

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's C.E. Primary School

6 January 2017

## HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

All our very best wishes for a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year to everyone at St. John's School. It was so lovely to see all our pupils returning, looking very refreshed and ready to start a new year and a new term. Of course it is at this time of the year that we think about New Year's resolutions and how we want to strive to achieve even more or improve on something that we know we need to address.

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 year. These are changes around three key issues in our school, namely attendance, punctuality and safety. It is paramount that all parents and carers fully support us in implementing these changes.

Firstly, attendance is 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. I am emailing a copy of the reviewed Attendance Policy to all parents so that you can remind yourselves about the expectations that have been set. In an attempt to get every child into school on time and ready to start learning at 8.55am, I will now be opening the gate at 8.45am and blowing the whistle at 8.50am so that pupils are walking down to their respected 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.

Secondly, the parking outside the school and the persistence of some adults in doing three point turns on this busy road is still an ongoing concern and this is something that I have been speaking to the Safer Neighbourhood Team about. It is crucial that we all work together on this so that we can prevent accidents between motorists and children. From Monday both myself and the site manager will be frequently monitoring this both before and after school, we will be recording the registrations of any offenders and both publishing them in the newsletter and forwarding them to the Safer Neighbourhood Team who will then be following this up with the individuals concerned. Both the governors and I look forward to being able to report in the next few weeks that this has made a real difference to children's safety.

Please note that all clubs will not start until the week beginning the 16th January. Letters for Dance and Multi-Skills are being sent out today and letters for Science and Art Club will be sent out next week. We are now inviting Reception and Year 1 to Multi-Skills Club.

Kind regards



Susan Notley  
Headteacher

### NOTICEBOARD

Please ensure the following forms have been returned to school:-

- Dental Survey—Reception & Year 1
- School Health Service Questionnaire—Reception Class



### Week Beginning

9 January 2017

#### Monday

8am Breakfast Club

#### Tuesday

8am Breakfast Club

#### Wednesday

8am Breakfast Club  
During School Keyboard Club  
During School Recorder Club

#### Thursday

8am Breakfast Club

#### Friday

8am Breakfast Club

### Church Services

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 Spring Term 2017

|                      |  |        |
|----------------------|--|--------|
| <b>JANUARY 2017</b>  |  |        |
| Monday 16            | After School Clubs to start  |        |
| Monday 30            | Victorian Day—Diamond Class  |        |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>      |  |        |
| Monday 6             | Viking Day—Emerald Class   |        |
| Monday 13—Friday 17  | HALF TERM  |        |
| Monday 27            | Poetry week  |        |
| <b>w/c Monday 27</b> | Swimming for Years 2 & 3   |        |
| <b>MARCH</b>         |  |        |
| Wednesday 1          | Ash Wednesday Service  | 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 1          | Emerald & Diamond Class to participate in the Lord Mayor's Writing competition |        |
| Thursday 2           | World Book Day   |        |
| Monday 13            | Science Week   |        |
| Monday 20            | Dress the Egg Competition to start   |        |
| Tuesday 21           | Parents' Evening   |        |
| Thursday 23          | Parents' Evening   |        |
| Wednesday 29         | Easter Concert   |        |
| Thursday 30          | Dance Festival   |        |
| Thursday 30          | Dress the Egg Competition to be judged   |        |
| Friday 31            | Final Assembly—Easter Bonnet competition. <b>School finishes at 1.30pm</b>     |        |

## Term Dates for 2017

### Spring Term 2017

|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| INSET DAY     | Thursday 5 January              |
| Starts        | Friday 6 January                |
| Half term     | Monday 13 to Friday 17 February |
| Ends (1.30pm) | Friday 31 March                 |

### Autumn Term 2017

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| INSET DAY     | Monday 4 September                     |
| Starts        | Tuesday 5 September                    |
| Half term     | Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October |
| Ends (1.30pm) | Thursday 21 December                   |

### Summer Term 2017

|               |                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Starts        | Tuesday 18 April               |
| Bank holiday  | Monday 1 May                   |
| Half term     | Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June |
| INSET DAY     | Friday 23 June                 |
| Ends (1.30pm) | Friday 21 July                 |

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