

St John's C.E. Primary School

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PARENT'S NEWSLETTER February 2018



As we approach the half term break, it seems appropriate to reflect on our recent **OFSTED INSPECTION**. I do hope that you have taken the opportunity to read the report from our most recent Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday 9th January. Overall, we are extremely happy with the findings of the inspection and feel that it accurately reflects our school and demonstrates the way that the school has moved on since their last visit. In my opinion we can all take huge pride on how our school community has come together to secure the best learning opportunities and outcomes for our children. Can I personally thank all the staff, Governors, parents and children for all your hard work and support of the school, which has ultimately lead to this positive result. You can be assured that we have already begun taking on board the 'next steps for the school' as we continue to look to develop our practice and provision.

THEME DAYS!

As always at St. John's, we are constantly looking for ways to bring learning to life and make it relevant to children and their lives. There are a number of whole school themes and events planned for this term that we feel are an invaluable addition to our curriculum providing children with opportunities to learn new skills and knowledge, appreciate the life and values of others and enable children to learn how to keep themselves safe. These include:

Event	Focus	Date
St. John's Learning Behaviour Days	To continue to develop our learning behaviours	Thur. 4 th Jan & Fri. 5 th Jan.
Creative Arts Week	To expose the children to different types and genres of art, e.g. textiles, music, dance, printing, etc.	Mon. 29 th Jan. to Fri. 2 nd Feb.
Internet Safety Day	To understand the importance of using the internet safely	Tues. 6 th Feb.
World Book Day	To encourage children to read a wide range of texts	Thurs. 1 st Mar.
'Journey through Easter'	To celebrate the Christian festival of Easter and the life of Jesus	Tues. 27 th Mar.



STAFFING

After half term we will be welcoming Mrs Taylor back after her maternity leave. She will be working predominantly in Year 2 as a job share with Mrs Valentine. Meanwhile, Mrs Byrne has agreed to extend her time at St. John's and will be teaching in year 4 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This enables Mr Clerc and Mr Middlebrough to fulfill their leadership roles within school and allows Mr Clerc to continue to develop Forest Schools sessions for Year 4 and other groups of children across the school. Since October we have also welcomed Miss Linklater and Miss Crompton, as teaching assistants working in Reception and Year 4 respectively.

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DON'T SPREAD THE BUGS

We had a large number of children off last term as all sorts of tummy bugs were spread around. I'm sure that most schools in Britain are feeling the effects of these nasty viruses. ALL PARENTS AND MEMBERS OF STAFF ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WASH THEIR HANDS PROPERLY WITH SOAP AFTER VISITING THE TOILETS AND COVERING MOUTHS AND NOSES FOR COUGHS AND SNEEZES. Also, if your child is off sick, please don't send them back to us too soon. They will still be infectious, and other children won't like it at all if they catch it - and neither will their parents. For all vomiting and infectious bugs, please keep your child off for 48 hrs after the last time that they've been sick. Thanks.



SAFEGUARDING REMINDER

All the staff in our school are committed to safeguarding all our children We will strive to:

- Provide a safe environment for all our children
- Notice and take appropriate action to help any of our children who are either at risk of, or are suffering from, significant harm

Our designated child protection officer is Mr. Patrick Rayner (Headteacher). In his absence the role will be fulfilled by Mr. Andrew Clerc (Deputy Headteacher). I'm sure that all parents and carers can appreciate the importance of this aspect of school life and why the school must ensure all systems and procedures support the safeguarding of all the children in our care. If you have any concerns about the welfare of any of our children please do contact us.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Congratulations to the 80 children who achieved 100% attendance last term. These children were awarded a special 'attendance pencil' at our end of term achievement assembly. In addition, for the very first time, our Reception Class won the 'best class attendance award' with an overall attendance rate of 98.1%

TEAM POINTS WINNERS:

Last term the overall winners for the term was the **Green** team, who enjoyed their winner's party and disco. Well done to everyone in the **Green** team. No doubt Mr Middlebrough is already planning the winning team's prize for the Spring Term. Could it be an Easter Egg Hunt?

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT:

1. Website - As well as the half-termly newsletters, you will find lots of other information about our school on the website and it can help to keep up to date with what is going on in school. The school website can be found at:

<http://www.st-johns.stockport.sch.uk>

2. Parent/Teacher Consultations- We held our Spring term parents' meetings in the last week of half term. Thank you to all those parents able to attend, the meetings are always well attended. Hopefully the new 'report card' provided you with a clear view as to how your child is achieving and progressing this year. The children were really excited to see and read the feedback their parents had left for them in their books.

3.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.

4. PTA - the next meeting for the PTA is planned for Monday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the staffroom. The events they organise are always very popular but take a lot of work to organise; therefore all parents and carers are welcome.

5. Parent Forum Meeting - all parents are very welcome to join Mr Rayner for a cuppa and an opportunity to discuss the school from a parental perspective. Join us after Family Assembly on Friday 16th February, 10.00am in the staffroom. This is your chance to contribute to the development of our school.

6. Curriculum information Meetings - the following information meetings are planned for this term to provide parents / carers with the information required and to provide the opportunity to ask any questions and share concerns:

Meeting	Date	Attendance
Year 2 & Year 6 SATS Meeting	Mon. 22nd January, 6.00pm	Y2: 57%, Y6: 59%
Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Meeting	Thurs. 15th February 5.30pm	
Year 3 & Year 4 Nantglyn Meeting	Mon. 26 th March 6.00pm	



PARKING CONCERNS:

Unfortunately we have had a number of occasions where local residents and parents within our community have reported aggressive behaviour related to frustrations over parking. Children's safety has to come first with regards to this and we do feel it is vitally important that we all park, drive and behave in a responsible manner both inside and outside the school grounds. We politely ask that all parents and carers consider the safety of everyone whilst travelling to and from the school. During these icy conditions we recommend that bringing your car down to the end of poplar street is not advisable, as the cobbles become very slippery.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY:

Vacancies on the school's Governing Body has arisen for two Parent Governors. If you, or someone you know feel that you have the necessary skills and can make the considerable commitment to the school then please do let us know. For more information please see the attached advert or contact the school office for a discussion on the Governor role.

RESIDENTIALS:

Over the next couple of months we will be entering our residential season. Year 5/6 children will be heading off to PGL Boreatton Park near Shrewsbury and Year 3/4 will be visiting Plas Nant Glyn. The uptake for both residentials sees over 40 children going on each visit. Although these trips are expensive the benefits for the children are always very obvious and the time away always features as one of the highlights of the children's primary school time. We would like to thank all the parents for their support in the build up to the trips. We hope you look forward to seeing what the children get up to on our Twitter Feeds.

FOREST SCHOOLS:

As you may have noticed we have begun the process of developing our Forest School area to support the Forest School provision. Could we ask if anyone knows of any tree surgeons/landscape gardeners that have access to logs they would be willing to donate, that you contact the school office as we still require larger logs to create seating areas for our sessions. Also a polite reminder for parents to prevent their children from going into the Forest School area and sensory garden before and after school as young sapling and plants are being damaged.

LPPA:

We are currently going through the process of gaining the Leading Parent Partnership Award. This process aims to audit how the school engages with parents and where appropriate develop it's working practice. Feedback from parents is an essential part of this process therefore we hope you are able to provide feedback via the appropriate means. We are always keen to hear what we could do better but also what we do well.

Finally we look forward to seeing you at some point after the half term break. Many thanks for your continued support.



Mr P Rayner
Headteacher



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Key Dates for Spring Term 2018

Month	Date	Event	Time
February	1 st	Governors: FGB - Teaching & Learning Focus	6.00pm
	6 th	Internet Safety Day	
	7 th	Year 5 & Year 6 Trip - Air Raid Shelters	
	8 th	Governors: FGB - Resources Focus	6.00pm
	9 th	Year 3 & Year 4 Residential Nantglyn – final payment due	
	13 th	Parent Teacher Consultations	5 – 7.30pm
	14 th	Parent Teacher Consultations	2.30 – 5.30pm
	15 th	PGL meeting for parents	6.00pm
	16 th	Parent View Forum	10.00am
	16 th	School closes for half term	3.15pm
	26 th	School opens	8.45am
	27 th	Trip: Crucial Crew Year 6	12.00 – 2.45pm
27 th	Public Consultation on Rebuild of the school	3.00 – 7.00pm	
March	1 st	World Book day	
	2 nd	PTA Family Disco	6.00 – 8.00pm
	8 th	PTA Mother's Day Stall	2.00pm
	9 th	PTA Mother's Day Stall	2.00pm
	12 th	Year 5 & Year 6 travel to PGL	1.00pm
	15 th	Year 5 & Year 6 return from PGL	4.00pm
	15 th	Governors: Full Governing Body Meeting	6.00pm
	23 rd	PTA Non Uniform Day: bring an Easter Egg for the Raffle	
	26 th	Year 6 Bikeability (all week)	
	26 th	Nantglyn meeting for parents	6.00pm
	27 th	'Journey Through Easter' Theme Day	9 – 3.15pm
	27 th	Stockport Schools Choir Concert at Stockport Town Hall	6.30pm
	28 th	Year 2 Class Assembly	9.00am
	29 th	Easter Service at St. John's Church	9.30am
	29 th	PTA Easter Egg Raffle	2.00pm
29 th	End of Term		