

From the smallest of seeds fed with faith and



love our St John's family will flourish and grow.

# ST JOHN'S CEI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER TERM 1

## Welcome back

Welcome to a New School Year!

Our first few weeks back have been filled with exciting activities and new discoveries. We welcomed our new Foundation Stage children who have settled in well in their newly furnished classroom.

We have also celebrated Values day. Each term we focus on one of our school values, this term's focus is FAITH. The children were asked to think about believing and having confidence in themselves and what will they do to help flourish and grow over the coming school year.

Overall a great start to the new academic year!

Mrs Milton



## ARBOR

We are now using ARBOR as our main database in school. All new parents should have received an email with instructions on how to login, please follow the instructions to set up your account.

This will be your one-stop-shop for letters, communication, clubs, trips and much, much more.

If you have any questions please come and speak to Mrs Sommerville in our school office.

## NOTE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents and Carers.

Welcome to the start of term 1 of this new school year. I hope you and your families enjoyed a good summer break.

On behalf of the governors of All Saints and St Johns schools I would like to offer a very warm welcome to all new staff joining our amazing staff teams and to all the new children coming into the nursery, reception and other classes.

We ask for God's blessings on both school families, the staff teams and all the children in their care.

Allan Warrington Chair of Governors.

## ATTENDANCE

As we embark on a new academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that term time holidays will not be authorised. Nationally, Headteachers are not permitted to approve term-time holidays except in genuinely exceptional circumstances and consider each application individually before making a decision. The law clearly expects Headteachers to enforce these penalties strictly.

We know that sometimes your child will not be able to attend school due to illness. Please ensure you let school know of your child's absence by emailing school or calling the schools main office and leaving a voicemail.

If you have any questions around school attendance, please speak to Mrs Gething our Attendance Officer

## SUMMER IMPROVEMENTS

Over the summer holidays the school was a hive of productivity with works taking place both in and outside of the building.

We have invested in new ICT equipment and a wide range of curriculum resources allowing us to deliver the curriculum with greater creativity, giving our children access to the digital skills they need for the future.



Our Foundation stage has had a complete make over inside and out with the help of Early Excellence, creating purposeful, engaging and inspiring environments tailored to the needs of our youngers learners. We are already seeing a positive impact on how the children explore, play and learn.

## PE

Please see below when each class has PE. Children are to bring their PE kits in school to change into each session. Please note children should not be wearing any jewellery to school and long hair should be tied back.

Butterfly - TBC      Squirrel - Wed      Owl - Fri,

## DIARY DATES

2nd Oct - Harvest Festival  
10<sup>th</sup> Oct - World Mental Health Day  
17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Individual photos  
20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Half Term  
12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parents Evening

## UNIFORM

At St Johns we pride ourselves on how smart our children look in their school uniform.

Please support your child by ensuring they are wearing the following:

Red jumper or cardigan  
White polo shirt or shirt  
Grey or black skirt, trousers or pinafore dress  
Red and white checked dresses can be worn in the summer.

## PE

White plain tshirt  
blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms  
blue or black jumper  
Please ensure all uniform is **named**.

If you require any support with school uniform, please ask at the school office for further information.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteers to assist with classroom activities and special events. If you're interested in helping out, please collect a volunteer form from the main school office. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!