

**HEADTEACHER'S NEWS**

It was so lovely to see all our pupils returning, looking very refreshed and ready to start a new school year. Of course it is at this time of the year that we think about our targets for the year and how we want to strive to achieve even more or improve on something that we know we need to address.

We are delighted to report that our Ofsted Report has now been published on the Ofsted website which can be accessed on: ofsted UK reports, click on find inspection report and type in the school name. Please take the time to read this report which we are all extremely proud of at a time where the government's expectations and challenge is increasing dramatically in terms of rigour and outcomes for schools in all areas of learning and development for every child. Overall the school achieved the category of Good which is a superb achievement and when you read the report I am sure you will appreciate the demands on the school to fulfil all areas of school life in order to achieve this grading. Our motto at St. John's School is: 'Learning Through Enjoyment' and it was so rewarding to hear one parent say to the inspector that 'I wish I was a child again so I could enjoy the lessons too'. Thank you to our parents for being so supportive throughout the inspection. Personally, I would like to thank all members of the St. John's School Governing Body for their continued hard work and support both in the preparation for Ofsted and during the inspection. We are so fortunate at this school to have such a dedicated, professional and caring team of governors who have an enormous impact on how well the school is led and managed in all areas.

This morning during my assembly, I talked to the pupils about the following changes that have been agreed with all staff and governors for this school year and also reminders about expectations with regard to uniform and behaviour. It is paramount that all parents and carers fully support us in implementing these changes and ensuring that all expectations are adhered to at all times. Firstly, attendance still remains a major area of concern for our school and has been for some time now. We are improving in this area but not at the rate that both the governors and I would like to see. In an attempt to get every child into school on time and ready to start learning at 8.55am, the gate will remain open at 8.45am and I will be blowing the whistle at 8.50am so that pupils are walking down to their respective class before 8.55am. Registers must be completed by 9am and pupils arriving after this time are late, however, if a child arrives after 9.30am, lateness is then recorded as an unauthorised absence although we are aware that the pupil is on the school premises in accordance with health and safety. Please remember an adult needs to authorise any absence, a child's word will not be accepted.

ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Week Beginning 11 September 2017

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Multi Sports (Reception, Yr 1, 2 & 3) Starting w/c 18 Sep

Tuesday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Football Club (Yr 3-6) Starting w/c 18 Sep
3.00-4.00pm	NO Science Club (by invitation) starting after half term

Wednesday

8am	Breakfast Club
During School	Keyboard Club
During School	Recorder Club
3.00-4.00pm	Netball Club(Yr 3-6)
Starting w/c 18 Sep	

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	NO Dance Club (Yr3-6) Starting w/c 18 Sep

Friday

8am	Breakfast Club
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HEADTEACHER'S NEWS continued...

Thank you to all parents for really supporting the school uniform policy, I was very impressed with how smart all our pupils looked this week. It is really important that we continue this throughout the year including the P.E. kit as well.

As school budgets continue to be reduced drastically with the government's cut backs, we have had to look at how we can cut back on our expenditure on school resources. Therefore, all pupils from KS1 will be assigned their named resources in class, if they lose any of these, they will have to replace it themselves. However, we will provide a replacement e.g when the pritt- stick runs out etc. It is really becoming a problem with children bringing in their own stationery, including pencil cases in class. As from Monday, all pupils must not bring any items of stationery, including pencil cases into class, these need to be left at home and used for when they have homework to complete.

On the subject of the school budget, I am very concerned about the large number of parents who have yet to pay their annual governors' maintenance of £35 for 2016/17. It is important to note that this money goes towards all the fantastic building work that we have had completed at our school over the years. Without this funding we would never have been able to afford this work that has really benefitted the pupils. Therefore, it is very important that all parents continue to pay this annual contribution as any outstanding balance has to be paid by the school and this means that other areas will have to be cut back for example trips being subsidised for all year groups.

After much discussion in staff meetings and with the pupils, we have decided to stop the Golden Points system and to trial another system that many schools have implemented already and with great success. The new system is called Going for Gold and the aim is to ensure that you always remain on a green card so that you are part of the special event at the end of the year. The School Council will play a part in monitoring this system and deciding what the final event will actually be.

Please note that all clubs will not start until the week beginning the 18th September. Letters for Netball, Football, Dance and Multi-Skills have been sent out and if your child is interested in attending, please respond asap, as it is based on a first served basis. Running Club will be at the earlier time of 11.55 am on Fridays and is for all pupils in KS2.

We will be holding parents' meetings for all classes so that there is an opportunity for all parents to meet the class teacher, see the classroom and hear about how the school day will run along with the general expectations for learning. It is really important that every parent makes an effort to attend these meetings as the class teacher will be explaining both the general and specific information that all parents need to be aware of. There will also be an opportunity for parents to ask any questions that they may have to ensure that the year runs smoothly for everyone.

These are as follows:

Monday 11th September at 2.15pm Sapphire Class

Tuesday 12th September at 2.15pm Diamond Class

Thursday 14th September at 2.30pm Emerald Class

If for any reason that you are unable to make the meeting, please make sure that you chat to the class teacher so that you can get the handouts from the meeting. Have a good weekend.

Susan Notley
Head teacher



NOTICES

After School Activities

All After-School activities are starting w/c 18 September. Please ensure all forms and correct monies are brought in.

ParentPay

Please check your ParentPay is up to date.

Governors' maintenance contribution of £35 - please pay ASAP.



Lost Property

If you would like to look in the Lost Property box, it is situated outside the school office.



Packed Lunch

Please ensure that all packed lunches are collected at the end of the day.



Tissue Boxes



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We would really appreciate parents donating tissue boxes to their child's classes. Please bring in to school at your convenience.

REMINDERS

- All items of clothing to be named
- Correct uniform/P.E. Kit at all times
- Water bottles cleaned and re-filled
- After school club letters to be returned
- School closes at 3pm

Worship

St. John's Church, Strayfield Road, : Sunday at 9am

St. Luke's Church, Phipps Hatch Lane: Sundays at 10.30am

Children and their parents are welcome at both churches and both have Sunday Schools.





Date List for Autumn Term 2017

SEPTEMBER		
Monday 11	Parents' meeting for Sapphire Class	2.15pm
Tuesday 12	Parents' meeting for Diamond Class	2.15pm
Thursday 14	Parents' meeting for Emerald Class	2.30pm
Friday 22	Jeans for Genes Day (please bring donation of £1)	
Monday 25	Cuffley Camp for Diamond Class (parents to take and pick up from Cuffley Camp)	9.30am— 2.30pm
Wednesday 27	E-safety workshop for parents	2.15pm
Friday 29	Macmillan coffee morning after Celebration Assembly in memory of Mr Perry (School Council to organise a special fundraising event)	9.30am
OCTOBER		
Monday 2	Cuffley Camp for Emerald Class (parents to take and pick up from Cuffley Camp)	9.30am— 2.30pm
Tuesday 10	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Sapphire Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
Tuesday 17	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Diamond Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
Thursday 19	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Monday 23—Friday 27	HALF TERM	
Tuesday 31	Ocean Maths Workshop for parents and pupils in Emerald Class (in the hall)	9.00—10am
NOVEMBER		
Tuesday 14	Parents' Evening for all parents - 3.15-5.30 (appointments offered)	
Wednesday 15	Fire Safety Talk Yr 2 & Yr 5	
Thursday 16	Open morning for prospective parents	9.10am
Thursday 16	Parents' Evening for all parents - 3.15-6.30 (appointments offered)	
Tuesday 28	Pantomime (Reception—Year 6)	10.00am
DECEMBER		
Tuesday 19	Christmas Parties	1pm
Wednesday 20	Carol Service in St. John's Church	2pm
Thursday 21	END OF AUTUMN TERM	1.15pm

Term Dates for 2017/2018

Autumn Term 2017

INSET DAY Monday 4 September
INSET DAY Tuesday 5 September
Starts Wednesday 6 September
Half term Monday 23 October—Friday 27 October
Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 21 December

Spring 2018

INSET DAY Friday 5 January
Starts Monday 8 January
Half term Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Ends (1.30pm) Thursday 29 March

Summer 2018

Starts Monday 16 April
Half Term Monday 28 May—Friday 1 June
Ends (1.30pm) Friday 20 July
Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018

Please remember that any of the above dates may alter because of changing circumstances.
On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.