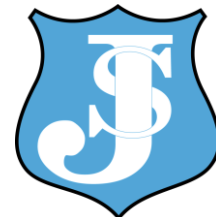


# St John's C.E. Primary School

**-high standards through a caring community -**



PARENT'S NEWSLETTER May 2018

## Lots to celebrate!

It has been a real 'whirlwind' start to the term, however I do think we can all be extremely proud of the many achievements the children have made. I am certainly very grateful to all members of our school community who continue to help make St. John's such a thriving place with so much energy, excitement and enthusiasm towards the many different aspects of learning. Some of our achievements since Easter include:

- Rocket world delivered by The International Society and sponsored by Stockport Lamplighter Rotary Club
- Year 3 & Year 4 Residential to Nantglyn
- Reception Class Assembly
- St. John's Got Talent Grand Final
- Rounders match v Stella Marris
- Year 5 'Epic Steps' Conference



Residential to Nantglyn



Rocket World!



Reception Class Assembly

## Rebuild of the school:

The feasibility has now been approved by The Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and planning has been submitted (Friday 6th April 2018). The planning application can be found by following this link:

<http://planning.stockport.gov.uk/PlanningData-live/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=P6RV99PJKP100>

The ESFA are looking to secure planning approval by July 2018 and to award the contract to the building contractor, Eric Wright Construction Ltd, by September 2018. This is with a view to construction commencing by November 2018, for a Phase 1 completion by August 2019. The new school would then be due to open in September 2019.

Obviously, the rebuild programme is subject to positive progress on the planning application and it will be further with Eric Wright Construction Ltd. If planning is approved earlier, or no objections are received, the ESFA could look to commence construction earlier. However, this will not have any advantage in terms of the September 2019 opening date.

Over the Easter holiday period further site investigations have been carried out by subcontractors on behalf of Eric Wright Construction Ltd and there is an additional drains survey planned for Monday 30th April and Tuesday 1st May. This is to gain further, accurate information on the site conditions to inform the design as it moves forward.

Whilst we will **ALL** sleep easier once planning permission has been successfully awarded, this is progress and further forward than we have been at any other time in the rebuild process. Please support our school by registering and commenting on the planning application.

## St. John's Got Talent!

This week saw our very first 'St. John's Got Talent'. The grand final at Heaton Mersey Community Centre gave the children an excellent opportunity to show their many considerable talents. Congratulations to all the children who participated and to Eden Norman who was our overall winner singing 'This Girl is on Fire!'



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### Staffing:

As many of you know Mrs Daw has sadly been absent from school, recuperating after an operation to fix her ruptured achilles tendon. Hopefully, Mrs Daw is soon to be back at St. John's on a phased return. Many thanks to Miss Hussain who has been covering in Year 1. We would also very much like to welcome Mrs Nicholson who has joined the St. John's team, working as a teaching assistant in year 5.



### SATs & Assessment Tests:

During May/ June most children will be taking part in school based assessments and national tests and tasks. Please make sure that your child is in school and punctual every day unless they are ill. These tests, along with on-going teacher assessment, help us as to identify improvement targets for school, classes and individual children. The outcome of this process will be recorded on your child's end of year report.



### Term Dates 2018/ 2019:

Please see below the school term dates for next year when all children are expected to be in school. All schools in The Heaton have worked together to align their term dates. We do not authorise holidays during term time so please do not arrange any holidays during these dates.



- **Autumn Term:**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018
- **Spring Term:**  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019
- **Summer Term:**  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Bank Holiday 6<sup>th</sup> May)  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- **Inset Days:**  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019



### St. John's Learning Behaviours:

Very excitingly, we have taken delivery of our very own published book all about our six chosen learning behaviours, with the associated characters, illustrations and stories. A huge thank you to Mrs Jane Schaffer (Rosie Griffin's Grandma) for the editing and publication, Mrs Rowley for the illustrations and the teachers for their inspirational stories. We have had an initial delivery of the book and have a limited number available to purchase from the office at the price of £4.99. We are hoping to receive further supplies very soon.



### PTA:

The PTA continues to work extremely hard to raise funds for the benefit of the children at St. John's. I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for the valuable contribution they make. Recent funding has:



- Made financial contributions to a number of trips and visits throughout the school, including the end of year trip for year 6.
- Purchased reading book bags and a copy of our St. John's Learning Behaviours Book for our new Reception children to encourage positive attitudes to reading and learning.
- Provided additional funding for outdoor provision in the EYFS continuous provision.
- Agreed to support MFL through purchasing resources to aid the teaching of French across the school.
- Agreed to additional funding to enhance home reading books.



### Safeguarding:

- **Attendance and Punctuality** – Recently, as highlighted by the Governors' letter regarding attendance, we have become concerned over the number of unauthorised absences during term time and with the punctuality of some families. Consistently arriving late to school very clearly has a detrimental impact on children's learning and general well being. We would strongly encourage these families to make the necessary adjustments to morning routines to ensure that no children are affected by arriving at school late. For clarification, the school day begins at 8.45am with registration closing at 8.55am. As a school we have been advised to mark lateness as unauthorised, which could then lead to the issuing of an Educational Penalty Notice (EPN) where lateness becomes a real concern.
- **Supervision before school** - We have become aware that some children are being dropped off at the school gate and are left unsupervised. This has led to concerns regarding both keeping children safe and a number of behaviour incidents that have been reported. Can we remind you that supervision from the school begins at 8.45am and that parents up until this time should supervise children.
- **Local Residents & Road Safety** - Local residents continue to express their frustrations and concerns regarding parking, road safety and the speed of traffic. Please can we remind everyone to park, drive and behave in a responsible manner. Can we also ask that you ensure that all children take great care when



crossing local roads. We are very much concerned that some children are putting themselves at risk and would greatly appreciate your co-operation in working with the school and local residents in keeping all members of our community safe and happy.

**Dinner Money (For Year 3 – Year 6 children only):**

Advance notice - in September, the cost of school dinners will be increasing to £2.25 a day (£11.25 per week). Please make payments using Dolce Live Kitchen. Please see Mrs Ingham in the school office for any information about school dinners, or with any concerns.

**Contact Details:**

Please may we remind all parents of the importance of keeping the emergency contact details that school has up to date. If you are new to the school, have moved or changed phone numbers please ensure school has the new and correct details as soon as possible. Increasingly, we are sending text messages to alert parents to important messages and events and therefore without a working mobile number, information could be missed.

**Parental Questionnaire & Views:**

The next Parent View Meeting is planned for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am, after Family Assembly. We will be looking at the evaluation of the recent parental questionnaire, progress with the Leading Parent Partnership Award and the parental targets agreed at these meetings. We are very keen to gain the views of parents and hope that the timing of this meeting will encourage parents who attend the assembly to join us for a cup of tea or coffee and to express their views on how to further develop St. John's.

**E Safety:**

Whilst the benefits to the use of the internet and mobile devices is clear to us all, it is also very apparent that the risks and dangers to children are increasingly linked to inappropriate use of online technologies. The need for children to understand how to keep themselves safe whilst on line is a challenge for both home and school. Children at St. John's are encouraged to:

- 'Zip it!' – keep personal information private
- 'Block it!' – block unwanted messages and don't open unknown attachments
- 'Flag it!' - tell someone about inappropriate use of the internet or social media

Please see the school's website under the 'E Safety' tab for further information on how to keep children safe when using the internet and electronic devices. Whilst we accept that children gain a lot of enjoyment from playing online platform games, we are frequently being made aware of children playing games inappropriate for their age group. We would advise parents to take the time to explore the content of games before allowing their children full, independent access to them.

**Summer sun:**

We're sure that everyone is looking forward to some sunshine! Please can we ask you to ensure that your child has a sun hat/ cap and is wearing sun screen when we have hot, sunny days? Children spend time outside every day at breaks, lunchtimes and during outdoor Physical Education sessions and we don't want them to get sunburnt. It's also a good idea for your child to bring a water bottle to school so that they can keep themselves refreshed and hydrated. This can be refilled by the children using the school drinking fountains during the day.

Should you wish to get more information or contact us our details are below.

It just remains to wish you all an enjoyable and half term break.

Best wishes



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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

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| Key Dates for Summer Term 2018 |  |   |                  |
|--------------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| Month                          | Date                                   | Event   | Time             |
| April                          | 16 <sup>th</sup>                       | Start of term   | 8.45am           |
|                                | 17 <sup>th</sup>                       | Rocket World: world community workshops – Years 2, 3, 4, 5  |                  |
|                                | 18 <sup>th</sup><br>20 <sup>th</sup>   | Year 3 & Year 4 Residential to Nantglyn   |                  |
|                                | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Governors: Steering Committee   | 11.00am          |
|                                | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | PTA Meeting   | 7.00pm           |
|                                | 24 <sup>th</sup>                       | PTA Bags to Schools Collection  |                  |
|                                | 25 <sup>th</sup>                       | Reception Class Assembly  | 9.00am           |
|                                | 25 <sup>th</sup>                       | Governor Attendance Monitoring  | 11.00am          |
| May                            | 30 <sup>th</sup>                       | St. John's Has Got Talent Grand Final (Heaton Mersey Community Centre)                            | 6.00pm           |
|                                | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Epic Steps Conference – Year 5  |                  |
|                                | 7 <sup>th</sup>                        | Bank Holiday – School Closed  |                  |
|                                | 10 <sup>th</sup>                       | Governors FGB Meeting: Resources Focus  | 6pm              |
|                                | 14 <sup>th</sup> –<br>18 <sup>th</sup> | KS2 SATs Week   |                  |
|                                | 17 <sup>th</sup>                       | Nursery Rhyme Challenge: reception  | 1.15pm           |
|                                | 18 <sup>th</sup>                       | PTA: Family Disco   | 6pm – 8pm        |
|                                | 22 <sup>nd</sup>                       | Class & Group Photos  |                  |
|                                | 22 <sup>nd</sup>                       | Governors & Staff Learning Walk   |                  |
|                                | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Year 3 Class Assembly   | 9.00am           |
|                                | 25 <sup>th</sup>                       | New Reception Parents Coffee Morning  | 10.00am          |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>               | End of Half Term                       | 3.15pm  |                  |
| June                           | 11 <sup>th</sup>                       | Start of Half Term  | 8.45am           |
|                                | 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | First Steps   | 2.00pm – 3.00pm  |
|                                | 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 6 Leavers Service at Manchester Cathedral  | 10.00 – 11.30am  |
|                                | 14 <sup>th</sup> &<br>15 <sup>th</sup> | PTA: Fathers Day Stall  | 2.00 – 3.30pm    |
|                                | 15 <sup>th</sup>                       | Parent View Forum – all welcome   | 10.00am          |
|                                | 19 <sup>th</sup>                       | Music Evening   | 6.00pm           |
|                                | 20 <sup>th</sup>                       | Governor Attendance Monitoring  | 11.00am          |
|                                | 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | Year 5 Maths Competition  | 1.00pm           |
|                                | 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | First Steps   | 2.00pm – 3.00pm  |
|                                | 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | Governors FGB Meeting: Governance Focus   | 6pm              |
|                                | 22 <sup>nd</sup>                       | PTA: Non-uniform Day –bring a bottle for the Summer Fair  |                  |
|                                | 26 <sup>th</sup>                       | Year 5 & Year 6 Celebration of Reading Event @ Priestnall   | 6.30pm           |
|                                | 28 <sup>th</sup>                       | First Steps   | 2.00pm – 3.00pm  |
|                                | 29 <sup>th</sup>                       | PTA: Non-uniform Day –bring chocolate for the Summer Fair   |                  |
|                                | 2 <sup>nd</sup> –<br>6 <sup>th</sup>   | Eat Fit, Keep Fit Week  |                  |
|                                | 3 <sup>rd</sup>                        | Sports Day (weather permitting!)  | 1.15pm           |
|                                | 5 <sup>th</sup>                        | First Steps   | 2.00pm – 3.00pm  |
|                                | 5 <sup>th</sup>                        | Year 6 Induction Day at Priestnall  |                  |
|                                | 6 <sup>th</sup>                        | End of EFKF Week Assembly   | 2.00pm           |
|                                | 7 <sup>th</sup>                        | PTA: Summer Fair  | 12.00am – 3.00pm |
|                                | 11 <sup>th</sup>                       | First Steps   | 2.00pm – 3.00pm  |
|                                | 11 <sup>th</sup>                       | Information meeting for New Reception Parents   | 6.00pm           |
|                                | 17 <sup>th</sup>                       | KS2 Production (Church Community Centre): Performance / Dress Rehearsal for Grandparents (1.45pm) | 1.45pm & 6.00pm  |
|                                | 18 <sup>th</sup>                       | KS2 Production (Church Community Centre): Performance   | 6.00pm           |
|                                | 19 <sup>th</sup>                       | Governors FGB: Teaching & Learning Focus  | 6.00pm           |
|                                | 23 <sup>rd</sup>                       | Transition Day  |                  |
|                                | 24 <sup>th</sup>                       | Transition Day  |                  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>               | Team Points Winners Celebration        | 1.15pm – 3.00pm   |                  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>               | Governors: Presentation to Governors   | 3.30pm – 5.30pm   |                  |
| 26 <sup>th</sup>               | End of Term Achievement Assembly       | 9.00am  |                  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>               | Year 6 Leavers Assembly                | 9.00am  |                  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup>               | End of Term                            |   |                  |

