

St John's C.E. Primary School

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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER JUNE 2019

END OF A BUSY BUT SUCCESSFUL YEAR

We are getting ever closer to the end of what has been an incredibly busy but exciting year for the school. We believe we have continued to move the curriculum forward and offer a wide range of engaging opportunities for our pupils whilst also planning for and preparing to move into our new school building in September. We would like to thank everyone for their support over the past year.

Having said this, the school year is not over yet and there are still many fun and exciting opportunities and events still to come.

REBUILD OF THE SCHOOL:

One of the biggest, but most exciting, challenges for the school this year has been preparing for the rebuild. As you have hopefully seen the rebuild has progressed at a rapid rate once a spade was in the ground. We are now at the stage where the painters are currently working inside the building, the internal walls are up and plastered, staircases are in and key items of furniture and ICT have been ordered.

Eric Wright have been a great company to work with and are very keen to leave us with a school we can be proud of. They have had regular interactions with the children, leading assemblies, meeting the school council, delivering workshops for various classes and will hopefully be giving children a tour of the school before the summer holiday. They are confident the school is on schedule to be handed over in the middle of the summer holidays as planned.

Linked with rebuild has been the first phase of the Mobile classroom development. As you may have noticed the mobile has had a new insulated roof and the external of the building has been clad. We are delighted with the visual improvements of the mobile but also that it has had a new lease of life. From September onwards it is proposed that the mobile will be used for music lessons, providing a purposeful place for tuition and practice and it is also planned that the mobile will become the new home for the FABS Club.

PTA / FUND OUR FUTURE:



We have been blown away by the determination of the school community to raise as much money as possible to be able to kit the new school out to a standard the children deserve. We acknowledge this year we have asked for your financial support more than we would normally, but please be assured every single pound raised is hugely appreciated and will go directly to providing for the children of St John's moving forward.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has given their time to support events, donated money or carried out individual fundraising efforts to donate to the Fund our Future campaign. At the time of writing the total raised so far is £10,102. There is still time to raise money for the effort either by supporting the events coming up at school or by raising money privately. If you are interested in being one of the 100 people aiming to raise £100 please contact the PTA (ptastjohns@gmail.com) so your name could be added to the list of people. So far there are approximately 30 people who have signed up for this challenge.





SUMMER FAIR:

Plans are well underway by the PTA for the school's last summer fair in the current building. It is on Saturday 6th July, 12-3pm. We would love you to join us, for some, if not all of the fair as this is one of the key fundraisers during the school year. Please bring along any family or friends and enjoy the various food and activity stalls. There will also be music from some of our school music groups, stalls run by Year 6 and a host of other things to do. Many thanks to those people who have offered help or have supported with donations for the fair. Fingers crossed we get the nice weather!



TERM DATES AND INSET DAYS (2019, 2020):

Please see below a reminder of the term and INSET day dates below for the next academic year:

If you are not already aware please pay particular attention to the inset days placed at the beginning of the year to allow the new school to be set up and operational in time for the children returning.



Inset Days:

- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Tuesday 3rd September 2019
- Wednesday 4th September 2019
- Monday 28th October 2019
- Monday 27th July 2020

Closure due to Exceptional Circumstances:

- Thursday 5th September 2019
- Friday 6th September 2019



	School opens:	School closes on:
AUTUMN 2019	8.45 am on Monday 9 th September	3.15pm on Friday 18 th October
	8.45 am on Tuesday 29 th October	3.15pm on Friday 20 th December
SPRING 2020	8.45 am on Monday 6 th January	3.15pm on Friday 14 th February
	8.45 am on Monday 24 th February	3.15pm on Friday 3 rd April
SUMMER 2020	8.45 am on Monday 20 th April	3.15pm on Friday 22 nd May
	8.45 am on Monday 8 th June	3.15pm on Friday 24 th July



ATTENDANCE

As you know we actively encourage positive attitudes to attendance and punctuality at St. John's through monitoring and celebrating high standards of attendance. We have worked very hard again this year on improving our attendance rates and so far 184 children have reached 95% attendance. Well done to all those children and parents who have helped us reach this! All children who achieve 100% attendance for this term will receive a 'St. John's attendance pencil and ruler' in our end of year achievement assembly. Those who achieve 100% attendance for the whole school year will also receive a 'St. John's 100% attendance medal!'



Unfortunately, we continue to receive a significant number of requests for leave of absence for family holidays. Regulations are clear that the headteacher is only allowed to authorise requests for leave of absence in exceptional circumstances, which does not include holidays. In addition, any request for leave of absence beyond five days cannot be approved. Unauthorised absences may be issued with an education penalty notice (EPN). Can we also take this chance to emphasise the need to instil positive attitudes towards punctuality in our children. Children should meet their classes on the playground no later than 8.45am.



Families should not be using the main entrance as a daily entrance for school. This prevents the office staff from being available to support parents and carers with enquiries. All children arriving via the main office must be signed in **by an adult** to support us in tracking attendance and punctuality.





SAFEGUARDING:

We continue to work hard to ensure the safeguarding systems are the best they can be to keep the children at school safe. Could we please give the following reminders which are issues we still have and have the potential to cause worry for children, parents or staff.



- **Children should not be left unsupervised in the playground in the morning. School take supervision for your child once the teacher meets their line at 8.45am.**
- **Please use the pavements around the edge of the turning circle at the end of Poplar Street as some families and children are cutting across the turning circle.**
- **Should you change your contact details please ensure the school office are made aware of this.**
- **If your child is being collected by another adult, please ensure school is made aware so we can release children at the end of the day without the need for contacting you to check the arrangements.**
- **Please do not allow your child to ride their bike/scooter in the school grounds or play ball games at the start and end of the day as at this busy period this has the potential to cause an accident.**
- **We continue to discourage children from playing rough games at breaks and lunch times as invariably games such as these lead to fallouts or injuries. We would appreciate your support in echoing these messages at home.**



Currently the segregation between the building site and school site has worked well and supported keeping everyone safe. When we return in September we will need to ask you to be extra vigilant around school entrances, as during the demolition stage (September to December) the building site will be located in the middle of the school site with children accessing the new building but also the playground. Plans are being prepared to ensure the the children and families arriving and departing school stay safe. We will be in touch with more details nearer the time about how this period will work.



HEALTHY SNACKS:

At St. John's our school policy is that children should only have healthy snacks at morning playtime. There have been a few incidents recently of children bring ing in sweets and chewing gum. 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.**



Could we remind all families that we aim to be **nut free** wherever possible due to some of our children and staff having allergies.



FABS (Fun After and Before School Club)

As you may be aware Mrs Greenhalgh who used to manager the FABS Club left us at Easter. We have now appointed a new manager for FABS and are pleased to announce this is Miss Proctor one of our current Teaching Assistants. She has clear ideas about how she would like to continue to develop the club.



Should you have any queries regarding club please contact her via the after school club email address afterschool@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk or on their mobile **07932483221**. Please note the mobile phone and emails are not monitored during the school day due to their teaching commitments, therefore please make any bookings or cancellations in advance in order that they are able to respond to you. To make or alter bookings for after school club please use the email address fabsbookings@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk.





EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS:

We hope the children have enjoyed the clubs on offer to them this year. We firmly believe primary school is a key place to experiment with new interests and skills and would thank those children who have committed to attending weekly. Can we also thank all those staff who have been willing to provide a club this year. Please note that clubs will finish on Friday 5th July.



MUSIC EVENING:

Congratulations and thank you to all those children who performed at the music evening. It was great to see the confidence and pride you take in performing and showcasing all the hard work you put into learning your instrument or songs. Many thanks to those families who were able to come and watch, as a key element of learning any instrument is having the opportunity to perform. Hopefully you will agree the children did themselves and the school proud!



END OF YEAR KEY STAGE 2 PRODUCTION:

The Year 6 children have begun working hard on the acting element of the KS2 Production which this year is 'Dreamboats and Petticoats'. Once again this year they will be supported by Year 3,4 & 5 providing choral support. The performances will be held at the Community Centre on Tuesday 16th July @ 1.30pm (Grandparents) and 6pm and Wednesday 17th July @ 6pm.



END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS:

Please note that your child's end of year report will be sent out on Friday 12th July. As part of this report details for staffing next year and end of Key Stage results/judgements will also be shared.



In order to ease transition for children to their new class we will be holding some transition sessions in the week beginning 22nd July. During this time children will get a chance to meet with their new teacher and find out a little about the year ahead. For the Reception children joining us in September, our highly successful First Steps Program is already underway giving children the chance to visit school and gain their confidence.



Year 6 children will also have the opportunity to visit their new high school for an induction day. For those starting at Priestnall this is on Thursday 4th July.



This time of year always becomes very busy in school, therefore please take a look at the key dates below or on the website.

Finally, . Many thanks for your continued support.



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Key Dates for Summer Term 2019			
Month	Date	Event	Time
June	10 th	Start of Half Term	
	10 th -14 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
	11 th	Year 5 & Year 6 Trip to Southport Eco Centre	
	13 th	Governors: Full Governing Body Meeting	6.00pm
	18 th	Year 6 Leavers Service (Manchester Cathedral)	9.30am – 12.00pm
	19 th	'First Steps' (Transition for New Reception Parents) begins	2pm – 3pm
	19 th	Music Evening	6pm
	21 st	Fund Our Future: Bake Sale (Staff)	3.00pm
	26 th	Reception Class Assembly	9.00am
	28 th	Parent View Forum	10.00am
July	1 st – 5 th	Eat Fit, Keep Fit Week	
	2 nd	Sports Day	1.15pm
	4 th	Year 6 High School Induction Day	
	5 th	PTA Movie Night	3.15 – 5.30pm
	6 th	PTA Summer Fair	12.00 – 3.00pm
	10 th	New Reception Parents Meeting	5.30pm
	16 th	KS2 Production (1.30pm – Grandparents)	1.30pm & 6.00pm
	17 th	KS2 Production	6.00pm
	18 th	Governors: Full Governing Body Meeting	6.00pm
	19 th	Year 6 Leavers Trip	
	22 nd	Team Points Winners Grand Prize	
	25 th	End of Term Achievement Assembly (Parents Welcome)	9am
	26 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Year 6 Parents Welcome)	9am
26 th	End of Term		