

St John's C.E. Primary School

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PARENT'S NEWSLETTER December 2018



The holidays are coming!!

As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you once again for all your support throughout this autumn term. September seems like a very distant memory, but we hope the children have enjoyed and gained invaluable experiences from the wide range of learning opportunities that have been offered across the school. None of this would be possible without the dedication of staff and support from you at home. As a school we are very grateful to be able to continue to offer a curriculum to be proud of. Highlights this term include:

- 'Meet The Teacher Meetings'
- PTA Family Disco
- KS2 trip to the theatre to see Matilda
- Forest Schools Year 4
- Cello Lessons Year 5
- 'Pobble' Launch Day
- MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Individual School Photographs
- School Council Elections and Meetings
- NSPCC Workshop Year 6
- Harvest Festival at St. John's Church
- Mad Scientist Assembly & Club
- Year 3 & 4 Trip to 'Avro Aviation Museum'
- Black History Assembly
- Anti-bullying Week
- Parent Reading Workshops
- Fund our Future: Cinema Night, Cake sales, tea towels, hair bands, etc.
- Road Safety Week
- Year 5 & 6 Trip To Whitworth Art Gallery
- Remembrance Assembly and Service at St. John's `church
- Year 3 Class Assembly
- Year 6 Class Assembly
- Scholastic Book Fair
- PTA Bags to School
- Journey Through Christmas
- PTA Christmas Cards
- PTA Cinema trip to see The Grinch

Rebuild of the School:

As you have hopefully noticed, there has been considerable progress with the rebuild of the school. The foundations should be more or less complete by the end of term and the work on erecting the steel frame begins in the new year. Mr Kevin Burgoyne (Project Manager, Eric Wright Construction Ltd) and his team are taking every opportunity to involve the children in the project. So far they have delivered a health & safety assembly related to building construction and provided each child with their own 'safety hat'.



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PTA - We would like to express our appreciation to the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for all their hard work this term, culminating with the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December, which raised £1,304.76. The PTA is always looking for new members who can offer as much or as little support and time as possible. The PTA meet approximately every half term and organise and run much needed fund raising events for school. Should you be interested then look out for letters and text messages about their meetings or contact them directly via email ptastjohns@gmail.com.



FUND OUR FUTURE – may we take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in raising additional funds to support furnishing the new school. We have been overwhelmed by the response and support of the school community. So far you have raised £3131, which is very impressive for 3 months work. Thank you.

Parent Helpers - In addition can we take this opportunity to express our thanks for the invaluable support we have received this term from Parent helpers, lifts on trips and our Governors.

Extra-Curricular Clubs:

A new list of the clubs on offer will be circulated after the Christmas holidays, with teacher led clubs beginning the week beginning the 14th January. Activities organised by Primary Sports Coaching differ in their start and end dates and they will keep parents informed of the relevant dates.

Communication:

- **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 could be missed.
- **WhatsApp** - We are increasingly aware of queries regarding school being discussed through WhatsApp groups. This has on occasion led to inaccurate information being circulated. As always, if you have any concerns or queries we would encourage you to contact school so that these can be dealt with.

Parent Governor

We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Mary Lorigan for her service to St. John's over the last four years as a Parent Governor. Mrs Lorigan has played a leading role in many initiatives at St. John's, including Health & Safety Governor, supporting the school working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award and much more besides. We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Lynsey Williams onto the Governing Board as a parent Governor from January 2019.

Parental Views:

The next Parent View Meeting is planned for Friday 1st March, after Family Assembly. We are very keen to gain the views of parents and hope that the timing of this meeting will encourage those parents who attend the assembly to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a chance to express your views on how to further develop St. John's.

Should you wish to get more information or contact us our details are below. It just remains for us to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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