School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

Thank you...

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful parents and families who joined us for our opening ceremony. It was so special to welcome you into our newly refurbished school and to share this exciting new chapter for St John's with you. We hope you enjoyed having the opportunity to look around, see the changes and experience our beautiful new learning spaces. We are incredibly proud of our school and the wonderful environment we have created for our children, and it was lovely to celebrate this special moment together as the St John's family. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and belief in our school — from the smallest of seeds, great things grow!

Dojo...

We are using Class Dojo as our main platform for communication with all parents as well as being able to share your child's learning on there. Please see your class teacher if you have any worries or problems accessing this. Please also note teachers are not expected to send or receive messages on there, any communication to teachers must come through the school office. Thank you.

Cycle helmets...



If anyone has any old cycle helmets they could donate to the school, we would gratefully receive them for the EYFS children to use with their bikes and scooters. Thank you.





PE Kits...

A gentle reminder to all parents that there is a PE uniform for our school on PE days. This consists of a plain white t-shirt and plain navy or black jogging bottoms. Trainers or plimsolls must also be worn. No jewellery on PE days too please.

Packed lunches...

We would like to encourage all families to support their children in bringing a healthy, balanced packed lunch to school each day. A nutritious lunch helps children to have the energy and concentration they need to learn, play and enjoy their school day. Where possible, please include a variety of foods such as **fruit or vegetables**, **a sandwich or other starchy food, a source of protein and water to drink**. We ask that packed lunches are kept low in sugary foods and drinks, and that sweets and fizzy drinks are not included. Small, healthy choices each day can make a big difference to children's wellbeing.

Key Dates...

Tues 22nd Sep: Phonics meeting with parents: 2:30pm
Fri 25th Sep: Macmillan Coffee morning: donations welcome
Tues 29th Sep: Meet the teacher Y1 & Y2: 3pm
Fri 9th Oct: Harvest festival in church: all parents welcome
Mon 12th Oct: Individual school photos for all
Mon 19th Oct: Flu vaccines in school
Tues 20th Oct: Reading cafe: parents invited in to read with children: 9am
Wed 21st Oct: New parent tour: 6pm
Fri 23rd Oct: Last Day of term:

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Mon 2nd Nov: First Day back
Tues 3rd Nov: Family Trust worship
Tues 10th Nov: **PARENTS EVENING**
Thurs 12th Nov: **PARENTS EVENING**
Fri 13th Nov: Children in Need
Mon 16th Nov: Phonics meeting with parents: 2:30pm
Thurs 19th Nov: New parent tour: 9:30am
Fri 27th Nov: Glowvember Disco (more info to follow nearer the time)
Fri 4th Dec: Christmas Fair 1:30pm
Tues 8th Dec: New parent tour: 9:30am

Attendance...

Attendance will be a key focus for us at St John's this year, as every day in school matters. Regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, develop friendships, build confidence and make the most of everything school has to offer. We understand that children can become unwell and that there are times when absence is unavoidable, but where children are well enough to attend, we want to encourage every child to be in school every day and on time. As we did last year, we will continue to celebrate and reward excellent attendance with our weekly raffle tickets for 100% attendance, with all tickets going into a draw for a special prize at the end of each term. Remember, the more your child is in school, the more raffle tickets they can achieve and the greater their chance of winning! Let's work together to make every school day count.

This week...

Our attendance for this week:

Hedgehogs: 100% (for their half days)

Squirrels: 90%

Owls: 91%

Whole school attendance: 92%

Our aim is to be at least 96% each week!