

# St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## 'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Happy New Year!

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2023! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and have had a lovely start to 2023.

### Applications for Primary School

Please be aware that the deadline for applying for places in Reception for September 2023 is January 15<sup>th</sup> (Sunday). Applications are made on Sefton's website; please pass the message on to any parents who have children due to start school this year.

Even if you already have a sibling in school I am happy to show round any prospective parents and children for next year and run through the process and timescales again – just catch me at the gate or ring the office to arrange a convenient time.

There will be a further set of 'Stay and Play' sessions planned for after the February half term which we will publicise in due course.

### St. John's Day

Next Tuesday we will be spending time learning about John, whom our school is named after! We have a special Eucharist Service in the morning led by Reverend Rebecca and then every class will visit Church where Mrs Corbett will let us know all about John: who he was and why he was such a special friend to Jesus. We are looking forward to a lovely day!

### Clubs

Teachers have sent home letters and thank you for sending slips replies in. Confirmation slips will soon be sent out with clubs starting in the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Mr Willmott has added the clubs timetable to the main Class Dojo page.

### Smoothies

Thank you to those who have returned their slip for the 'smoothie taster' on offer from PDS. The deadline for replies is next Friday with PDS delivering the smoothies on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> for all children to enjoy! PDS will additionally be running one of their holiday clubs over the February half term – Mrs Bond has added their poster to Dojo.

### Mrs Hawthorn

I have written separately to Reception but, with Mrs Hawthorn having had such a massively positive impact on all children starting their journey at St. John's, wanted to ensure all families are aware. Today, Mrs Hawthorn has started treatment following a recent cancer diagnosis and she will be absent from school for the remainder of this academic year. Her consultant is optimistic that Mrs Hawthorn will make a full recovery but this will be a traumatic journey for her and her family and we wish her good luck in her fight and will be passing on thoughts, prayers and messages at regular intervals. If anybody would like to pass any messages to Mrs Hawthorn, please do so via your child's teacher or the office.

To cover Mrs Hawthorn's absence, there have been some slight internal staffing changes and we are delighted to welcome Mr Mannering-Whyte to our team of teaching assistants.

Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility

# St. John's Superstars

## Superstar Award

## Year Group

## J.O.Y. Award

Phoebe

Reception

Olivia

Georgia

Year 1

Teddy

Theo

Year 2

Heidi

Antony

Year 3

Sammy

James

Year 4

Zara

Malachy

Year 5

Gary

Tyler

Year 6

Chloe

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: ATTENDANCE

Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week as the list of dates will be added to / amended over time. Further details of key events and festivals will be sent out nearer the time in case we need to make any logistical changes. Teachers will keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

Whilst COVID is still very much around and in the news, it is important that children are in school as much as possible to catch up academically and socially. Each week the **class** with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

Reception – 89%

Year 1 – 99%

Year 2 – 99%

Year 3 – 93%

Year 4 – 91%

Year 5 – 94%

Year 6 – 94%

17<sup>th</sup> January – St. John's Day including Eucharist Service

18<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4 visiting Church to serve refreshments after the service

23<sup>rd</sup> January – clubs start

9<sup>th</sup> February – PFA discos. Further details will follow but usual times!

10<sup>th</sup> February – Southport Learning Partnership's 'Love My Community' Day. This will be a MUFTI day in exchange for a donation which will this year go to Queenscourt.

10<sup>th</sup> February – end of half term

20<sup>th</sup> February – back to school

23<sup>rd</sup> February – Year 6 start swimming

28<sup>th</sup> February – Eucharist service

2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day – more to follow soon

6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March – parent's evenings. These will be face to face meetings.

13<sup>th</sup> March – last week of clubs

31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Services in Church – more to follow

31<sup>st</sup> March – last day of term. No FAST club today

## Useful contact details

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## Prayer for the week

Dear God,

Thank you for the opportunities a brand new year brings. Help us to make good choices all year round and show compassion to everyone around us.

Amen