



St John's CofE Primary School Newsletter: Issue 3 21/09/2018

Mobile phones

Thank you for ensuring that any children who have mobile phones do not bring them into school. These can get lost, stolen and encourage competitive behaviours to be avoided.

St John's Mission Statement

One of the requirements upon Church Schools is that we foster a unique and distinct Christian ethos in our school and bring that to life in every day experience for the children, families and staff. The school's mission statement has been revised this week and our motto "Living, Loving, Learning Together in God's World" is now linked directly to the Bible with the following quotation: "Let all that you do be done in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14.

Punctuality

As you know, we are aiming at St John's for the fullest daily attendance possible. This is also linked to punctuality and while we understand the odd extenuating circumstance that may crop up very occasionally, please try to make sure that the children arrive at school at least 5 minutes before school starts to avoid being late. In school, on time EVERY DAY makes for a productive time with not a minute wasted. Thank you.

Class Termly Newsletters

We hope you found the newsletters helpful from each class that were sent out last week. We will update you on the themes and topics to be explored at the start of each term. If you have any questions or want to find out anything else, your child's class teacher will be happy to assist in any way.

Uniform and name labels

It will probably come as no surprise to you that children are forever leaving jumpers and coats all over the place, which we are working with them to try to reduce....! That said, if name are in jumpers and coats, this helps to ensure lost property is minimized so please, if they aren't all labelled, write them in asap. Thank you.

Taking care around school

For health and safety reasons, please ensure that children do not climb on the Infant Notice board and planters at the entrance gates to the school. Many thanks.

Jojo Bows/elaborate hair decoration

Please can children leave large bows for weekends and parties. We ask for a simple, smart Alice Band or hair tied back in a simple scrunchie please. Thank you.

New-style Celebration Assembly.

St John's first "Star of the Week" assembly took place in the Infant Building, involving the whole school. Thank you to the parents and family members who were able to come in to school to celebrate with their children. Thank you all for understanding the space issues we would face if large numbers of parents were in each week. You will receive a text message or phone call to let you know that your child will be a winner with notice to allow you to arrange to come in where possible.

Harvest Assemblies

You will be invited to attend KS1 and/or KS2 Harvest Assemblies soon. These are particular to each Key Stage and children will not be able to come out of one part of school to attend the assembly of siblings in the other building due to safeguarding concerns and school attendance requirements. Thank you for your understanding.

Contact Forms

There is still quite a significant number of contact forms that have yet to be returned. These are a vital part of the school's safeguarding procedures, and only adults named on the form can collect children from school. Please ensure any of these are returned or if you need another copy, please ask at the school office at your earliest convenience. Thank you for helping us to keep all the children 100% safe.

Collection on the Junior Playground

Please make sure you come to the classroom door to collect your child at the end of the day to assist with school's strengthened safeguarding procedures. Also, please keep the younger ones close to you at this time so that they aren't running up to the classroom windows. This will assist in making the end of day transition as calm and orderly as possible. Thank you.

Attendance: Week Ending 21/09/18

Nursery - Sapphire Mrs. Crossley	89.6%
Reception - Ruby Mrs. Porter	99.3%
Reception/Y1 - Diamond Mrs. Luscombe	94.3%
Y1/Y2 - Topaz Miss. Earle	98.7%
Y2 Emerald Miss. Bonter	98.0%
Y3 Mrs Harris and Mrs. Smith	96.6%
Y3/4 Mrs. Rylands	97.5%
Y4/5 Miss. Gorasia	93.1%
Y5/6 Mrs. Clayton	97.5%
Y5/6 Mr. Gibson	97.8%

Well done Mrs Porter's (Ruby) Class with 99.3% 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!**