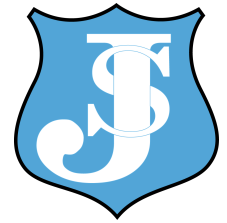


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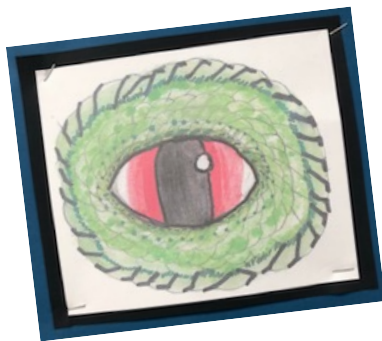
MOVING AT PACE!

Five weeks into term and we're very much back in the swing of things with children having settled into what is traditionally a really good term for learning and children's progress. Here's to a very successful 2020.

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. There are 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 themselves safe. These include:

Event	Focus	Date
STEAM Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop skills and knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths To continue to develop our learning behaviours 	Mon. 6 th Jan to Fri. 10 th Jan.
Children's Mental Health Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To raise awareness of how to maintain good mental health 	Mon. 3 rd Feb. to Fri. 7 th Feb.
Internet Safety Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the importance of using the internet safely 	Tues. 11 th Feb.
World Book Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a love of reading and encourage children to read a wide range of texts 	Thurs. 5 th Mar.
'Journey through Easter'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To celebrate the Christian festival of Easter and the life of Jesus 	Thurs. 2 nd Apr.



Sketching Year 3 & 4



Sketching Year 5 & 6



Bag Making in STEAM Week



Year 5 & Year 6 Netball Team



Star work from STEAM Week

Grand Opening of the School:

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us for the grand opening of the school on Wednesday 15th January. The Bishop of Middleton, The Right Reverend Mark Davies, and The Mayor of Stockport, Mrs Laura Booth, did an excellent job in officially opening the school.



We were particularly pleased to have Mrs Pratt's family and friends with us to officially mark the planting of the commemorative tree and plaque to remember her by. We wish them well at this difficult time.

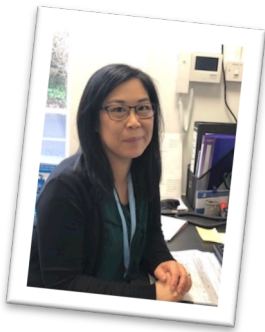
STAFFING

As you will be aware Mr. Stock has been absent on long-term sickness from school since October 2019. Mr. Stock, who has worked at the school for the last twelve years, has taken the decision to resign from his position as of January 2020. I am sure you will join us in thanking him for his service to St. John's and wish him all the best for the future.

We are incredibly grateful to all members of staff who have supported the school in Mr. Stock's absence, in particular Mrs McCabe (our cleaner), Mr. Hulme, Mr. Middlebrough and Mr. Clerc who have all made very significant contributions to cover the cleaning, maintenance and security of the school.

We are currently recruiting to find a replacement site supervisor. If you are aware of anyone who might suit this key role in our school please do highlight the position to them. The details of this can be found at the link below:

<https://www.greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/ST-36222/>



Many of you will have noticed that Mrs Michelle Garner has joined the team at St. John's working in the school office. Mrs Garner has settled very well into school life, making valuable contributions already! We wish her every success in her new role at the school.

PARENTAL SUPPORT:

• Parents' Evening and Afternoon

This week we will be holding our 'Parent / Teacher Consultations' (11th & 12th February). The purpose of these meetings 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. There is also an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and hopefully provide some feedback in the form of a written comment in their books. The children are always very excited to read your feedback the following day.

• Annual Parental Questionnaire

Seeking the views of our school community is very important to provide us with valuable information on what we are doing well and where we need to develop next. We therefore ask that as many parents and carers as possible complete our annual questionnaire. As last year, the questionnaire can be completed within the school 'Spider App' highlighted in the recent text. The questionnaire closes this Friday 14th February.

• Supporting School:

If you are able to support the school by volunteering for a couple of hours a week then we would love to hear from you. This may be helping hearing children read, supporting with displays or photocopying, supporting in lesson or helping stay on top of the extensive school grounds, including working in our Eco Garden and poly tunnel. If you are able to help then please contact Mr Clerc who would be happy to give you more information. Thanks for the invaluable support we have received last term from Parent helpers, lifts on trips and our Governors. We couldn't do

this without you!

- **Parent View Meeting:**

As a school that wants to provide the best for all its stakeholders, we are constantly looking to seek the opinions and views of our parental community. We are looking to continue our 'Parent Forum' meetings as an opportunity for parents to raise questions and issues for the benefit of all children. These meetings are held periodically throughout the year and last for about 1 hour. It's a great opportunity to meet other parents and some of the school staff. The next of these meetings will be Friday 27th March at 10.00am. At the last meeting we agreed the parental areas for the school to look into:

- *Please continue to develop the outdoor learning environment to enhance provision both during lessons, play times and lunchtimes.*
- *Please work in collaboration with the school and local community to support delivering our St. John's Curriculum.*
- *Please continue to develop FABS provision within its new location to ensure it provides quality provision and care.*

Please do join us for a chat and a cuppa!

- A further way to register your views of the school is through the Ofsted website:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

- **Parents Teachers Association (PTA):** In recognition of all the hard work from the PTA, Fund our Future and parental community we have officially recognised the amazing work done to raise money for the new school. The pictured plaque is located outside the school library. Many thanks for all your fantastic support!

Future events include:

- Break the Rules Day! Friday 14th February
- Non Uniform Day (Bring a chocolate egg) Friday 27th March
- Easter Egg Raffle Friday 3rd April



The PTA is always looking for new members who can offer as much or as little support and time as possible. The PTA meets approximately every half term and organises and runs much needed fund raising events for school. Their work is invaluable in helping provide even better facilities and opportunities for our children. Should you be interested then look out for letters and text messages about their meetings or contact them directly via email ptastjohns@gmail.com.

TEAM POINTS WINNERS:

Last term the overall winners for the term was the **RED** team, who enjoyed their winner's party and disco. Well done to everyone in the **RED** team. No doubt Mr Middlebrough is already planning the winning team's prize for the Spring Term. Could it be an Easter Egg Hunt?

SAFEGUARDING:

- **Children with Medical Needs:** We support and welcome pupils with medical conditions. If your child has asthma please inform school and provide an inhaler and spacer to be used if needed. If your child requires other medication please discuss this with the school office and complete the relevant forms. The school office monitors expiry dates and will contact parents where replacements are due.
- **ATTENDANCE MATTERS!**
Congratulations to the 80 children who achieved 100% attendance last term. These children were awarded a special 'attendance pencil' at our end of term achievement assembly. In addition, our Year 6 Class won the 'best class attendance award' with an overall attendance rate of 98.1%
- **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. We continue to send text messages to alert parents to important messages and events and therefore without a working mobile number, information could be missed.
- **ROAD SAFETY:** Being situated at the end of a cul-de-sac is far from ideal for a school, but this is the situation we are faced with. We would urge our school community to be mindful of the impact they have on the local roads and would discourage you from driving down Poplar Street at peak times as this makes safeguarding the children and our families very challenging. We need the cooperation of all pedestrians and drivers to make every effort to keep the area outside of school as safe as possible. We would ask all pedestrians to keep to the pavements and ensure that children do not cut across the turning circle as a short cut. We would also ask all users of school to ensure they park considerately ensuring they do not block driveways, block other drivers in or park too close to the end of a road as to make navigating the junction difficult.

Residentials:

As we near the residential season the dates and parental meeting details are as follows:

- PGL: Year 5 and 6, Monday 9th to Friday 13th March (**Parent meeting Wednesday 26th February, 6.00pm**)
- Nantglyn: Year 3 and 4, Wednesday 22nd to Friday 24th (**Parent meeting Monday 30th March, 6.00pm**)

Should you wish to get more information or contact us our details are below.

Best wishes.



Mr P Rayner
Headteacher



Mr A Clerc
Deputy Headteacher

Contact: admin@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk

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



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Key Dates for Spring Term 2020

Month	Date	Event	Time
February	11 th	Safer Internet Day	
	11 th	Parent/Teacher Consultation	5.00pm – 7.30pm
	12 th	Parent/Teacher Consultation	2.30pm – 5.30pm
	14 th	School Closes for Half Term	3.15pm
	24 th	School Re-opens	8.45am
	26 th	PGL Meeting for Year 5 & 6 Parents	6.00pm – 7.00pm
	27 th	Governors: Full Governing Board Meeting	6.00pm – 8.00pm
March	3 rd	Year 3 Class Assembly	9.00am
	5 th	World Book Day	
	6 th	Year 6 Crucial Crew	9.00 – 12.00pm
	9 th - 13 th	PGL: Year 5 & 6 Residential	
	9 th - 13 th	Sport Relief	
	26 th	Stockport Schools Choir Concert	6.30pm – 8.30pm
	27 th	Parent View Forum	10.00am – 11.00am
	27 th	PTA Non Uniform (Bring a chocolate egg)	
April	30 th	Nantglyn Meeting for Year 3 & 4 Parents	6.00pm – 7.00pm
	31 st	Year 2 Class Assembly	9.00am
	2 nd	Governors: Full Governing Board Meeting	6.00pm – 8.00pm
	2 nd	Journey Through Easter Themed Day	
	3 rd	Easter Service at St. John's Church	9.30am
	3 rd	PTA Easter Egg Raffle	
	3 rd	School Closes for Half Term	3.15pm
20 th	School Reopens	8.45am	
	22 nd - 24 th	Nantglyn: Year 3 & 4 Residential	