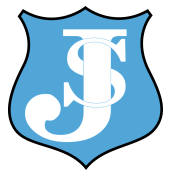


St John's C.E. Primary School

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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER January 2019

NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS!

Welcome back - and a Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you sincerely for all the cards and other lovely items, which I received from so many families and children. I hope all of you had a relaxing time and had the opportunity to enjoy the festive period. Now we're back in the swing of things, children have settled into what is traditionally a really good term for learning and children's progress. Here's to a very successful 2019.



THEME DAYS!

As always at St. John's, we are constantly looking for ways to bring learning to life and make it relevant to children and their lives. We have a number of whole school themes and events planned for this term that we feel are an invaluable addition to our curriculum providing children with opportunities to learn new skills and knowledge, appreciate the life and values of others and enable children to learn how to keep

Event	Focus	Date
'St. John's Learning Behaviours' Week	To continue to develop our learning behaviours whilst exploring age relevant life skills.	Mon. 7 th Jan. to Fri. 11 th Jan.
Maths Day	To promote positive attitudes to maths.	Tue. 29 th Jan.
Internet Safety Day	To understand the importance of using the internet safely together	Tues. 5 th Feb.
World Book Day	To encourage children to read a wide range of texts for pleasure	Thurs. 7 th Mar.

themselves safe. These include:

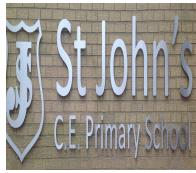
DON'T SPREAD THE BUGS

We had a number of children off last term as all sorts of tummy bugs were spread around. I'm sure that most schools in Britain are feeling the effects of these nasty viruses. ALL PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF STAFF ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WASH THEIR HANDS PROPERLY WITH SOAP AFTER VISITING THE TOILETS. Also, if your child is off sick, please don't send them back to us too soon. They will still be infectious, and other children won't like it at all if they catch it - and neither will their parents. For all vomiting and infectious bugs, please keep your child off for 48 hrs after the last time that they've been sick. Thanks.



REMINDER!!!

Please can we remind you not to send your child in with any nuts, or food items that contain nuts such as Nutella, peanut butter, nutty cereal bars etc. As you are hopefully aware, we do have a number of pupils and a member of staff with severe allergies to nuts and nut products. Recently we have noticed a number of children's snacks containing nuts. We would



appreciate your help in keeping them (and others) safe against an allergic reaction. Thank you for your support.

SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

All the staff in our school are committed to safeguarding all our children. We will strive to:

- Provide a safe environment for all our children
- Notice and take appropriate action to help any of our children who are either at risk of, or are suffering from, significant harm

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr. Patrick Rayner (Headteacher). In his absence the role will be fulfilled by Mr. Andrew Clerc (Deputy Headteacher). I'm sure that all parents and carers can appreciate the importance of this aspect of school life and why the school must ensure all systems and procedures support the safeguarding of all the children in our care. If you have any concerns about the welfare of any of our children please do contact us.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Congratulations to the 78 children who achieved 100% attendance last term. These children were awarded a special 'attendance pencil' at our end of term achievement assembly. Year 1 won the 'best class attendance award' with an overall attendance rate of 98.9%

TEAM POINTS WINNERS:

Last term the overall winners for the term was the Yellow team, who enjoyed their winner's party and disco. Well done to everyone in the yellow team.

ADMISSIONS TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2019:

The closing date to apply for a Reception place is 15th January 2019. If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 it is very important that you apply for a place. If you have a child of Reception age in September 2019, please apply online on Stockport Council's website before this deadline. You can find more information [here](#).

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT:

1. Website – the school's website is currently being redeveloped to include additional features and means to communicate with parents, including our own school APP. We hope this will be launched this term and will provide a more modern interactive portal for our school community. Until then, information about our school can still be found at the usual website address below:

<http://www.st-johns.stockport.sch.uk>

2. Parent/Teacher Consultations- As a number of parents have noticed, there was a clash between the Young Voices Concert and Parent/Teacher Consultations. We have therefore amended the dates of the Parent/Teacher Consultations to the following:

- Wednesday 13th February (5.00 – 7.30pm)
- Thursday 14th February (2.30 – 5.00pm)

You will shortly receive details of how to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher. The purpose of the meeting is to share information in relation to how children have progressed so far this year and we will also share updated learning targets with you. We hope that all parents/carers will be able to attend.



3.Contact Details - Please may we remind all parents of the importance of keeping the emergency contact details that school has up to date. If you are new to the school, have moved or changed phone numbers please ensure school has the new and correct details as soon as possible. Increasingly we are sending text messages to alert parents to important messages and events and therefore without a working mobile number, information will be missed.

4. PTA – the next meeting for the PTA is planned for Tuesday 15th January at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents and carers are welcome.

5. Parent Forum Meeting – all parents are very welcome to join Mr Rayner for a cuppa and an opportunity to discuss the school from a parental perspective. Join us after Family Assembly on Friday 1st March, 10.00am in the staffroom

6. Curriculum information Meetings – the following information meetings are planned for this term to provide parents / carers with the information required and to provide the opportunity to ask any questions and share concerns:

Meeting	Date
Year 2 & Year 6 SATS Meeting	Wed. 30 th January, 6.00pm
Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Meeting	Tuesday 26 th February 5.30pm
E Safety & RSE Workshop for Parents	Fri. 1 st February, 9.00am
Year 3 & Year 4 Nantglyn Meeting	Thurs. 24 th March 6.00pm

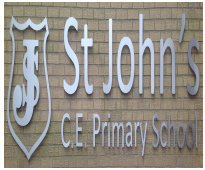
We do hope that you are able to join us.

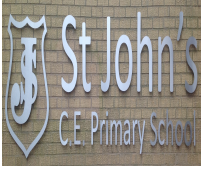
PARKING CONCERNS:

Unfortunately, we have had a number of occasions where local residents and parents within our community have reported inconsiderate parking and aggressive behaviour. Children’s safety has to come first with regards to this and we do feel it is vitally important that we all park, drive and behave in a considerate and responsible manner both inside and outside the school grounds. We politely ask that all parents and carers consider the needs and safety of everyone whilst travelling to and from the school. Now that the location of the staff carpark has moved there are fewer safe places to park at the end of Poplar Street and therefore we ask you leave adequate time to park up and walk to drop off or pick up.

SCHOOL REBUILD:

The rebuild continues to make good progress, with the foundations for the main building now in place. In the next few weeks we should see the steel framework being erected. Eric Wright came in to school just before Christmas to lead an assembly on safety around a building site and to present all the children with their own hard hat before a visit to the site for a whole school photograph.





HEALTHY SNACKS:

At St. John's our school policy is that children should only have healthy snacks at morning playtime. Please can we ask that children bring healthy items and refrain from bringing chocolate biscuits, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks as snacks. **Please help your child to make healthy choices.**

FUND OUR FUTURE:



The school community continues to work together on the Fund our Future campaign. We are so grateful for all the fundraising efforts so far both on a school level and by individual families. To date the campaign has raised just over £3100. There are lots more events coming up over the next few months, which are a great opportunity to raise more funds to equip the new school but the other benefit has been the school coming together in a more social capacity. Events in the near future include a Quiz Night, The Greatest Showman Sing a-long, bake sales and discos. Once again, thank you so much to all of those supporting in the organisation of events or by donating money at the various events.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you at some point over the next term. Many thanks for your continued support.

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Key Dates for Spring Term 2019			
Month	Date	Event	Time
January	7th	School Reopens	8.45am
	7 th - 11 th	St. John's Learning Behaviours Week: Life Skills	
	9 th	Governors: Presentation to Governors	3.30 – 5.30pm
	15 th	PTA Meeting	7.00pm
	22 nd	Year 1 & Year 2 Trip to Stockport Hat Museum	
	23 rd	Year 5 Class Assembly	9.00am
	25 th	Year 4 Bake Sale	3.00pm
	29 th	Maths Theme Day	
	30 th	Year 2 & Year 6 SATs Parents Information Meeting	6.00pm
	31 st	Governors: Full Governing Board Meeting	6.00pm
February	1 st	Parent's Workshop: E Safety & RSE (No Family Assembly)	9.00am
	1 st	Staff & Parents Quiz Night	7.00pm
	5 th	Internet Safety Day	
	12 th	Young Voices, Manchester Arena	1.30 – 9.30pm
	13 th	Year 1 Class Assembly	9.00am
	13 th	Parent/Teacher Meetings	5.00 – 7.30pm
	15 th	Year 3 Bake Sale	3.00pm
	14 th	Parent/Teacher Meetings (Changed)	2.30 – 5.00pm
	15 th	School Closes for Half Term	3.15pm
	25 th	School Reopens	8.45am
March	26 th	PGL Meeting for Year 5 & 6 Parents	5.30pm
	28 th	Governors: Full Governing Board Meeting	6.00pm
	1 st	Parent View Forum	10.00am
	6 th	Year 6 Crucial Crew	9.00 – 12.00pm
	7 th	World Book Day	
	11 th - 15 th	PGL: Year 5 & 6 Residential	
	18 th	Road Safety Year 2 ('Step Outside') & Year 4 ('Head Smart')	
	19 th	Road Safety Year 6 ('Child Speed Watch')	
	19 th	Nantglyn Meeting for Year 3 & 4 Parents	5.30pm
	21 st	Governors: Full Governing Board Meeting	6.00pm
April	22 nd	Year 3 Bake Sale	3.00pm
	27 th	Year 2 Class Assembly	9.00am
	1 st – 3 rd	Bikeability Year 6	
	3 rd	Romeo & Juliet Performance KS2	1.30pm
	5 th	Easter Service at St. John's Church	9.30am
5 th	School Closes for Easter	3.15pm	
23 rd	School Reopens	8.45am	