

St. John's C of E School



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It's so good to see everyone back after the summer break! There is much to look forward to this coming term and some new faces to introduce you to. As well as new staff members, we have some new children joining us and two brand new Reception classes.



MRS SILKE

Deputy Head Teacher



MISS WIDDOWSON

Leopard Class (Yr 4)



MRS SPINK

Inclusion Manager

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF

We are very pleased to have three new staff members join our St John's team. Mrs Silke will be covering Mrs Knight's maternity leave, Miss Widdowson is our new Year 4 teacher and Mrs Spink (in school Tuesdays and Thursdays) will be covering Mrs Wright's maternity leave.

Please make them all feel welcome!



WELCOME TOUCANS & TURTLES!

Our new Reception classes started this week! We are happy to welcome Toucan Class (Miss Little) and Turtle Class (Miss Mohabir) to St John's.



Thank you to everyone who helped to get the school ready for the beginning of term. It takes a lot of hard work to make sure everything is running smoothly and looking good for the children's return.

UNIFORM - Children are allowed to wear their Summer Uniforms if it is still warm.

Please note that Reception children wear polo shirts and Years 1-6 wear white shirts and ties.

Please remember to label your child's jumper clearly with their name otherwise we have no way of identifying who they belong to if they get lost - unfortunately there have been lots of brand new jumpers found around the school with no names in them.



EARRINGS - For future reference, if parents have children's ears pierced it should be done at the beginning of the Summer Holidays. If the children's ears are not healed by the time they return to school then the studs must be covered before coming into school.



COFFEE MORNING - CAKES NEEDED PLEASE!

On Friday 28th September we will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning alongside many others across the UK. The donations received go towards Macmillan services.

The coffee morning will be hosted in the Dining Hall from 9am - anyone wishing to donate fresh cakes please bring to the Octagon on Friday morning and for shop bought cakes please bring Thursday or Friday - PLEASE NO NUTS IN CAKES DUE TO ALLERGIES. Thank you!

CLUBS STARTING UP

All Clubs will start the week beginning Monday 17th September. Please wait for confirmation of a place before sending your child to any of the Clubs. It is very important that children should be collected from their After School Clubs on time.



Thank you.



ST JOHN'S PRAYER - CHANGE OF SEASON

Lord, thank you that there is a right time for everything in life. Help us to be patient when things do not move at the speed we want and give us energy and enthusiasm when we need to be prompted to get moving! We pray that as we return to school after the summer break we show love, kindness and understanding to those around us in this new season.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



THANKYOU

GREETINGS FROM CAMBODIA

Anya Richards (Mrs Richards' daughter) has returned from her trip to Cambodia and wanted to thank St John's pupils and staff for their financial support:

"It was truly an amazing experience and I'm extremely grateful to all those who donated and were able to help me fundraise via the mufti day at St John's. While in Cambodia, we worked with Projects Abroad in a school for kids ages 13-17." - Anya Richards

GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Well done to the following pupils who have recently been awarded the **Red Scarf** Behaviour Award!

Oluwatoyin (Penguin - Yr 1)
&
Naku (Giraffe - Yr 5)

PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN AWARDED THE RED SCARF:

Don't forget to collect your **Free HOT Drink** from our Olive Branch Cafe!



DIARY DATES

W/B Mon 17th Sep
Clubs start back up this week

Mon 17th Sept
Reception start Full Days

Thur 4th Oct
Animal Blessing in Church
9:15am

Fri 12th Oct
Harvest Service in Church
9:15am

Mon 22nd - Fri 26th Oct
HALF TERM

Mon 29th Oct
INSET DAY

Sat 24th Nov
SJSA Christmas Fayre

Thur 20th Dec
Carol Service

Mon 24th Dec - Fri 4th Jan 2019
Christmas Holiday

Mon 7th Jan
Children return to School


Mon 18th - Fri 22nd Feb
HALF TERM

Mon 8th - Mon 22nd Apr
EASTER BREAK

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May
HALF TERM

Fri 19th July
LAST DAY OF TERM

Mon 22nd - Tues 23rd July
INSET DAYS

 = NEW DATES

RED BADGE CHANGES

Red Badges are awarded to celebrate great learning achievements.

As we have many more children joining us each year we will be awarding our Red Badges less frequently. This makes it *very special* when it is awarded. Children will receive at least one Red Badge a year.

After your child's turn please return the Red Badge to their class teacher. Thank you!

PARKING CONSIDERATELY

Please remember to park considerately when dropping-off and collecting children from school. There are many Spring Park Road residents whose driveways are often obstructed by parents/carers and this can understandably be frustrating for them.



NEW SCHOOL MENU

We have a new menu available to collect from the school office or can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

Fresh seasonal salad and bread are available daily, as well as fresh fruit, yoghurt and fruit jelly as an alternative to the dessert of the day.



PANTOSAURUS

With the help of a friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, talking PANTS is a simple way to teach your child how to stay safe from abuse. We will be focusing on the prevention of sexual abuse using the NSPCC Underwear rule, which is a resource being used by schools across the country. All children in the school will be learning about how the parts of their bodies covered by their underwear are private parts and are not for other people to see or touch.

If you have any questions about this, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Baker.

To watch the Pantosaurus song click [here](#)

