

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)

Friday 22nd September

Values Day

We have had a wonderful day today celebrating our values in school. We started with a special assembly to explore J.O.Y.

Our vision for St. John's is for our values to be at the heart of everything we do so that we can all experience the J.O.Y of living and learning.

On page 2 of the newsletter you will find a copy of our school vision which is something I hope you are all able to share with us along with some lovely pictures and words from Values Day. A fantastic day that reminded us all about the special ethos we have at St. John's.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Meet the Teacher events over the past two weeks. It really helps to build those positive relationships between home and school. If you were unable to attend then teachers will have sent home some documents with the remainder being posted onto website pages already or very soon depending on how recently meetings took place!

You can find our website at www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk

Tempest School Photographs

A reminder that Tempest are visiting next TUESDAY to take individual and family photographs of children.

Harvest

Please ensure you see the letter on our main Class Dojo page outlining arrangements for our first Church celebration of the year – Harvest Festival.

Clubs

A reminder that clubs start on Monday. Mr Willmott has posted the timetable on Class Dojo and slips will have been passed out to all children who have places. Clubs will run for the 4 weeks up until half term and then start again for another block in November. Please remember to let teachers know if your child is unable to attend a club as a lot of time is spent preparing and running clubs which teachers volunteer to run in their own time.

Good luck!

To our football team who have their first fixtures of the league season on Tuesday at Larkfield and will be playing Marshside in the first round of the cup on Thursday. We look forward to Mr Willmott's match reports next week!

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal each day paid for by the government. From Year 3 onwards, children must pay for hot dinners unless they qualify for free school meals. Confusing as the terms are the same! Families in receipt of benefits are often eligible for free school meals beyond the government funded years and by applying families also attract additional funding for schools which, as you can imagine in the current climate, comes in very handy! Even though families in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive a free meal, it is important to apply for the additional benefit related free school meals as this will benefit your child's education. If you do not currently receive benefits related free school meals and think you may be eligible, please contact Mrs Bond in the office who will guide you through a process that will benefit school and yourselves.

Values Day

We had a wonderful day exploring our school vision of J.O.Y. in living and learning! We started with a special assembly before each class explored a Bible story, completed a craft activity to take home and discussed the meaning of their Value.

Class	Value	Bible Story
Rec and Y6	Trust	Fish on the Other Side
1	Compassion	The Good Samaritan
2	Thankfulness	The 10 Lepers
3	Respect	The Widow's Mite
4	Truthfulness	Zaccheus
5	Responsibility	Parable of the Talents



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Our Vision

At St. John's Church of England Primary School our Christian values are at the heart of everything we do. Our whole school community work together to create JOY in living and learning. |

Our school values are:

- Respect
- Thankfulness
- Compassion
- Truthfulness
- Trust
- Responsibility

Our school motto is:

"The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength" (Nehemiah 8:10)

JOY represents JESUS, OTHERS, YOURSELF

- Give your heart to JESUS and follow his example
- Build positive relationships with OTHERS
- Be proud of YOURSELF



In the afternoon, we all came back into the hall to share our wonderful work and sing our school song, 'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'. What a special day to start our year!

St. John's Superstars from before half term

<u>Superstar Award</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>J.O.Y. Award</u>
Samantha	<u>Reception</u>	Leo
George	<u>Year 1</u>	Theo
Jasmine	<u>Year 2</u>	Harry
James	<u>Year 3</u>	Evie
Scarlett	<u>Year 4</u>	Antony
Matthew	<u>Year 5</u>	Max
Brannan	<u>Year 6</u>	Malachy

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.

- 25th September – Clubs will start
- 26th September – Tempest School Photos
- 26th September – Football league matchday 1 at Larkfield – Team notified soon
- 29th September – Harvest Service in Church at 9:30 am – all families welcome
- 29th September – JOY team attending the re-dedication of Southport War Memorial
- 29th September – National Teaching Assistant Day
- 4th October – World Teacher Day
- 5th October – Y6 attending Stanley for a curriculum day
- 5th October – Girls football tournament at Stanley – team notified soon
- 10th October – Y6 singing at local care homes
- 11th October – Y2 trip to Liverpool – a separate letter will be sent about this trip
- 17th October – special buddy assembly for Reception and Y6 parents – 9:30 am in school
- 20th October – Break up for half term at 3:05 / 3:10 pm.
- 30th October – back to school
- 3rd November – flu immunisations for Y6 only

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	100%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	93.6%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	92.9%

Useful contact details

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Prayer for the week

Dear Lord,
 Guide us as we live out the values of our wonderful school, St. John's. Help us to show J.O.Y in everything we do or say.
 Amen