



St. John's C of E School

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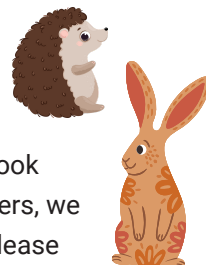
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WELCOME BACK

It is so good to see everyone back after the summer break!

Welcome back to all the children, parents and carers, teaching and support staff, volunteers and Governors and to everyone who makes St. John's School such a special place. 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; Hare and Hedgehog. Please make them feel welcome as they join the St. John's community!



Back to School



HELLO!

We are very pleased to welcome new members of staff joining us this term; we have three new Teaching Assistants; Miss Martin, Miss Victory and Miss Richards.



GOODBYE

We sadly said goodbye to Mrs Butcher and Ms Foster at the end of last term. We thank them for their contributions to St. John's and wish them well in their next endeavours.



BABY NEWS

We have great pleasure in announcing that Mrs Slater and her husband welcomed a baby girl over the summer holidays! We wish them all the best as they plan their new journey as a family of four.



MEET THE TEACHER

Thank you to those that were able to attend our **Meet the Teacher** event on Wednesday for Years 1- 6. All information including Powerpoints and handouts are now available on Google Classroom. Please take a moment to read through the presentation, especially our slide on behaviour expectations and consent. Please contact *Mrs Michael* in the School Office if you need a reminder of your child's login details.



RED WRISTBANDS / HEAD BUMPS

Going forward we have introduced a new system where we will be putting a red wristband on children who have had a head bump incident during the school day. Please look for a head bump letter that will still be going home in the childrens book bags with the details.



NO EARRINGS PLEASE

A reminder it is School policy that no jewellery is to be worn by children. This is due to health and safety considerations. Please ensure that all earrings are removed before children come into school. Thank you.



PLEASE LABEL ALL SCHOOL ITEMS

Please ensure all items of your child's uniform including P.E kits are clearly labelled with their name. This includes hats, coats, water bottles, bags and lunch boxes to avoid them getting lost.



CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIPS

Please find the class collective worship dates so that you can pencil them in your diaries. You are welcome to attend your child’s worship as this is an important part of our ethos. Please note due to the School Hall capacity we can only allow 2 adults per child. Please see below for the upcoming dates:

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| PENGUIN - Fri 22nd Sep | DRAGONFLY - Fri 26th Jan |
| POLAR BEAR - Fri 29th Sep | TOUCAN - Fri 2nd Feb |
| CATERPILLAR - Fri 13th Oct | TURTLE - Fri 9th Feb |
| CHAMELEON - Fri 3rd Nov | BEAR - Fri 1st Mar |
| FROG - Fri 24th Nov | BADGER - Fri 8th Mar |
| FLAMINGO - Fri 8th Dec | HARE - Fri 15th Mar |
| DOLPHIN - Fri 19th Jan | HEDGEHOG - Fri 22nd Mar |



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

A reminder that the eligibility for free school meals is if parent(s) are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker’s allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of state pension credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply please complete the 'Free School Meals Application' form available in Weduc



PARENT APP - IMPORTANT INFO

If you have not already done so, please download the Reach More Parents WeDuc App, so that you can stay up to date with current news and important information regarding your child/ren. The St. John's School Office uses *Reach More Parents* to share school news, provide visit details and notifications, key dates & events with parents/carers. Please note - you must enable **PUSH NOTIFICATIONS** on your phone settings to be alerted of new information. It is particularly important if you wish to book your child into Breakfast Club, that you do so by midnight the day before.



NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please remember we are a nut-free school and this means no nuts are permitted in packed lunches. This also includes muesli bars and peanut or chocolate spreads that contain nuts (e.g. Nutella etc).



RUNNING CLUB

We have introduced a new running club that will take place before school during this half term. Please note Children who attend the Running Club will be eligible to be selected for Cross Country borough events. Children can only be chosen for the Cross Country team if they attend the club. Those who have the best performing runs will be selected for the Cross Country team. We will be organising our own in-house Cross Country event this term and all children will be able to participate in this if they wish to do so. Further details will follow in due course.



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our hearts and mind to new friends and new teachers. Amen



Diary Dates

- Tue 5th Sep - Fri 20th Oct 2023
AUTUMN TERM 1
- Mon 11th September 2023
After School Clubs begin
- Wed 20th September 2023
Reception Full Days
- Mon 23rd - Fri 27th Oct 2023
HALF TERM
- Mon 30th Oct - Thurs 21st Dec 2023
AUTUMN TERM 2
- Friday 17th November
INSET DAY
- Fri 22nd Dec - Fri 5th Jan 2024
CHRISTMAS BREAK
- Mon 8th Jan - Fri 9th Feb 2024
SPRING TERM 1
- Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb 2024
HALF TERM
- Mon 19th Feb - Thurs 28th Mar 2024
SPRING TERM 2
- Fri 29th March - Fri 12th April 2024
EASTER BREAK
- Mon 15th Apr - Fri 24th May 2024
SUMMER TERM 1
- Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May 2024
HALF TERM