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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

## Newsletter Autumn Term

### Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new year and a warm welcome to all our new parents and carers into the St John's family. We hope you and your families all had a lovely summer break and took some valuable time to rest and create memories together. As always, if you have any concerns about your child then we are always here to listen and support you the best that we can. Please contact us via the school office or class teachers can be contacted via ClassDojo. To contact myself or our SENDCO's please contact us via the school office as our Dojo messages may not be checked frequently due to time constraints in school.

The children have settled into their new classes well and making new friendships. Some super hard work and exemplary behaviour and attitudes - keep up the great start everyone.

Best Wishes,  
Mr Blackburn.

#### Staffing Update and New Classes:

A warm welcome to our new staff: Mrs Houlihan is Class Teacher in Red Class Wednesday - Friday. Mrs Daji is Class Teacher in Violet Class, Year 4. Miss Yousaf has rejoined us as an ETA supporting children in class and we also would like to welcome Mrs Khan who in the short term is supporting children in Year 3.

Next Friday, Mrs Rowbotham will be going on maternity leave. We wish her all the best and look forward to welcoming her back later in the school year.

#### Classes 2024 - 2025

**Red Class** (YR) - Mrs Brunton & Mrs Houlihan

**Orange Class** (Y1) - Mr Toon

**Yellow Class** (Y2) - Mrs Edwards

**Green Class** (Y3) - Miss Tarrant

**Blue Class** (Y3) - Mrs Croisdale

**Violet Class** (Y4) - Mrs Daji

**Bronze Class** (Y4) - Mrs Wilks & Mrs Wood

**Silver Class** (Y5) - Mr McKinna

#### Heritage Event:

St John's Church are hosting a history heritage event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 11am - 3pm. They will have a café and activities for the children. All are welcome to come along. On the 14<sup>th</sup> some of our children will be singing at 12pm.

#### Dates for your diaries:

School Closes -  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
October

School Reopens -  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup>  
November

School Closes -  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup>  
December

School Reopens -  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup>  
January

School Closes -  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup>  
February

School Reopens -  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup>  
February

School Closes -  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

School Reopens -  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
April

School Closes -  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Reopens -  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

School Closes -  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July



### School Equipment:

Like all schools, budgets are tight. Therefore, please can we promote to the children that we all need to look after school equipment both outside and inside. This includes pencil cases for Key Stage 2. All children in KS2 have been provided with a named pencil case and the correct equipment. If the case or things inside it are deliberately damaged, then we will be asking parents to cover the cost. We are fully aware though that accidents do happen on occasions, which we wouldn't charge for.



Y5  
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### Year 5 Drop Off and Pick Up:

Year 5 children are now classed as Upper Key Stage 2 children. All parents have received information this week about their child been allowed to walk to school alone and not get collected from school (with signed permission) by an adult but walk home alone. Please can we stress that this applies to Year 5 and Year 6 children only. Younger children, including siblings, **MUST** still be dropped off at the school door and collected at home time by someone over the age of 16 years.

### Attendance:

New DfE guidance has been provided to school regarding raising the attendance of children in schools. We have created a new policy in line with this. Next week we will be sharing it with you via Class Dojo. Please take time to look at this carefully. In the meantime, please can we remind you that children should only be off school if their illness is severe or they have had sickness or diarrhoea.



### St John's Stars

	Orange Class
	Yellow Class
	Green Class
	Blue Class
	Violet Class
	Bronze Class
	Silver Class



### Weekly Attendance

	95%
	96%
	98%
	95%
	97%
	97%
	96%