

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



- Learning and Caring Together -

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Welcome Back!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year! May I offer a special welcome to our new families in school who are receiving a newsletter for the first time; we hope you find the information interesting and useful. Every week, we try to give some information about 'highlights' of the week as well as giving important messages about future events. Should you require any further information about any aspect of the newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

We are delighted to have welcomed our new Reception class into school this week and they are settling beautifully into school life at St. John's – we are so impressed!

Meet the Teacher

Wow! What a turnout. Thanks to all who attended the meetings this week: we feel the meetings have been a huge success with just under 30% more parents attending the meetings than last year when they were at a later time. If you were not able to make the meeting, relevant information should be winging its way home – please make an appointment to see your child's teacher should you require further information. **Year 3 are tonight!**

Values

This half term our school value is respect. A home school values sheet has been sent home this week and it is full of lots of ideas to help your family explore the value of respect together. If you see any of our children or staff demonstrating the value of respect, we would love to hear about it.

On Tuesday we will be celebrating international Respect Day with a special assembly and activities in each of the classes. More to follow next week...

Online Safety

Children use the internet in different ways depending on their age. For top tips on how to help them stay safe, internet matters.org have devised checklists for parents. You can find them on the E-Safety page of our school website and at <https://www.internetmatters.org/advice>

Church News

Some of our classes visited Church to do as part of their 'Heritage Weekend'. Children were able to explore the history of the Church and the village of Crossens through a variety of artefacts, photos and informative guides! Should families wish to visit over the weekend, Church is open until 4 pm today and from 10 – 4 on Saturday.

House Points

This week has seen the first full week where teachers have been awarding house points to children in our 4 newly named houses. At the end of last year our School Council decided on the names Topaz (yellow), Emerald (green), Sapphire (blue) and Ruby (red): this term children will compete to earn the most house points with the leading house at the end of term earning a treat for themselves! Our very first weekly winners were announced in assembly today as Emerald.

High School Open Evenings

A letter to parents of children in Year 6 was sent home today, detailing the arrangements for applying to High Schools. Open Evenings for High Schools are currently in full swing with children in Years 5 and 6 cordially invited to all! This week there are open evenings for Stanley (Monday), Greenbank (Tuesday), Range (Wednesday) and Formby (Thursday).

Clubs

Letters have been sent out this week from teachers concerning the clubs they are running this term. Please ensure replies are sent in ASAP so that teachers can finalise lists. Clubs start week commencing 24th September.

St. John's Superstars!

Achievement Award

Jacob N

Izzy E

Anabella

Izaak

Kyle E

George

Blake

Year Group

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Behaviour Star Award

Benito

James

Darcie

Shaylor

Aiden

Megan

Lily

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

18th September – Respect Day

20th September – LFC Football tournament at Stanley

24th September – clubs start

25th September – Tempest Photography in for Individual/sibling photos

1st October – Y6 leave for Robinwood

2nd October – Experience Harvest activities in school / church for the children

3rd October – Y6 return from Robinwood

5th October – Harvest Service in Church at 9:30 am – all families welcome

11th October – Girls football tournament at Stanley High

17th October – Competition Day in school with PDS

17th October – Bike It Day for Y2 and 5

18th October – Buddy Assembly for parents of children in Year 6 and Reception – 9:15 am

19th October – Celebration Assembly in school at 9:05 am

19th October – Finish for half term at 3:05/3:10

29th October – return to school

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is vital when ensuring your child is able to fulfil their potential at school. Our school attendance target is 96% and we celebrate the best class each week by giving them some extra playtime!

Last weeks attendance for each class is:

Reception –

Year 1 –

Year 2 –

Year 3 –

Year 4 –

Year 5 –

Year 6 –

Useful contact details

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Prayer for the week

Father God,

Open our eyes to value and appreciate all people. Help us to recognise what we have in common and **respect** what makes each of us unique.

Amen.