

St John's C.E. Primary School

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PARENTS' NEWSLETTER January 2022



NEW YEAR, NEW BEGINNINGS!

Welcome back - and a belated Happy New Year to everyone. Thank you sincerely for all the cards and other lovely items, which I received from so many families and children. I hope all of you had a relaxing time, took the opportunity to enjoy the festive period and weren't too affected by the rise in Covid infections. Now we're back in the swing of things, children have settled into what is traditionally a really good term for learning and children's progress. Here's to a very successful 2022.



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. We started off the Spring term with our STEAM week, where the whole school was really engaged in activities centred around Art, Design & Technology and Science. It was absolutely fantastic to see children developing their skills and knowledge in areas such as sewing, sketching and painting inspired by a famous artist and working scientifically, whether that be making and firing rockets, predicting how toast would fall or investigating friction on different surfaces! Here is just a small sample of some of the fun learning that was covered during the week. Thanks for all the hard work and support from everyone.



Reception sewing their initials



Year 4 wallets – Lovely!



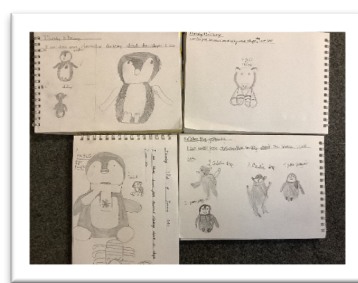
Year 6 sewing their Tote Bags!



Year 1 mixing colours



Year 2 Clarice Cliff style!



Year 3 Sketching Pablo!



Year 4 flipping toast!



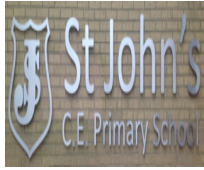
Year 5 Scaling up!



Year 6 firing rockets!

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AND THE FUN DOESN'T STOP THERE!

We have 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
Mental Health Workshops	To consider and develop strategies to	Tues. 1 st February
Internet Safety Day	To understand the importance of using the internet safely together	Tues. 8 th Feb.
World Book Chararter Day (including the launch of our annual reading competition)	To encourage children to read a wide range of texts for pleasure	Thurs. 7 th Mar.
Journey Through Easter Day	To explore, learn about and reflect on the events of Easter	Thurs. 31 st Mar.

WELCOME:

We are delighted to introduce and welcome Reverend Liz Rowles to both St. John's Church and school. Ordained as a priest in 2018, Liz was a nurse for 30 years at Manchester Royal Infirmary. Married to Ged, she has 3 sons, 2 step sons and 2 grand children. Liz is very keen to meet everyone in the school community, get to know the children and continue to enhance links between the church and the school. We are very pleased that she has agreed to support us over the next term with a selection of assemblies and our 'Journey Through Easter Day'.



We are equally delighted to welcome Miss Anna Monnelly as a teaching assistant and member of staff at St. John's. Miss Monnelly will be supporting children in year two. I'm sure that you will join me in welcoming her to the team and wish her all the very best in her new role.

REMINDER!!!

Please can we remind you not to send your child in with any nuts, or food items that contain nuts such as Nutella, peanut butter, nutty cereal bars etc. As you are hopefully aware, we do have some pupils and a member of staff with severe allergies to nuts and nut products. Recently we have noticed a number of children's snacks containing nuts. We would appreciate your help in keeping them (and others) safe against an allergic reaction. Thank you for your support.



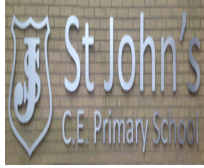
SAFEGUARDING REMINDER:

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

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Our Designated Safeguarding Lead 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!

Whilst overall attendance has been very positive at St. John's both prior and during the pandemic, we remain aspirational for our children's attendance as there has been much research highlighting the link between good attendance and good academic progress. We therefore politely remind parents that we can not authorise absence during term time for holidays or family functions other than in exceptional circumstances.



Regulations from the Department for Education state that "headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances."

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence/overview>

and you may receive an education penalty notice or fine of £60 per parent, per child if a child is taken out of school for holidays or other unauthorised reasons



Term Dates 2022/ 2023:

Please see below the school term dates for next year when all children are expected to be in school. As mentioned above, we do not authorise holidays during term time so please do not arrange any holidays during these dates.



Autumn Term:

- Monday 5th September – Friday 21st October 2022
- Monday 31st October – Thursday 22nd December 2022

Spring Term:

- Monday 9th January – Friday 17th February 2023
- Tuesday 28th February – Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term:

- Monday 17th April – Friday 27th May 2023
- Monday 12th June – Wednesday 26th July 2023

(Bank Holiday 1st May)



Inset Days:

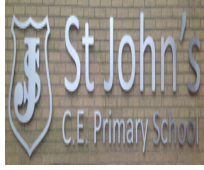
- Thursday 1st September 2022
- Friday 2nd September 2022
- Friday 23rd December 2022
- Monday 27th February 2023
- Thursday 27th July 2023



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.





ADMISSIONS TO RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2022:

The closing date to apply for a Reception place was 15th January 2022. If you missed this deadline we would suggest that you contact admissions at Stockport MBC as soon as possible. You'll find out which school your child has been allocated on National Offer Day on **16th April 2022**. You can find more information [here](#).



PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT:

1. Website – the school’s website continues to be a source of information which answers most of our frequently asked questions such as; term dates, school uniform policy, booking forms for fairs, school meal information, etc, and can be found at the usual website address below:

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



2. Parent/Teacher Consultations- As a number of parents have noticed, there was a clash between the Young Voices Concert (until it was then cancelled!) and Parent/Teacher Consultations. We have therefore amended the dates of the Parent/Teacher Consultations to the following:

- Tuesday 22nd February (2.30 – 5.30pm)
- Wednesday 23rd February (5.00 – 7.30pm)



You should have received details of how to make an appointment to meet with your child’s class teacher. The purpose of the meeting is to share information in relation to how children have progressed so far this year and we will also share updated learning targets with you. We hope that all parents/carers will be able to attend these virtual meetings.



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 will be missed.



4. PTA – the next meeting for the PTA is planned for Tuesday 28th February at 7.00pm held virtually. All parents and carers are welcome.

5. Parent Forum Meeting –

The next Parent View Meeting is planned for Friday 25th February at 10.00am, after Family Assembly virtually. We will be looking at 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 to express their views on how to further develop St. John’s. Hopefully the summer term meeting will be face to face!



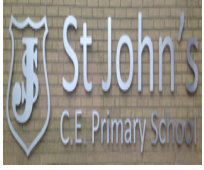
6. Curriculum information Meetings – the following information meetings are planned for this term to provide parents / carers with the information required and to provide the opportunity to ask any questions and share concerns:



Meeting	Date
Year 2 & Year 6 SATS Meeting	Wed. 26 th January, 5.00pm
E Safety Workshop for Parents	Mon7 th February, 3.15pm
Year 5 & Year 6 PGL Meeting	Wed 9 th February 5.30pm
Year 1 Phonics Workshop for Parents	Thursday 10 th Feb, 2.45pm



We do hope that you are able to join us.



ROAD SAFETY & PARKING CONCERNS:

Being situated at the end of a cul-de-sac is far from ideal for a school, but this is the situation we are faced with. Unfortunately, we have had a number of occasions where local residents and parents within our community have reported inconsiderate parking and aggressive behaviour. 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 considerate and responsible manner both inside and outside the school grounds. We politely ask that all parents and carers consider the needs and safety of everyone whilst travelling to and from the school. Now that the location of the staff carpark has moved there are fewer safe places to park at the end of Poplar Street and therefore we ask you leave adequate time to park up and walk to drop off or pick up. Can we also remind parents that the school carpark is for staff use, we have noticed some parents using it at the end of the school day, this creates a potential hazard with those cars having to cut across the lines of pedestrians leaving the school grounds.

HEALTHY SNACKS:

At St. John’s our school policy is that children should only have healthy snacks at morning playtime. Please can we ask that children bring healthy items and refrain from bringing chocolate biscuits, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks as snacks. **Please help your child to make healthy choices.**

Patricia Rayner

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Mr P Rayner

Mr A Clerc

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

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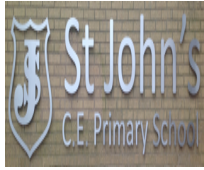
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Key Dates for Spring Term 2022			
Month	Date	Event	Time
January	6th	School Reopens	8.45am
	10 th - 14 th	STEAM Week, incorporating our St. John's Learning Behaviours	
	12 th	Governors: Presentation to Governors	3.30 – 5.30pm
	18 th	PTA Meeting	7.00pm
	19 th	Year 5 & Year 6 Trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters	
	20 th	Governors: Full Governing Board Meeting	6.00pm
	26 th	Year 2 & Year 6 SATs Parents Information Meeting	5.30pm
	28 th	PTA: Break the Rules Day!	
February	1 st	Children's Mental Health Workshops	9.00am
	4 th	Reception Bake Sale	3.15pm
	7 th	Parent's Workshop: E Safety	3.15pm
	8 th	Internet Safety Day	1.30 – 9.30pm
	9 th	PGL Meeting for Year 5 & 6 Parents	5.30pm
	10 th	Governors: Full Governing Board Meeting	6.00 – 8.00pm
	11 th	PTA Cinema Trip – Yet to be confirmed!	
	11 th	School Closes for Half Term	
	22 nd	School Reopens (Tuesday)	
	22 nd	Parent/Teacher Meetings	2.30-5.30pm
	23 rd	Parent/Teacher Meetings	5.00-7.30pm
	24 th	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 trip to Knowsley	
	24 th	Governor Development Meeting	6.00pm
	25 th	PTA Cinema Night	3.30-5.30pm
28 th	PTA Meeting	7.00-9.00pm	
March	3 rd	World Book Day	
	4 th	Year 6 Bake Sale	3.15pm
	7 th – 11 th	PGL: Year 5 & 6 Residential	
	18 th	Red Nose Day	
	21 st – 23 rd	Year 6 Bikeability	
	24 th	PTA Mothers' Day Stall	
	28 th	PTA – Bring in an Easter Egg for Raffle	
	29 th	PTA Easter Egg raffle tickets on sale	
April	31 st	Journey through Easter Day	9.00am
	1 st	Easter Service @ St John's Church	9.15am
	1 st	School Closes for Easter	3.15pm
	19 th	School Reopens (Tuesday)	8.45am