



St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 6th September -

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Week Commencing 2nd September 2019

Welcome back everybody. I hope you had a lovely summer break. The time really flew by. A big welcome to our new starters in Nursery and Reception and to other families that have joined us this week, whether from other local schools or moved from further afield.

The children have all settled back into the new term and are making an excellent start to their new learning themes. Phase leaders will give you more of an update in the next newsletter.

There are lots of 'tweaks' rather than changes this term. We have revised our learning words which are now known as the St. John's 7. They are:

- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Self- belief
- Independence
- Resilience
- Honesty
- Perseverance

They were introduced in assembly this week and spot prizes will be given to children who can name them all **and** tell me what they mean!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mr D Barrow

Changes to the environment

Work was being carried out in school right up to us officially opening to the children today! These have included:

- Creation of a new outside area for the Out of School Club and Nurture groups. This involved making an external entrance, creating a lovely, safe outside space and filling in the pond. This was funded by the OOSC.
- Various internal decorations to keep our environment looking clean and fresh for the children.

- Improving the link between the Hall and Computing Room.
- Removal of asbestos from the Boiler House funded by the Local Authority.

Gateway Alliance



The Gateway Alliance are a quality provider of continual professional development for schools right across Warwickshire and beyond. We have always had an excellent relationship with them and have developed really close working links through our Teaching School status. They are now located in the office next to the main office. It is a pleasure to welcome them to the St. John's Family.

Office

Sadly, Mr Aston will be leaving us at the end of next week. I would like to thank him on behalf of everyone at St. John's for his professionalism, sense of humour, commitment and willingness to involve himself in all aspects of St. John's life. Mr Aston would very much like to change down a gear and have more time to do voluntary work and enjoy some well-deserved leisure pursuits too! However, do not despair we have appointed Mrs Daisy Newey as our new Office Manager, who has settled in beautifully and is having a handover with Mr Aston as we speak!

Out of School Club

As you may know Alba, our OOSC Manager has left to return to Spain. We are very pleased to let you know that Laura Challinor and Carla Hadfield have been redeployed as our new Managers. I know you will make them feel very welcome and give them your full support.

Your P.T.A. Needs You!



The P.T.A. is such an important part of St. John's Primary School; not only to help to raise funds for projects which directly benefit the children, but also to ensure that we have community events which can be enjoyed by all. We now have less than 3 regular members of the P.T.A. and are in desperate need of more support. We would be so grateful if you could consider whether you might be able to give up some of your time to help out at events or help to organise them. The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 24th September at 6.30pm**. If you are able to join us for a glass of wine and some cheese, it would be wonderful to see you there!

Roald Dahl Day



Next Friday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day in school. Miss Eggleton has planned some exciting activities for the children to take part in during the afternoon. Children are welcome to dress up as a Roald Dahl Character should they wish to do so. There will be a prize for the best costume in each class!

Pride in Presentation

The children all look incredibly smart in their uniform this week. At St. John's we believe it is very important to teach children to take pride in themselves, and taking pride in their presentation is an important part of this. We will be reminding children throughout the term of our uniform policy, and if necessary, teachers will ask children to remove any accessories which are not in line with school policy (such as multi-coloured hairbands or jewellery). If in any doubt please do come and ask!

Wheels!

Please could we remind you that in order to keep everyone safe, children (including younger siblings and pre-school children), should not be riding anything with wheels on the playground in the mornings before school. This includes scooters, trikes and bicycles. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reading in school

We are looking for volunteers to help listen to children read in school. If you know of a family member who might be interested in coming into school on a regular basis, please let the school office know. This can be a really rewarding experience for the volunteer and always makes a huge impact on children's reading. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Fri 13 th September	First celebration assembly of the year! 09.00am
Fri 13 th September	School Open Morning 9.30am – 12.00pm
Tues 17 th September	4E + 5T (top up) - swimming lessons start
Tues 24 th September	Reception Parents' Phonics & Tapestry Coffee morning 9.00am
Tues 24 th September	P.T.A. Annual General Meeting with cheese and wine 6.30pm
Fri 4 th October	Harvest festival 09.00 – Reception & KS1 14.30 – KS2
Mon 7 th –Fri 11 th October	Book Fair
Tues 15 th October	School photographs (Wrates – individual and siblings)
Mon 21 st October	Parents' Evening #1 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wed 23 rd October	Parents' Evening #2 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Fri 25th October	3.15pm Break up for October half-term break

Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM

Half-term

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 25 October 2019

School opens at 8.45 am - Mon 4 November 2019

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm - Fri 20 December 2019

SPRING TERM

INSET DAY CLOSURE - Mon 6 January 2020

School opens at 8.45 am - Tues 7 January 2020



Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that, from the beginning of the academic year 2019/20, the school will be taking part in a jointly run operation called Operation Encompass in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police. Many other schools in Warwickshire will also be participating in the scheme.

Operation Encompass is a way of working initially developed in south-west England that is already operating successfully in a number of other Local Authority areas. Its objective is to help schools provide support to children who are affected by incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

There is a great deal of research evidence that children can suffer significant physical and/or emotional harm when they are present during, witness or are directly involved in incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

The Operation Encompass process is simply that after any incident of domestic violence or abuse attended by the Police, the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Leads at the school attended by any child in the household will receive a confidential and secure Email on the morning of the next school day.

The Email will only inform the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Leads that the Police have attended an incident and will request that the school is mindful of that in their care and responses to the child throughout the school day. The school will not be informed about the specific details of the incident. The only exception would be when Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police deem the incident to be a child protection matter that requires further investigation. Information would then be shared with the school as part of Warwickshire County Council's child protection checks and investigation, which is current practice and will not be changed by Operation Encompass.

The Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Leads have entered into a formal agreement with Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police to use the information shared to make sure that the right support is available for children who are present during, witness or are directly involved in an incident of domestic violence or abuse. This means that the school will also be in a position to offer parents and carers support as appropriate.

The confidential information shared securely with the school will be managed and stored with the utmost sensitivity and discretion. We want to assure all parents and carers that only the nominated Designated Safeguarding Lead and me as the Headteacher will see the information shared with the school. We will then use the notification discretely to ensure that teachers and other staff directly in contact with affected children support them with due kindness, care and sensitivity.

The governing body hopes that every parent and carer will endorse the school's decision to participate in this process in order to provide children affected by domestic violence and abuse with appropriate support and understanding.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact myself, Mrs Baker, Mrs Eastham or Mr Lee and we will be happy to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Mr D. Barrow
Headteacher