



# St. John's CE Primary School

## NEWSLETTER

### April 2018



#### **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

Many thanks to all those who attended the Parents' Evenings at the end of Spring Term – we hope you found them useful. We'd also like to thank all those who took the time to fill in the Parental Questionnaire. This has now been analysed by the Senior Leadership Team and the results of this are attached to this letter.

#### **ABSENCE REPORTING**

Could we please take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of the legal requirement to inform school if their child is going to be absent for any reason. Please ring the appropriate office (EYFS/KS1 0161-681-5270 or KS2 0161-681-5713) before 9:00 on the first day that your child is absent.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

We are holding attendance panel meetings next week for children who have an attendance figure that is below 90%. We will also be sending out letters to parents / carers of children who are regularly absent from school to explain that we are no longer in a position to authorise any absences without medical evidence (e.g. prescribed medicine, appointment card). We have a duty of care to ensure that all children are in school, all the time, and if we feel that a child's education is suffering because of unwarranted absence, we will pass this information on to the relevant persons at the local authority welfare office.

#### **PLAYGROUND SAFETY**

It has been brought to our attention that some parents / carers are bringing dogs onto the school playground when they are dropping off and collecting children. Whilst we realise it might be inconvenient to leave your dog at home, we have to ensure that the children on the playground are safe, so could we please ask that dogs are not brought on to school premises. Could we also ask that if younger children do bring scooters or bikes when they are picking up older brothers or sisters, that they do not ride them on the playground, as this too could cause an accident.

#### **RECEPTION PLACES**

All nursery children throughout the borough should now have been allocated their places for reception in September 2018. If you have not been allocated a place, you will need to contact Oldham Local Authority.

#### **RETIREMENT**

It is with great sadness that today we are saying goodbye to Ms. Hayes who is retiring after 12 years at St. John's. We'd like to wish her a long and happy retirement.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

25<sup>th</sup> April: Attendance Panel Meetings – Summer 1  
1<sup>st</sup> May: Castleshaw Trip – Class 2  
1<sup>st</sup> May (onwards) – KS1 SATs  
3<sup>rd</sup> May: Fashion Show – Tickets available from KS2 Office  
4<sup>th</sup> May: Key Stage 2 Photographs  
10<sup>th</sup> May: Castleshaw Trip – Class 3  
14<sup>th</sup> May: KS2 SATs Week  
21<sup>st</sup> May: Robinwood Residential  
25<sup>th</sup> May: School Closes for Half-Term Holiday  
4<sup>th</sup> June: School Reopens

#### **KS2 CLUBS**

The Key Stage 2 clubs will start again next week. A letter containing information about which clubs the children are in, should also have come home tonight with the children.

### **EASTER SERVICES**

Many thanks to all those who came to the Easter Services across the two sites and supported the school by purchasing raffle tickets. We raised a substantial amount that will go back into school to support the learning of your children.

### **KS2 SAFE PARKING**

Before Easter, there was an incident by the school gates where a child was nearly knocked over when a parent was reversing out, having parked immediately in front of the playground gates. We do realise that parking close to school is difficult, but we do ask that you park with consideration for others and the safety of the children. If, however, you are registered disabled and need to park close to the school, please see Mr. Gibson and we can arrange something to accommodate your needs. We are also worried that if there was an emergency in school, an ambulance or fire engine would be delayed in getting access to the school via the playground if the gates were blocked by parents' cars.

### **LITTERING**

A neighbour of school contacted the junior school concerned about the amount of litter around the gardens and streets where they lived – St. John's Gardens – and wanted me to pass on their concerns about the effects that this has on the environment and wildlife. Obviously, we want to protect the environment, as well as maintain good relationships with our neighbours, so could we please ask that you take litter with you. We will also ask the ice-cream van, when it returns, to supply a bin to avoid the problem worsening in the summer.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Information about the school, including important up-coming dates and events will be on the school's website, which can be found at [www.stjohns.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.stjohns.oldham.sch.uk) . Copies of this letter and any other 'whole school' letters can be found on there. Copies of any class, or year group specific letters, can be obtained from the relevant school office, or the class teacher. We are currently updating a large number of our policies and these can also be found on the school website.

**For further information, contact the relevant sites: 0161-681-5270 (EYFS/KS1) or 0161-681-5713 (KS2). You can visit the school website at [www.stjohns.oldham.sch.uk](http://www.stjohns.oldham.sch.uk), which contains the Infant site blogs. Thank you for your continued support.**

**Miss L.Bonter (Head of EYFS/KS1 Site) and Mr. C. Gibson (Head of KS2 Site)**