

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 9th September 2022

Welcome Back!

It is certainly a first week back that will go down in history following the passing away of Our Queen yesterday. I have posted a message on Class Dojo regarding our response in school and will keep you updated on any implications for school when we know more about state funeral and coronation arrangements.

The sad news of yesterday should not overshadow an otherwise wonderful first week back. It has been lovely seeing so many happy, smiling faces settling into the school year and we are looking forward to another successful year at St. John's. I am sure there will be plenty of children ready for the weekend (as well as staff) as it is extremely rare that we come back to a full week of school at the start of September!

Meet the Teacher

Next week, we are holding our Meet the Teacher events for each class from Years 1 – 6. These meetings are a valuable opportunity for you to come along and meet your child's teacher and find out about key expectations and arrangements for your child's new year group. We are able to provide supervision for school age children in the hall to make it easier for you to attend; please drop them off in the hall on the way to classrooms where the meetings will be held. The meetings take place on the following evenings and should be completed by 3:45 pm.

Monday 12th – Year 5

Tuesday 13th – Year 3

Wednesday 14th – Years 1 and 2 (separate meetings)

Thursday 15th – Year 6

Friday 16th – Year 4

Please try to attend if you can as a strong relationship between school and home only benefits your child's education. We will be adding documents shared at the meeting to our website over the following week or so but will be avoiding photocopying too much as we seek to save on costs

Clubs

Our extra-curricular clubs for Years 1 – 6 will start during the week commencing 19th September. Mr Willmott is now in charge of our clubs timetable and will publicise the timetable in due course. Individual teachers will send home letters for their clubs; we ask for reply slips to be returned as soon as you are able. Confirmation will be sent out on Friday 16th. Reception will have clubs available later in the year once they are fully settled into school life.

FAST club and breakfast club have re-started and they have sent booking forms to families who have used the service in the past. Should you not have received a form, or wish to make a new one-off or regular booking, please contact Mrs Bond in the office.

Nuts

Please can I ask that parents refrain from sending anything containing nuts into school – either as a snack or in a packed lunch. We have a few members of our school community with severe nut allergies and thus we strive to ensure we are nut-free. I am afraid this means we have to ask for no Nutella or peanut butter in sandwiches unless nut-free alternatives.

Children in Reception receive a snack each day in school as part of their curriculum. Children in Years 1 and 2 receive fruit each day. Children in Years 3 – 6 may bring in fruit for break time. Thank you for your co-operation in these matters.

St. John's Superstars from before half term

<u>Superstar Award</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>J.O.Y. Award</u>
Starts next week	<u>Reception</u>	Starts next week
Charlie	<u>Year 1</u>	Henry
Esme	<u>Year 2</u>	Aston
Elsie	<u>Year 3</u>	Harvey
Ella	<u>Year 4</u>	Skyler
Ollie R	<u>Year 5</u>	Belle
Sienna	<u>Year 6</u>	Myles

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.

- 12th – 16th September – Meet the Teacher meetings in school for Years 1-6
- 19th September – clubs start. Letters and timetable will follow soon
- 23rd September – Values Day in school
- 27th September – Tempest Individual School photos
- 30th September – Harvest services in Church. Rec, Y1 and Y2 at 9:15. Years 3-6 at 10 am. Parents will be able to attend if you wish.
- 12th October – Confirmation Service at 7pm at St. John’s Church
- 21st October – End of half term at normal time
- 31st October – Back to school
- 11th November – Year 6 leading our Remembrance Service
- 14th – 16th November – Year 6 at Robinwood Activity Centre
- Wednesday 7th December – Christmas activities start (I will include all dates soon!)
- Wednesday 21st December – last day of term. School closes at 1:45 pm. No FAST club on this day.

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	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	98%

Useful contact details
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Prayer for the week (from our special service about Queen Elizabeth)
 Dear Lord,
 Thank you for the life of Our Queen,
 For her love and service
 Help us to love and to serve too.
 Amen