



St John's CofE Primary School Newsletter: Issue 2 14/09/2018

Dropping off in the morning - KS2

Please could all parents ensure that they do not drop off or leave cars in front of the school gates. This is the Key stage 2 entry point for emergency vehicles. In addition, when there are 2 or three cars pulling up, then reversing to get out, it is a worrying sight as many parents arrive at the same time to bring children through this entrance. Again, also, please ensure no St John's vehicles block private driveways. Thank you.

Foot, Hand and Mouth.

We have had one confirmed case of this in school this week. There is no need for alarm and the illness is treatable but we just wanted to let people know about it, as it is very contagious. The link below provides information on the symptoms and how to respond and if you are in doubt about anything, go to the GP, let us know and keep follow the advice.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

Requests for Holidays in Term Time

Having only been back in school for a short time, school is concerned about the amount of requests to take children away on holiday during term-time. Please make sure you fill out a request form BEFORE booking any flights or tickets to come in to discuss the implications of this. Unless the circumstances are highly exceptional, the absence will not be authorised. We need the children in school and learning every day. Thank you.

Class Termly Newsletters

These are going out today and we hope you find the information useful. Please feel confident that your child's class teacher is always here to help and to listen should you need it. They won't always be able to see you in an instant but they will be happy to make convenient appointments if you need anything at all.

Key stage One Lining up

Thank you, parents, for bearing with us while we re-organised the morning routine for the KS1 children. They really have the hang of it now and are appreciating a calm and orderly entrance to their classrooms. Once parents have seen the children to the line, please make a sharp exit to stand back as this is really helping that calmness to bed- in straight away. Thanks everyone!

New-style Celebration Assembly.

St John's staff and children are launching a new weekly assembly to celebrate the learning and progress of the children. Each Friday, the whole school will come together in the Key Stage One Building Hall. The children who have been spotted for working hard and achieving their best will be awarded a "star of the week" certificate and badge to wear. At the start of the week, if your child has been selected, you will receive a text message or phonecall from the school office, inviting parents in to the assembly the following Friday. We hope many of you will enjoy celebrating your wonderful children with us on a Friday. We ask that if you do get this message at the start of the week, that you keep it secret so that the children are surprised every Friday. (We realize they will twig when they see you sitting proudly at the back of the hall of course, but we can keep the suspense going until then I am sure!)

Contact Forms

Thank you for filling out the contact forms and medical details this week. If you have not yet managed to get them back to us, please do so urgently. The names that you choose to write into the table on the form for picking up at the end of the day are essential to safeguarding practices. It is important that you add as many names as you think might ever possibly need to pick up for you. At no time will your child be released to anyone who does not appear on that list and this cannot be amended over the telephone. Therefore, if you ever find yourself in a short notice pickle, it would have to be someone already on the list we hold in school.

Thank you for helping us to keep all the children 100% safe.

Attendance: Week Ending 14/09/18

Nursery - Sapphire	88.8%
Reception - Ruby	98.7%
Reception/Y1 - Diamond	94.8%
Y1/Y2 - Topaz	97.9%
Y2 Emerald	96%
Y3 Mrs Harris and Mrs Smith	98.6%
Y3/4 Mrs Rylands	99%
Y4/5 Miss Gorasia	98.7%
Y5/6 Mrs Clayton	97.8%
Y5/6 Mr Gibson	96.6%

Well done to Mrs Rylands Class with 99 % 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!**