

# St John's C.E. Primary School

**-high standards through a caring community -**



## PARENT'S NEWSLETTER July 2022



### 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.



Ukuleles performing at Music Evening



Shared Reading in the new outdoor shelter!



Sports Day during 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 (provisional!) standards at the end of KS2 remain high as can be seen from the data for 2021/2022 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
KS2	Reading	93%	74%
	Writing	72%	69%
	SPAG	86%	72%
	Maths	93%	71%
	Combined (Reading, Writing, Maths)	73%	59%

### STRATEGIES FOR READING AT HOME:

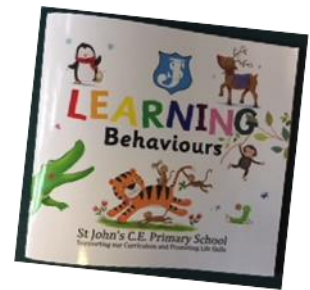
Whilst we do acknowledge that the children are ready for and deserve a holiday, we do hope that the children continue to read for pleasure and most importantly 'FUN!' over the summer holidays. Below are some suggestions for ways that children can remain actively engaged in their reading:

- Heaton's Library Summer Reading Challenge: 'Gadgeteers'
- Bug Club
- 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



## 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!



### PROVISION FOR NEEDS – (a message from Mr Middlebrough):

*At St John's, "Leaders have high expectations of all pupils. They want everyone to achieve their very best. Teachers are quick to notice and help if a pupil is struggling. From the youngest children attending the Reception class, to pupils in key stage 2, adults know these pupils very well and give them the right support to achieve well. Pupils who are disadvantaged and/or with SEND have their needs met successfully." Ofsted 2021.*

Following our OFSTED we have continued to work at improving provision. We have:

- Introduced a new internal meeting which allows the class teacher and the Inclusion Leader to discuss the year group and agree strengths and areas where support is needed.
- Developed a child centred reviewing system where the child is central to the process and provision is coproduced and supported by parents.
- Been fortunate enough to deploy teaching assistants in all classrooms, allowing us to provide for different levels of need.



Going forward, this will be important as there are changes next year to individual support due to a re-organisation of the local authority provision. Teachers from the authority who used to work with children will now instead provide training and guidance for school staff. As an inclusive school, where we believe every child should make progress and grow, we will endeavour to make provision for the needs of all the children at St. John's. Should you have any concerns please do get in touch.

### PARENT GOVERNORS:

Following on from our Parent Governor election in March I am pleased to inform you that we have two new Parent Governors - Mrs Adele Burns and Mr Shahid Hussain. Congratulations to you both and a very warm welcome to St John's Governing Board.

### 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 2022	8.45 am on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	3.15pm on Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
	8.45 am on Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	3.15pm on Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December
SPRING 2023	8.45 am on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	3.15pm on Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
	8.45 am on Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	3.15pm on Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
SUMMER 2023	8.45 am on Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	3.15pm on Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
	8.45 am on Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	3.15pm on Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July

### Inset Days:

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023



**PTA:**

A huge THANK YOU to the PTA, who have worked extremely hard to raise a very impressive amount this year 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 for our new Reception children to encourage positive attitudes to reading.
- Purchased copies of our 'St. John's Learning Behaviours' Book for new Reception children to become familiar with prior to joining our school in September
- Purchased subject leader resources to support provision
- Whole school trip to Cinema
- And last, but by no means least, raised valuable funds to enable us to purchase and build our new outdoor shelter. Great work!

**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.

**PICK UP AT HOME TIME:**

Please could we remind parents that children should be collected from the playground at the end of the school day at 3.15pm. If a child is not collected in good time, they will be taken to After School Club and a charge of £12 will be added to your ParentPay account.

Please let us know if there is any change to your usual pick up arrangements on a given day.

**FABS BOOKINGS:**

Please remember that all FABS Breakfast and After School Club bookings must be made in advance using the FABS Booking Form and returned to Mrs Longworth at [fabsbookings@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:fabsbookings@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk) Full payment must be made via ParentPay or Childcare Payment Scheme at the time of booking. Don't forget FABS Summer Holiday Club will be open for 3 weeks over the summer holiday. Please contact Mrs Longworth to request a Booking Form.



**MUGA COURT (FOR HIRE)**

As you are aware we have a state of the art MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) with a wide range of different sports and games which can be played on. If you would like to hire this for an occasion or for a regular five a side booking or other sport, please enquire via [admin@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk)

**SO LONG AND GOOD LUCK!**

Very soon we will be saying 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 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Best wishes

*Patrick Rayner*      *A Clerc*

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Headteacher

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<b>Key Dates for Summer Term 2022</b>			
<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>July</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup>	Eat Fit, Keep Fit Week	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	1.30pm-3.00pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	First Steps Session 3	2.00pm-3.00pm
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Priestnall Reading Celebration Event	5.00pm-6.00pm
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 High School Transition Day	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Priestnall Cup	10.00am-2.00pm
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Eat Fit, Keep Fit Week Celebration Assembly	2.15pm-3.00pm
	13 <sup>th</sup>	First Steps Session 4	2.00pm-3.00pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Non Uniform Day - Chocolate donations	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Summer Fair	11.00am-3.00pm
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Team Point Winners Prize	1.30pm -3.00pm
	19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production	6.00pm-7.30pm
	20 <sup>th</sup>	First Steps Session 5	2.00pm-3.00pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	PTA Pre Loved Uniform Sale	3.15pm-4.00pm
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Information Meeting for New Reception Parents	5.30pm-6.30pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Trip to The Crocky Trail (No Family Assembly)	9.30pm-3.00pm
	25 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Achievement Assembly	9.00am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9.00am-10.00am	
26 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Summer Holiday	3.15pm	
27 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day		
<b>September</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	INSET Day	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	School Reopens for Autumn Term	8.45am