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Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 15th November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, it has been Anti-bullying week across the country. Thank you for supporting this by sending your child in odd socks on Tuesday to celebrate difference and get children to value the importance of accepting and respecting difference. Bullying is very rare at St John's, which Ofsted agreed with in our recent inspection. On the odd occasions when bullying has occurred, it has been dealt with efficiently and appropriately. However, children must realise that bullying can come in different forms and can happen at any point in their lives and in all walks of life. To help children we use the acronym 'STOP'. This means considering is it Several Times On Purpose and if it is happening, we need to Start Telling Other People. Please take some time to read our Antibullying Policy, which was written by our school council last year and previously circulated with all parents and carers.

Children in Years 3 and 5 this week have had road safety sessions, which have been really valuable and included the children going out on to the road to learn about crossing the roads and walking at the side of roads safely. Please remind children about how to use the roads safely when out and about.

Preparations have also begun in school preparing for our Christingle, Advent and Christmas celebrations. The children have enjoyed singing and learning new songs.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Blackburn.

Christmas:

Earlier this week, your child brought home a list of important dates in the run up to Christmas. Please make sure you keep this safe and refer to it as the weeks tick by so you don't miss anything.

Children in Need:

Many thanks for all your kind and generous donations towards the annual BBC Children in Need appeal. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by many vulnerable children across the country. We will let you know next week how much we managed to raise.

Dates for your diaries:

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



Traffic and Parking:

Once again, I am writing to you regarding the parking situation outside school. As you will be aware, it does get very congested outside our school at drop-off and pick-up times. Parking in restricted places, such as where the zig zag lines are, poses a risk for all children including your own! It is not appropriate to be turning around in the road, mounting pavements or ignoring staff requests not to park in restricted areas. We just want everyone to be safe! Traffic wardens have made spontaneous visits and will be returning. In the meantime, they have asked us to report registrations of people who are illegally parking outside school on a regular basis, which we will be doing. Please do your bit by setting off that little bit earlier, parking further away or better still walking to school. Thank you.



Severe Weather Arrangements:

As we enter the winter season, it is essential that all children come dressed appropriately to school and with a good winter coat and suitable footwear. This includes considering sending your child with a hat and gloves. In these times of hardship, if anyone finds them in a position where they need some support with sourcing these items of clothing then please contact Uniform Exchange or come and speak to us. We will be happy to help. The website for Uniform exchange, second hand uniform is as follows:

<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>

Should school have to close for any reason linked to weather, we will always contact you at the earliest opportunity via ClassDojo so please make sure your alerts are turned on at all times during the school day. We will also put a message on our school website and on the Kirklees website. Please note that any action taken is a last resort and is in the best interests and safety of all stakeholders including parents, staff and children.



Christmas Performances:

A reminder that the Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity performance will take place in church on Friday 13th December at 2pm. Key Stage 2 children will not be taking part in a nativity this year but instead will be taking an active part in our Carol Concert in church on Wednesday 18th December at 10am. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us. Key Stage 2 will also get the chance to perform in an end of year performance in the summer.

Grapes:

Please can we remind you that if your child brings grapes to school, they should be cut in half lengthways to reduce the risk of choking in school. Thank you for supporting us with this.



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Autumn 2 Upcoming Dates:

- Tuesday 12th November** – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying
- Friday 15th November** – Wear something spotty or yellow for Children in Need (donations welcome for the charity – buckets will be outside on the day)
- Tuesday 26th November and Tuesday 3rd December** – Christmas story around the fire pit (£3.50 TICKETED EVENT with 20 places available per session – see overleaf for further details)
- Friday 29th November** – Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Wednesday 4th December** – 10am – Christingle Service in St John's Church – all welcome
- Friday 6th December** – AM - EY & KS1 Pantomime in school
- Friday 6th December** – 2pm – Christmas Fayre in school and St John's Church
- Saturday 7th December** – 1 – 4pm – Christmas Fayre at St John's Church (santa between 2 – 4pm)
- Tuesday 10th December** – KS2 Pantomime at Lawrence Batley Theatre Huddersfield (see overleaf for further details)
- Thursday 12th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 13th December** – 2pm - EY & KS1 Nativity (£1 TICKETED EVENT – see overleaf for further details)
- Monday 16th December** – PM - EY & KS1 (YR, Y1 & Y2) Parties
- Tuesday 17th December** – PM – LKS2 (Y3 & 4) Parties
- Wednesday 18th December** – Christmas Dinner (all children welcome to have one, will be charged as normal. EY and KS1 = free)
- Wednesday 18th December** – 10am – Christmas Carol Concert in St John's Church
- Wednesday 18th December** - Candyfloss sale for £1.50 (cash) under the canopy after school for parents
- Thursday 19th December** – UKS2 (Y5) Parties
- Friday 20th December** – School closes for end of term
- Monday 6th January** – School reopens for next half term



St John's Stars



	Shifa
	Ayesha A
	Hadi
	Adi
	Yusuf
	Ellison
	Romesa
	Zaynab



Weekly Attendance

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