** - On the last day of term, there will be no whole school assembly involving all parents as it is the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly so only parents of Year 6 children are invited. This will also be streamed live, a link will follow.
- **Toy Day** - Children will be able to bring a toy in on the last day of term. As always we would ask that no electrical toys are brought in and nothing of value which could get lost or damaged. We would always encourage the children to bring something that would allow them to play and interact with their friends.
- **Ice Creams** - The PTA have kindly paid for an ice cream van to visit school on the afternoon of the last day of term. Yum, Yum!

We hope this clarifies the remaining arrangements for the end of the year.

TERM DATES AND INSET DAYS

Please see the term and INSET day dates below for the next academic year.

	School opens:	School closes on:
AUTUMN 2023	8.45 am on Tuesday 5 th September	3.15pm on Friday 20 th October
	8.45 am on Tuesday 31 st October	3.15pm on Friday 22 nd December
SPRING 2024	8.45 am on Monday 8 th January	3.15pm on Friday 9 th February
	8.45 am on Monday 19 th February	3.15pm on Thursday 28 th March
SUMMER 2024	8.45 am on Monday 15 th April	3.15pm on Friday 24 th May
	8.45 am on Monday 10 th June	3.15pm on Friday 26 th July

Inset Days:

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Monday 30th October 2023
- Friday 3rd May 2024
- Monday 29th July 2024
- Tuesday 30th July 2024

PTA:

A huge THANK YOU to the PTA, who have worked extremely hard this year to raise the very impressive amount of £14,143 for the benefit of the children at St. John's. I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for the invaluable contribution they make. Recent funding has:

- Made financial contributions to a number of trips and visits throughout the school, including the Year 6 Leavers trip & Young Voices coach
- Year 6 Leavers hoodies
- Purchased reading book bags & PE kit bags for our new Reception children to encourage positive attitudes to reading and to help with being organised for school
- Purchased stage lighting
- Whole school trip to Cinema



ST. JOHN'S LEARNING BEHAVIOURS BOOK'

Just a reminder that we have our own published book all about our six chosen learning behaviours, with the associated characters, illustrations and stories available to purchase from the office at the price of £4.99. A great bedtime read!

VOLUNTEERS:

Can we take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers and parent helpers who have made an invaluable contribution to St. John's and enabled us to go that extra mile in providing the very best opportunities for the children and community at St. John's. In September we will be looking for volunteers to support us through the coming year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

As a school we continue to make a concerted effort to ensure all children and families are very clear on our policy regarding school uniform and we would like to thank all the families that have worked in partnership with the school to ensure their child arrives at school in the correct uniform, which includes no trainers, nail varnish or elaborate jewellery or accessories. We would like to reinforce that in order to bring a fair and consistent approach to all children, in September we will pursue our approach to children wearing the correct school uniform and will ask children wearing items that are not part of the whole school policy to remove them. This includes trainers and fashion boots. Earrings are discouraged to help prevent injury, but if worn should be simple stud earrings, not hoops. All earrings must be removed for PE and left at home to prevent them being lost. Exceptions to this can only be made during the initial six-week period after a child having their ears pierced. We acknowledge that occasionally there may be a short term issue but ask that as always you speak to your child's class teacher. Should you be unclear about the school uniform then please see the school website or prospectus. We thank you for your support.

Safeguarding:

- **Attendance and Punctuality** - Recently, we have become concerned over the number of unauthorised absences during term time and with the punctuality of some families. Consistently arriving late to school very clearly has a detrimental impact on children's learning and general well-being. We would strongly encourage these families to make the necessary adjustments to morning routines to ensure that no children are affected by arriving at school late. For clarification, the school day begins at 8.45am with registration closing at 8.55am. As a school we have been advised to mark lateness as unauthorised, which could then lead to the issuing of an Educational Penalty Notice (EPN) where lateness becomes a real concern.
- **Supervision before school** - We have become aware that some children are being dropped off at the school gate and are left unsupervised. This has led to concerns regarding both keeping children safe and a number of behaviour incidents that have been reported. Can we remind you that supervision from the school begins at 8.45am and that parents up until this time should supervise children.
- **Local Residents & Road Safety** - Local residents continue to express their frustrations and concerns regarding parking, road safety and the speed of traffic. Please can we remind everyone to park, drive and behave in a responsible manner. Can we also ask that you ensure that all children take great care when crossing local roads. We are very much concerned that some children are putting themselves at risk and would greatly appreciate your co-operation in working with the school and local residents in keeping all members of our community safe and happy.
- **Keeping safe during the holidays** - can we just remind parents and children of the importance of keeping safe, whether that be on line, whilst using the internet or social media, or whilst playing out in your local community. We are regularly asked to remind pupils of some of the dangers related to water, fire and railway safety. Please have fun over the holidays, but remember to play safely and take care of yourselves.

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SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK!

Next Wednesday we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and their parents/carers who are moving onto Priestnall and other high schools. Everyone here at St. John's CE Primary School wishes them good luck and all the very best for the future. We look forward to welcoming them back at some point and hearing how they're getting on.

As we near the end of another highly productive academic year, I would hope that you would join me in thanking all the staff, Governors and school community for their commitment, drive and considerable efforts to provide the very best for the children at our school. We really can be extremely 'pleased and proud' of the many achievements and high quality outcomes of the children at St. John's.

Should you wish to get more information or contact us our details are below. It just remains to wish you all an enjoyable summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 5th September.

Best wishes



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Key Dates for Summer Term 2023

Month	Date	Event	Time
July	20 th	New Reception Parents Information Evening	5.30pm – 6.30pm
	21 st	Art Exhibition and Coffee & Cake Morning	9.00am – 10.00am
	21 st	End of Year Achievement Assembly	10.00am -11.00am
	24 th	Transition Day	
	26 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9.00am – 10.00am
	26 th	Term Ends	3.15pm
	27 th	INSET Day	
September	4 th	INSET Day	
	5 th	Term Starts	8.45am
	6 th	Y5&6 Dewa Roman Experience Chester Trip	9.00am – 3.00pm
	14 th	Y3&4 Stone Age Trip to Tatton Park	9.00am – 3.00pm
	19 th	Y1&2 Toy Museum (in school)	9.00am – 12.00pm
	19 th	Meet the Teacher - Y1, Y3 & Y5	5.30pm – 6.30pm
	20 th	Meet the Teacher - R, Y2, Y4, Y6	5.30pm – 6.30pm
	22 nd	PTA Family Disco	5.30pm – 7.30pm