



OUR VALUE FOR THIS HALF TERM IS GENEROSITY:

PROVERBS 11:25 - "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

HELLO!

We are delighted to welcome our new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Dawson and Miss Zachrun. Please join us in making them feel welcome in the St. John's community.

GOODBYE

Mrs Yusuf will be leaving St. John's at the end of the half term. We wish her the best of luck in her new role as a Speech and Language Assistant.

NEW STAFF GOVERNOR

Mr Adams has been appointed as a new staff governor at St. John's.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK - 5-11 FEBRUARY

For Children's Mental Health Week 2024, Place2Be wants all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe – "My Voice Matters". You can watch the video [here](#) – featuring the voices of children and young people – to learn more about the theme.

St. John's will be getting involved during the mental health week and will hold a 'Dress to Express' day on Friday 9th February. More details will be shared with parents and carers via Reach More Parents (Weduc) app.

CORRECT UNIFORM

Please click [here](#) to find details of the correct uniform items your child should be wearing to school daily. Please ensure **no jewellery** is worn to school including earrings as they are not permitted to be worn during the school day for health and safety reasons. In addition, please remember for years 1- 6, a school tie must be worn everyday and top buttons should be done up. All uniform also needs to be named so it can go back to it's correct owner if lost.

ONLINE SAFETY

It is advisable to make sure your child understands that they can talk to you if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable online. If they use YouTube, to make it safer for them please explore YouTube together and see what they like to watch. To add some safety measures you can;

- Select **Restricted Mode** - this is an additional setting (when logged in via a Google account) to restrict the availability of mature content. Google have created a table to show the differences between YouTube Kids and a Supervised account to help in your decision. To learn more, please click [here](#) for more information.
- Ensure your child knows how to report inappropriate content/comments. Find out more [here](#):

RED SCARF - GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Well done to the following pupils who have recently been awarded the Red Scarf Behaviour Award! Parents/Carers of children who have been awarded the Red Scarf can collect their **FREE** hot drink from our Olive Branch Café!

Chameleon - Anna
Badger - Evie
Bear - Elias
Turtle - Rose
Penguin - Charlotte

Young Artists Summer Show

Artists are at the heart of everything the Royal Academy Arts do. They believe in nurturing and celebrating the next generation of artists. Taking inspiration from the Summer Exhibition, the Young Artist's Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4-19 years. The artworks submitted will be judged by a panel of artists and they will then select the artworks to be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. There are also prizes to be won. Each student can submit one artwork and there is no theme! You can create whatever you want. Registration and submission dates are 8th January – 27th March 2024. Miss Robinson has already registered the school, so if your child would like to take part, the next steps are to create the artwork and then parents/guardians can submit it online. To find out more please click [here](#).

DONATIONS

The Children's Society

A massive thank you for your donations received from the Carol Service of £185.00 🌞 Together, thanks to your generosity, we have helped with creating a society built for all children. Our gift of £185.00 means we can support to empower young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope. To find further news and blogs from young people and professionals in this sector, please click [here](#). We believe along with The Children's Society, that every young person deserves a good childhood. If you would like to make a further donation you can do so by clicking [here](#) to be taken directly to the dedicated page.

MORNING SUPERVISION

A gentle reminder to please not leave children unsupervised in the school playgrounds in the morning. Children must also not take out any equipment to play with without permission from the school. Thank you for your understanding.

PARKING

Please remember to be considerate when parking your vehicle during school drop off and pick up times. Please drive safely and try not to cause an obstruction when parking as this can cause distress and can be avoided.



CHILDCARE CHOICES

The Government can help with childcare costs for parents with children of all ages. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support. To find information on childcare choices click on the link [here](#). You can also use a calculator to find out how much you could get towards approved childcare. The link can be found [here](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To apply please complete the 'Free School Meals Application' form available within Weduc or you can click [here](#) to access. If you are unsure whether or not you are entitled to benefits-related 'Free School Meals', please feel free to contact the school and speak with Mrs Mackenzie who will be able to check eligibility for you.

PRAYER

Loving Father,
As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Amen.

DIARY DATES

TERM DATES

Mon 8th Jan - Fri 9th Feb
SPRING TERM 1

Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb
HALF TERM

Mon 19th Feb - Thurs 28th Mar
SPRING TERM 2

Fri 29th Mar - Fri 12th April
EASTER BREAK

Mon 15th April - Fri 24th May
SUMMER TERM 1

Mon 6th May
BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May
HALF TERM

Mon 3rd June - Fri 19th July
SUMMER TERM 2

Mon 22nd - Wed 24th July
INSET DAYS

Mon 2nd September 2024
INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd September
FIRST DAY BACK