

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have seen all the children in Reception have their first full days and they have all settled well. A warm welcome to all the children and their families. Mrs Brunton, Miss Houlihan and all the staff in Red Class are amazed by their effort, great listening, super learning and getting to know one another. A great start to life at St John's.

This week, in Act of Worship, we have been thinking about our school Christian value of Respect. Something that we are really good at showing at St John's. Furthermore, we have been thinking about the incidents that took place over the summer with regards to the riots and how it had an effect on everyone from a minority of people showing a lack of respect. We wanted to reassure the children that they are safe in school and within our local community and we did this through the promotion of five core British Values, which we share with schools across the country. Please be assured we didn't go into details about the violent incidents but thought it was important to discuss with the children how some people showed a lack of respect for one another at an age-appropriate level. The values we focused on were 'Mutual Respect' and 'Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.'

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you for week 3 of the term next week.

Mr Blackburn.

Staffing:

Today we wish Mrs Rowbotham good luck as she leaves us to start her maternity leave. She will return later in the school year but we all wish her the best and can't wait to hear her exciting news. We will keep you posted.

In her absence, Mrs Brunton will take up the post of Acting Deputy Headteacher on our Senior Leadership Team, which also consists of Mr Blackburn as Headteacher, Mrs Banham and Mrs Croisdale.

Heritage Event:

St John's Church are hosting a history heritage event on Saturday 14th September from 11am – 3pm. They will have a café and activities for the children. All are welcome to come along. Some of our children will be singing at 12pm. Also, some of our children are going along at 12pm to sing in church. All children in Years 1 - 5 are welcome to join us even if you haven't indicated that you will be attending.

<u>Dates for your</u> diaries:

School Closes -Thursday 24th October

School Reopens – Monday 4th November

School Closes – Friday 20th December

School Reopens – Monday 6th January

School Closes – Friday 14th February

School Reopens – Monday 24th February

School Closes – Thursday 3rd April

School Reopens – Tuesday 22nd April

School Closes – Friday 23rd May

School Reopens – Monday 2nd June

School Closes – Friday 18th July



Home School Agreement:

On Monday your child will come home with a Home School Agreement. Please go through this, sign it and return to the Class Teacher by **Friday 20th September**. A copy has also been sent electronically with this newsletter.

Home

School

Agreement

Attendance Matters



<u>Attendance Policy:</u>

Please see the attached Attendance Policy sent out with this newsletter on ClassDojo. Please be aware school now have a greater responsibility to ensure children are not absent from school and parents can be fined and legal action take for persistent absentee.

Our Curriculum:

Our curriculum is known as the Rainbow Curriculum. If you want to find out more about what your child is learning then please see our curriculum maps, which we are really proud of. The curriculum is reported to be fun and engaging but at the same time is ambitious and very rich in language.



Asda Cash Pot for Schools:

Have you heard that when you shop at Asda, Asda will donate a small contribution to our school?

All you need to do is to download the Asda Rewards app, which will also benefit you personally, as well as our school. Once you have downloaded the app, please select our school using our school postcode (WF13 2LP), and Asda will do the rest.

Please can we also ask that you share this information with your family and friends.

This offer to support our school has already started and runs until 30th November 2024.

https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools

On behalf of all our children, staff and governors, we would like to thank you in advance for your continuous support.



Vision:

As you all know, our school Christian Values are really strong and the children show them really well on a daily basis. We have recently updated our vision, which is what we want all children to achieve by living out the values. Please read our vision and values below:



Together in love we learn with Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

New Reverend:

This week Rev Caroline Greenwood has taken up her role as Reverend for our Parish. She will be joining our Governing Body and coming into school regularly to work with the children. We all look forward to getting to know her more and welcoming her into our local community.





<u>St John's Stars</u>



Mohammad-Qais
<mark>Zahra</mark>
Areesha
Adwaid
Husnanoor
Maryam
Shahmeer



Weekly Attendance

95%
93%
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