



St John's CofE Primary School Newsletter: Issue 1 07/09/2018

Welcome Back and Thank-you

What a pleasure it has been to start the new Academic Year with the children and families of St John's. I have had the opportunity to speak briefly with many of you on the school gates this week and I will try to be out as often as possible, whatever the weather. Thank you for the warm St John's welcome; the smiles and the hellos have been very much appreciated. Your children are a credit to you and the school; I have been bowled over by their excellent behaviour and wonderful manners and aim to celebrate this with the children as often as possible going forward. What a great start! Mr. Buxton-Moore.

Robinwood

Year 6 families do please look out for a letter that will be coming home from Mr Gibson inviting you to a meeting regarding the residential trip in May.

The Sola Fide Trust

Exciting times at St John's have begun. The staff started the year off at St Chad's Teaching School with the teams of our partnership schools in the Sola Fide Trust. The plan is for St John's to formally enter the Trust this term. It is great to be part of a wider community, with public service to children and families at the centre of everything that we can develop with, and contribute to, as we live and learn together in God's World.

Clubs

After-school clubs will be offered from next week from Year 2 upwards for the time being. Do watch out for communication around these and be ready to sign up as communicated if your child wishes to access any of these.

Neighbourly Parking Etiquette

It is very important to remember that at St John's, we have a community conscience. I know that the roads can be busy in the mornings and afternoons and it is difficult to park near to school sometimes. It is very important however, to remember that local residents are our neighbours and they have lives and needs too, just as important as parent parking needs at pick-up and drop-off times. Please make sure that St John's cars, in the interest of working harmoniously in the community, never block access to private residences (and driveways in particular). Local residents will be advised to take registration details and report to the Highways Agency. However, if we are all empathic to all in the community, this will not be necessary. Thank you.

Two Things under review....

1. Celebration Assemblies

We are currently reviewing the way that we celebrate children's achievements, together with parents here, through celebration assemblies, which take place on Fridays. Please bear with us in the meantime and we will get back to you to communicate how this will look in the very near future.

2. Reception, Year One and Year Two entrance to school

Thank you to the very helpful parents who came to make suggestions about the morning entrance to school for Key Stage One children. Since our chat, the children have been practicing lining up. Consequently, from Monday 10th September, a bell will ring for lining up in front of your child's teacher, at which time we ask that parents stand back and allow the lines to move into their classes in a more calm and orderly manner. I hope that this will be an even smoother morning transition for everyone and thank you for your commitment to working together.

School Uniform Reminder

Please ensure that children with pierced ears only wear stud earrings and preferably no earrings where it is possible to take them out for school. The Uniform Policy is clear about hairstyles being not extreme. This includes no bright, dyed colours, no extreme difference between length of hair at the sides and on top and no patterns or lines shaved into the hair. Footwear is restricted to plain black shoes, not boots, trainers, or anything in between. Uniform and smartness reflects a professional standard we all wish to aspire to and sets the tone for excellence - something important to all of us for our brilliant children.

Attendance: Week Ending 07/09/18

Nursery - Sapphire	99.0%
Reception - Ruby	99.2%
Reception/Y1 - Diamond	96.4%
Y1/Y2 - Topaz	98.3%
Y2 Emerald	97.5%
Y3 Mrs Harris and Mrs Smith	96.6%
Y3/4 Mrs Rylands	100%
Y4/5 Miss Gorasia	98.4%
Y5/6 Mrs Clayton	97.6%
Y5/6 Mr Gibson	98%

Well done to Mrs Rylands Class with 100% Attendance! Remember, we are all aiming for a minimum of 98% attendance here at St John's. **If we are in school, we are learning!**