

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



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

(Nehemiah 8:10)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

### NEU Industrial action

You may have heard by now that the NEU have announced further days of industrial action on 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The government's continued failure to engage with unions over pay and conditions in school is concerning and NEU members feel that action to highlight the issues in schools must be taken. Other unions have spent the summer term balloting members regarding the potential of further industrial action in the autumn term and I believe that further action in the new school year is currently likely.

Teachers are taking action to highlight the current funding crisis which is affecting the education given to pupils across the UK. Ever tightening budgets are being stretched even further by the government's proposal that schools fund a pending pay rise themselves. Like nearly every other school in the UK, this is completely unmanageable and will lead to serious issues within schools unless a stand is taken.

Every teacher cares passionately for the children in their care and want to be able to provide the very best education possible but this is becoming more of a challenge each year and teachers across the country need your support in order to provide the best quality for your children.

Whilst members of the NEU at St. John's fully support the reasons for the planned industrial action on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, they do not feel that a closure of classes or school is the best way of supporting this action – on this occasion. Therefore, St. John's will be fully open. Given the proximity to the end of the school year, members at St. John's will be working on both days to ensure that:

- End of year reports – due out on the 7<sup>th</sup> – are not delayed.
- Trips that are due to take place are not cancelled as there is no time to reschedule.
- Valuable transition time for SEND pupils, Y6's moving to high school and Nursery children moving to school is not affected
- Preparations for the summer fair (due on the 8<sup>th</sup>) are not disrupted as so many in school and the wider community are working hard to make this a wonderful day.

We thank parents for their support to ensure that St. John's CE is able to offer the best possible education for all children in our school.

### Summer Festival

Thank you for the donations received today for the festival. On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> we have another MUFTI day scheduled in exchange for unwanted gifts that can be used on the adult tombola stall. We will pop out a reminder next week!

Years 1 and 2 will have their MUFTI day on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June instead as they will be heading to Stanley during the day to take part in a multi sports session as part of School Sports Week! A separate letter will be sent out about this but children in Years 1 and 2 will need to be in PE kit on Friday.

### Sports Day

This take place next Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup> June) for ALL classes. Our sports day sees all children separated into teams within their house with pupils from Reception – Year 6 completing different challenges to score points, moving round in a carousel. Spectators are more than welcome and I will be opening the side gate at 1 pm, aiming for a 1:15 pm start (ish). Hopefully we will complete sports day this time after last year's abandonment due to torrential rain! The forecast for next Wednesday is currently showing a possibility of rain and I will keep you posted on Class Dojo if sports day is unable to go ahead due to the weather.

Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility

# St. John's Superstars

## Superstar Award

## Year Group

## J.O.Y. Award

Rowan	<u>Reception</u>	Joseph
Jasmine	<u>Year 1</u>	Ralphy
Riley	<u>Year 2</u>	Dylan
Dakota	<u>Year 3</u>	Antony
Xavier	<u>Year 4</u>	Skyler
Chloe	<u>Year 5</u>	Malachy
Ella-Rose	<u>Year 6</u>	Myla

## Dates for this term:

Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week as the list of dates will be added to / amended over time. Teachers will keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

22<sup>nd</sup> May – Victoria Mile event  
 25<sup>th</sup> May – X country for Years 3-6  
 26<sup>th</sup> May – end of the half term at 3:05/3:10 pm  
 7<sup>th</sup> June – back to school  
 13<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Leaver's Service at Anglican Cathedral  
 21<sup>st</sup> June – Y3 trip to Chester  
 23<sup>rd</sup> June – MUFTI day for the summer fair in exchange for sweets/chocolate  
 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Year 5 visiting Stanley for a curriculum day  
 28<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day for Rec-Y6 (team based)  
 29<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 visiting their new high schools (Sefton)  
 30<sup>th</sup> June – MUFTI day for the summer fair in exchange for gifts for the adult tombola.  
 5<sup>th</sup> July – Rec and Y6 buddies trip to the Botanic Gardens – separate letter to follow  
 8<sup>th</sup> July – PFA Summer fair  
 11<sup>th</sup> July – Eucharist Service in school  
 13<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leaver's show at 7pm  
 14<sup>th</sup> July – Quad Klds competitive sports morning for Y3-6  
 17<sup>th</sup> July – End of Year Church Service for school and families – 9:30 start  
 17<sup>th</sup> July – PFA discos  
 18<sup>th</sup> July – Leaver's Church Service for Year 6 at 9:30  
 19<sup>th</sup> July – End of term at 1:45 pm. No FAST club

## ATTENDANCE

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 – 98%  
 Year 1 – 97%  
 Year 2 – 95%  
 Year 3 – 98%  
 Year 4 – 93%  
 Year 5 – 99%  
 Year 6 – 93%

## Useful contact details

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## Prayer for the week

(from Year 6's Leaver's Service)  
 Dear God, Thank you for looking after me for the last seven years at primary school. Please guide me with the same love and care through my time at high school.  
 Amen