

Newsletter Spring Term

Friday 22nd March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we finish for the Easter break - a 2-week holiday to rest and enjoy some family time together. Whether you are celebrating the period of Ramadan, Easter or just celebrating a term of hard work and a busy start to the calendar year, I wish you all a lovely break. This week the children have experienced an Easter journey, completing different activities in groups based around the Easter story.

Today is a sad day for us all at St John's though, as we say a fond farewell to Mrs Missett, our Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Missett has been at St John's for over 20 years and has been a valuable member of staff throughout. She has taught many children in our local community and impacted the lives of many children and supported many families over the years. We are all sad to see her go but she thoroughly deserves her retirement with her husband - travelling, gardening and enjoying life outside of school. I am sure you will join me in saying 'thank you' and 'good luck.' Please do come back and see us. Mrs Rowbotham will fulfil the role of Deputy Headteacher from after the holidays.

Have a great holiday everyone and we will see you on **Monday 8^{th} April** 8.40 - 8.50am.

Best wishes, Mr Blackburn.

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

School Reopens – Monday 8th April

School Closed – Monday 6th May, reopens Tuesday 7th May

School Closes – Friday 24th May

School Reopens – Tuesday 4th June

School Closes – Friday 19th July

School Reopens – Tuesday 3rd September



Thank you Mrs Missett!



Summer Term Staffing 2024:

After the holidays, we welcome Mr Toon and Mr McKinna to St John's. I am sure you will welcome them into the St John's family. We do also have to say goodbye to Miss Riddle and Mrs Yousaf who have been working as Teaching Assistants in school. All the best as they move on to pastures new. Mr MacPhail will continue to work in school on a Friday but leaves his role at breakfast club. Miss Hussain and Mrs Ghafour will be working alongside Mrs Howe in breakfast club.

Red Class: Mrs Rowbotham (Deputy Headteacher).

Orange Class: Mrs Brunton (Monday - Wednesday) and Mr Toon (Thursday - Friday).

Yellow Class: Mrs Edwards.

Green Class: Miss Tarrant.

Blue Class: Mrs Croisdale.

Violet Class: Mr McKinna.

Bronze Class: Mrs Wilks (Monday - Wednesday) and Mrs Wood (Wednesday - Friday).

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) will continue to be Mr Blackburn. Deputy DSL's will be Mrs. Rowbotham and Mrs. Brunton.

Our SENDCO's will be Mrs Brunton and Mrs Banham.

RSE Workshop:

We have arranged for a working party of parents and carers to come together on Friday 12th April 2024 at 9.30am to review the current policy. It is not too late to express an interest if you want to join us. Please contact the school office to put your name on the list if you are interested.

<u>Eid:</u>

Many of our families will be celebrating Eid in the first week back after Easter. Please can we remind you of our policy. Children are allowed 3 religious days within an academic year, only 2 consecutive days at any one time. Any additional days will not be authorised.

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St John's Stars



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Aaiza	
Haamid	
Ali	
Yusuf	
Violet Class	
Deen	
Hasnain	



Weekly Attendance

87%
92%
<mark>93%</mark>
92%
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