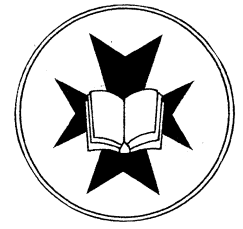


St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 21st September 2018-

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Week 3: w/c 17.9.18

It has been a really good start to the new school year and I have seen lots of examples of children really applying themselves to their learning and being good role models.

This year, we are focussing on **challenge** for all of our learners. The teachers are really focussed on extending the children's skills and knowledge whilst giving them the confidence to persevere and not worry if they have to think a bit more to solve a problem.

Some of you may have noticed that our House Captains and Head Boy and Girl have been wearing a variation to our school uniform in the form of a shirt and tie. I have to say that they look really smart! These children are trialling them for practicality over the next few weeks, with the aim of making it **optional** for class learning ambassadors throughout the school. They have been well received by the children, and others in the school have been asking if they can have one too!

Thank you all for your support, positive words and feedback; it really is appreciated.

Have a super weekend.

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Class Assembly Swap

Please note an early diary date change:

- 2T's class assembly will now be on 24th October
- 5S's class assembly will now be on 12th June

Vacancy: Midday Supervisor

A vacancy has arisen for a Midday Supervisor (Reception). Hours of work: 12.00pm to 1.10pm, Monday to Friday (term-time only). If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

Reading Book Bands

We hope that parents enjoyed the first of our reading sharing events this week. It was lovely to see so many of you sharing books and a love of reading with the children. Do take a look on the St John's website for further information on the book bands that we use within school.

Diary Dates

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| Mon 24 th – Thu 27 th Sep | Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 |
| Tue 25 th Sep | 9.00am: PTA new starter coffee morning (Learning Hub) |
| Wed 26 th Sep | 9.00am: KS2 reading sharing event (Hall) am: Primary Biathlon (Warwick School – selected children from Year 5 & 6) Year 3 trip to Ryton Pools 12.30pm: 6L parent sharing lunch |
| Thu 27 th Sep | 6.00pm-9.00pm: Kenilworth School open evening (for current Year 6) |
| Fri 28 th Sep | Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 pm: Year 6 health and wellbeing online questionnaires |
| Tue 2 nd Oct | 9.00am: Phonics coffee morning – Reception parents (Learning Hub) |
| Wed 3 rd Oct | 1.30pm: Harvest Festival (St John's Church) |
| Thu 4 th Oct | am: Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception – Year 5) |
| Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th Oct | Year 6 residential trip to Swanage |
| Mon 15 th Oct | School photographs (Braiswick – individual and siblings) |
| Tue 16 th Oct | 9.00am: Tapestry online learning journal coffee morning – Nursery & Reception parents |
| Wed 17 th Oct | 12.30pm: 6E parent sharing lunch |
| Thu 18 th Oct | Bag 2 School textile collection – <i>details to follow</i> |
| Mon 22 nd Oct | 3.30pm-5.30pm: Parents' evening #1 |
| Tue 23 rd Oct | 4.30pm-6.30pm: Parents' evening #2 (3TH only) |
| Wed 24 th Oct | 9.00am: 2T – class assembly 4.30pm-6.30pm: Parents' evening #2 (not 3TH) |
| Fri 26th Oct | 2.00pm: PTA Halloween grandparents' tea 3.15pm Break up for October half-term break |
| Mon 5 th Nov | INSET day – school closed |
| Tue 6 th Nov | Back to school |
| Fri 16 th Nov | Wear spots and stripes for Children in Need (in return for a £1 donation) |

Parent Governor

We have vacancies for two Parent Representatives on the Governing Body. A separate letter accompanies this newsletter. If you have the necessary skills to join us, please do consider putting your name forward.

Class Learning Ambassadors

You may have heard that each class has nominated Learning Ambassadors. As a Teaching School, we are having more visitors into school and, in our normal day-to-day role, we have lots of parents coming to look around. The Learning Ambassadors' role is to let our visitors know the learning that is taking place in the classroom. I know each class is taking it very seriously!

Issues and Concerns

Increasingly, I am out of school, so it may be that you cannot get hold of me as easily as in previous years. In fact, this week I have been out at some point every day. Whilst I will always return calls and emails, **class teachers will need to be the first port of call**. They will have the most detailed knowledge of the children and that day's events. If anything needs escalating, it will then go to Phase Leaders and finally to me or Mrs Eastham.

Our Midday Supervisors follow this structure of communication too, so quite often it is only final stage behaviour warnings that come straight to me or Mrs Eastham. This helps us with our tiered stages of consequences.

Buildings Update

Just a quick update to notify you of work that was carried out during the summer break;

- The hall floor was stripped and varnished. This should last a good few decades!
- The Computing Room was refurbished with freestanding furniture that can be flexibly arranged. We are now fully wireless with our Chromebooks, so this makes the room really versatile.
- The Out of School Club has been refurbished and reorganised.
- There has also been some decoration in the main public areas to keep them looking fresh and clean.

Bag 2 School

On 18th October, the Bag 2 School van is going to be visiting school to collect unwanted textiles. By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you'll have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes, hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Look out for the letter and collection bag, which will be sent home next week!



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Social Media

Social media is a fantastic vehicle for keeping in contact with friends and family and gaining access to information very quickly. It is an essential part of life in the 21st century and I fully understand why so many of us use it. Just a few reminders please:

- At St John's, we don't mind if you want to take pictures of your own child at memorable events. However, please make sure that, if you do post pictures of your child online, you do not include any other children.
- If you have any concerns about school, please come and talk to us first to give us the opportunity to work with you to resolve any issues.
- If you do post anything online related to school, please do not refer to members of staff or children by name.
- Please remember that you are leaving a digital footprint with every post or comment that you make.
- Please check your children's security settings too; it is important that we are all safe online.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Consent for Data Sharing

Before the summer break, a letter was sent home with all children requesting consent for data sharing. **This letter is really important to help us comply with the new GDPR regulations.** If your completed form is still outstanding, we reissued it last week. If you've already returned your completed form, thank you. If not, please ensure that you return it to the school office as a matter of urgency. It's very quick to fill in! We're simply asking your permission to share information with various online providers, e.g. ParentPay. Thank you.