

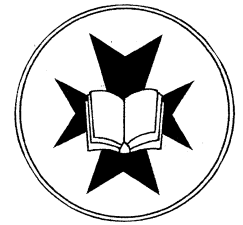
St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 9th November 2018-

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Week 1: w/c 9.11.18

It is such a busy time for St John's at the moment, and I am so proud of the children and staff and all that we have achieved together. You should be too! Mrs Baker and I presented at a Heads' conference this week about the good practice in Early Years at St John's. We took lots of photos to include in our presentation – the school looks amazingly photogenic! In all seriousness though, we are grateful for our learning environment and for the high-quality learning opportunities for all our children, who remain our number one priority.

In our role as a Teaching School, we will be welcoming a number of visitors into school this half term. You will also notice that we have several trainee teachers in situ too. If you come across any of these, I know that you will make them feel incredibly welcome.

Thank you for your continuing support. I am in school a bit more next week, so I will look forward to seeing you.

Have a great weekend.

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Bag 2 School Update

Thank you to those of you who brought in filled bags for Bag 2 School. With your help, we raised the grand total of £138.00, all of which will go towards enhancing the children's learning!

Maths Calculation Policy

Mr Lee and the staff have been working hard to develop our new Maths Calculation Policy. There are a number of changes, but it is very clearly presented and user-friendly. You will notice that there are clear visuals to illustrate how we teach Maths in school.

Please do take the time to look at the policy, especially if you are struggling with any homework set! A copy is available on the St John's website. If you cannot access the internet and require a hard copy, please let the school office know.

Reception Focus on Independence

This half term, Reception will be focussing really hard on our learning value of independence. They will be accessing different resources, changing for PE unaided and coming into school on their own, to name but a few! We would be really grateful if you could say your goodbyes at the gate and encourage your children to come into the cloakroom on their own please. This may seem insignificant, but it really does help with their learning when inside the classroom. Thank you so much for your co-operation (another of our learning values!).

Scholastic Book Fair

We're going to be holding a Scholastic Book Fair after school (3.15pm to 3.45pm) from Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd November in the Library. A Scholastic Book Fair is an exciting reading event held in school for everyone to enjoy, and is a wonderful opportunity for the children to see, touch and buy books from just £2. The good news is that every book you buy helps to get free books for our school. Thank you in advance for your support.

New Lunch Menus

The new lunch menus will start next Monday 12th November. The menus were emailed home before the half term break. Hard copies will be coming home in book bags today.

Children in Need

Next Friday 16th November, we will be wearing spots, stripes or flowers for Children in Need in return for a £1 donation to this worthwhile cause please.



PTA Raffle Prizes

PLEASE HELP ST JOHN'S PTA BY DONATING A PRIZE!

Do you or any family and friends work for a company that would be able to donate a prize to our annual Christmas or summer fair raffles? It could be something like a haircut or beauty treatment, a meal in a restaurant, a night in a hotel, or anything in between! The raffles help us raise money to enhance our children's experience at school. If you think you could help, please email us at stjohnspta@welearn365.com or alternatively contact the office. Thank you.

PTA Winter Fair: Non-Uniform Day

Friday 7th December will be a non-uniform day in return for Winter Fair donations. This year, we're asking **Year 3 to bring donations of cakes** for the cake stall, with all other year groups (**Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6**) bringing bottles for the bottle tombola please! Thank you in advance for your support.

Learning Webs

Learning webs are coming home today, so please check email/book bags!



IMPORTANT: Data Collection and Permissions

Thank you to those of you who've returned the various data collection and permission forms. **We are still missing some children's forms.** If you don't recall returning the following forms, please check book bags etc. and return to school as a matter of urgency. We will also chase by text. Thank you for your co-operation.

- Data collection sheet
- School activities parental consent form (*blue*)
- Photography parental consent form (*blue*)
- Acceptable Use Policy
- End of day collection form (*sent home with the first newsletter in September*)
- GDPR data consent form

Teacher-led Extra Curricular Clubs

Teacher-led clubs will start next week (w/c Monday 12th November). Letters went home confirming allocation of places before the half term break. If you're still unsure what clubs your child will be taking part in, please speak to the office.

Day	Time	Club	Adult
Mon	12.30pm – 1.00pm	KS1 Mindfulness Colouring	Miss Tonge
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Football (Years 3 & 4) <i>(Note: Years 5 & 6 will start in January)</i>	Miss Eggleton
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Football Team (selected children)	Mr Sharp
Tue	12.00pm – 12.30pm	KS2 Mindfulness Colouring	Miss Baker
Wed	12.30pm – 1.00pm	Choir	Miss Cossins
Thu	12.00pm – 12.30pm	Textiles (Group 1) <i>(Note: Textiles Group 2 will start in January)</i>	Miss Taylor

Diary Dates

Tue 13 th Nov	4P/3B – final swimming lesson
Wed 14 th Nov	12.30pm: 5S parent sharing lunch
Fri 16 th Nov	Wear spots, stripes or flowers for Children in Need (in return for a £1 donation)
Mon 19 th – Thu 22 nd Nov	3.15-3.45pm: Scholastic Book Fair
Tue 20 th Nov	4T/3B – first swimming lesson
Mon 26 th Nov	Year 5 trip to Cadbury World
Wed 28 th Nov	9.00am: 4T – class assembly
Fri 30 th Nov	Year 3 trip to St John's Museum PTA festive jam jars to be returned to school today
Sun 2 nd Dec	PTA chocolate tombola at Kenilworth Christmas lights switch-on
Thu 6 th Dec	Year 1 trip to West Midlands Safari Park
Fri 7 th Dec	PTA non-uniform day (Year 3: Cake donations / All other year groups: Bottle tombola donations) 3.30pm: PTA Christmas Fair
Wed 12 th Dec	3.30pm-4.30pm: Nursery stay and play (January new starters)
Mon 17 th Dec	9.00am: Nursery Christmas performance
Tue 18 th Dec	2.00pm: Reception & KS1 Christmas performance #1 6.00pm: Reception & KS1 Christmas performance #2
Wed 19 th Dec	2.00pm: KS2 Christmas performance #1 6.00pm: KS2 Christmas performance #2
Thu 20 th Dec	9.15am: KS2 Christmas performance #3
Fri 21 st Dec	3.15pm: Break up for Christmas
Mon 7 th Jan 2019	INSET day – school closed
Tue 8 th Jan	Back to school

St John's PTA

Parents and friends working to support our school

FESTIVE JAM JAR REQUEST

WINTER FAIR 2018

Creative kids required!



Can you help the PTA? We would love it if you could get creative with a jam jar!

Please help us by decorating a clean jar in a festive way and fill it with a small surprise – this could be anything (non-perishable) from bubbles or crafts to Lego or sweets – and anything in between!

The jars will then be used on our ever-popular jam jar tombola stall at this year's winter fair.

We've provided some pictures for inspiration, so start getting artistic!

Please hand your creative masterpieces in on Friday 30th November. Thank you!

Please continue to help St John's PTA, enjoying supporting our school together