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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Summer Term

Friday 21st July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it. Another school year has passed with so many achievements for all the children. We are all very proud of all of them and the effort they have put into their learning throughout the year. Thank you to you as parents and carers too for all your support this year. It is much appreciated.

For a few of our children, it has been their last day and they are moving on to their next academic adventure. Everyone in the St John's family wishes you all the best of luck for the future. Don't forget to come back and see us! One of these children is Henry. His family have kindly donated an apple tree for our Garden of Eden. What a lovely thought. I'm sure you will join me in saying thank you very much to Henry's family for the lovely gift and also for their support over the years. We will miss you all.

Over the last half term, we have been teaching the children about how to keep healthy and safe. This has included water safety, sun safety, online safety, trusted adults who are around us, road safety and the NSPCC Pants approach. Our main message in many of the sessions is to always tell a trusted adult if they are worried about anything.

We hope everyone stays safe and has a lovely summer break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 5th September 2023**.

Happy holidays everyone.
Mr Blackburn.

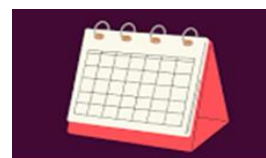
Dates for your diaries:

School Closes for
Summer
Friday 21st July

School reopens
Tuesday 5th
September

School closes for half
term
Thursday 26th
October

School reopens
Monday 4th
November



Staffing:

Mrs Dean today leaves us after 35 years as our school cook. What an achievement! Many thanks to her and we wish her all the best of luck, for the future, in her retirement. We will miss you. In September we welcome Mrs Heeley as Mrs Dean's replacement. We look forward to welcoming her into the St John's family in September.

Attendance:

Included within your child's report was their attendance figure for the year. The government target is for all children to attend school for **at least 96%** of the time. Therefore, anybody who has an attendance figure of less than 90% will be monitored closely in September. School will work with you, to raise this figure for your child, in line with our school's attendance policy. For some children, parental contracts have been put in place. If this is you then you will have been informed by Mr Blackburn. Evidence, from a recent Children's Commissioner Report, showed that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term, which is not acceptable.

School Update - Learning Accord Multi-Academy Trust (MAT):

Throughout this year we have been working with Learning Accord MAT. It has been really beneficial for our school, in times when support and advice from the local authority is limited, due to funding. Due to the benefits, which we have all seen this year, our governors have agreed to continue to work with Learning Accord for 2023-2024 so that the partnership work can continue.

ParentPay:

Please can all parents ensure you are checking your ParentPay account regularly and ensuring payments are made. There are some outstanding payments for items including breakfast club, rainbow club, school dinners and after school clubs. Office staff will be updating ParentPay next week, so please ensure you check and update accordingly.

Uniform:

The school uniform is a white shirt, navy blue sweatshirt with or without logo (logo jumpers/cardigan can be purchased directly from Rawcliffes in Dewsbury or using their online shop and grey trousers or a skirt. Plain white polo shirts are also part of the uniform. We ask that dark coloured, sensible flat shoes are worn at all times. A book bag, PE bag, hoodies and fleeces with school logo on for PE/other activities should also be purchased online or direct from our suppliers at Rawcliffes. However, it is not compulsory to wear branded uniform. Non-branded jumpers/cardigans can be worn but they must be navy blue.

It is important that all clothing is clearly marked with your child's name, as when children change for PE it is very difficult to work out who the items of clothing belong to as they all look the same!





Proud Moments



Red Class:

I am immensely proud of Red Class and can't believe that their Reception year has come to an end. They have made amazing progress in all areas of learning and should be very proud of themselves. Red Class are also one of the kindest and most compassionate classes I have had. They look out for one another, make sure all are included and are proud of one another's achievements. I know that they are ready for Year 1 but will miss them as they move onto their next adventure. Keep up the hard work Red Class, you are just wonderful!

Orange Class:

What a fabulous year Orange Class have had! From making pizzas to designing and making vehicles with moving parts. We enjoyed a visit to Whistlestop Valley where we learnt all about steam engines. Orange Class have worked really hard with their English and Maths, becoming fantastic, independent learners! All of the Orange Class team are super proud of our class and know they will continue to become even more independent in Year 2. We can't wait to see what more they can achieve!



Yellow Class:

Yellow Class settled well into life in Year 1 and we are extremely proud of the amazing progress they have all made this year. They have shown great enthusiasm in all areas of their learning, especially in History when we were learning about past and current astronauts. It has been lovely seeing them start to grow in maturity throughout the year and to see them developing a super attitude to their learning. All of Yellow Class have loved the various art topics we have done and they have produced some amazing artwork, especially their printing and sculptures of Inuksuks. We can't wait to see the continued progress they will all make in Year 2.



Green Class:

Green Class have been superstars in Year 2 this year! They have become kind, well-mannered, hardworking children who take pride in their work. They regularly show our school's Christian values, whether we are in class or visiting other places. We have made lots of memories, and I think one of the class favourites was definitely going to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park and learning all about the different animals there! I can't wait to see them grow up even more in Year 3. Well done Green Class!



Violet Class:

Violet Class have impressed Mrs Banham and Mrs Wilks in every way this year. They have thrived in their learning and demonstrated the St John's Christian Values on a daily basis. There have been many memorable moments which we will treasure; from meeting Sir William Petty and learning all about The Great Fire of London to seeing the wild and wonderful animals at The Yorkshire Wildlife Park.



Blue Class:

My proud moment this year in Blue Class was taking the children on a trip to the Great Yorkshire Showground. Blue Class behaved beautifully and engaged fully with all the workshops throughout the day. Staff and volunteers from within school and staff at the event remarked on how super the children were! They did an amazing job at representing St John's Primary School.