



St John's Catholic Primary School



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Parent Meetings

Thank you to the parents who attended the class parent meetings that have taken place. Two of the key messages were to encourage you to read with your child for 15 minutes per day, as this equates to 92 hours during the year and makes such a difference to your child's progress.

The second message was regarding the whole school focus on improving attendance. Our target is 97%.



Events/Dates

Wednesday 4th October – 'Truck Time' KS2 Archaeology Workshops

Thursday 5th October – Flu nasal spray for Reception to Year 4 classes

Friday 13th October – Barn Dance for Years 2, 3 and 4 (organised by Friends of St. John's)

Advance Notice

Wednesday 18th October 2017 – Parents Evening, look out for the letter tomorrow.

Thursday 19th October 2017 - International Celebration Day. Children will be invited to come to school in national costume or colours of the flag.



We would like to remind parents that the School Car Park is out of bounds. Please do not use it at drop off or pick up time. This is to keep our whole school community safe.

Class Assembly Dates

Thursday 5th October – Year 4

Thursday 12th October – Year 2

Thursday 2nd November – Year 3

Thursday 16th November – Year 5

Thursday 23rd November - Reception

Please remember that assemblies for parents begin promptly at 3pm as we cannot keep the children waiting. Therefore we advise that you arrive by 2.55pm at the latest.

If you are late you will not be allowed into the assembly as it is too disruptive. If you have a younger child who is crying or making a noise, please be considerate to others and take them outside.

International History Month

October

October is International History Month at St. John's School. We will celebrate the international diversity of our pupils and their families. During this month please talk to your child about their heritage. More details will be available in the next newsletter – so do look out for this!

Friends of St. John's Harvest Barn Dance



Polish your boots, jump on y'all horses and ride on over and Do-Si-Do with us!

For Years 2, 3 and 4

Look out for the letter later this week



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Attendance 05/09/17-29/09/17

- Year 1 – 96.71%
- Year 2 – 97.06%
- Year 3 – 98.04%
- Year 4 – 95.93%
- Year 5 – 95.67%
- Year 6 – 97.33%

Well done to Year 3!



Pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

Celebrating Success

KS1

Miss Phipps' English group enjoyed using 'Press Play' to consolidate their understanding of capital letters and full stops. The programme led the children into a magical fairy story where they met familiar characters from well known stories and went on an adventure. Throughout the programme the children completed tasks in their work books.

The children really enjoyed the experience and are excited to try another programme. What a fun way to learn!



KS2

Year 6 experienced City Life this week. They spent a day at a leading technological company called 'FactSet'. The children practised interview techniques as well as presenting their own business ideas to the company. Year 6 were also lucky enough to meet the CEO of the company!



Support Staff



Members of support staff enjoyed taking part in a specialist grammar workshop led by an Educational Consultant. They focused on developing sentence structures and discussed different ways they could best support children with this during class.