



St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 10th September 2018
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Astro Turf is a Success!



The children have really enjoyed playing in the Cage on the new astro turf this week. Year 4 have also enjoyed using the space for collaborative group work during their English lesson, when they were learning outside the classroom.

Parent Introductory Meetings and assemblies

Beginning in the week of 17th September there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher. These meetings are important so that parents and school are able to work together. The meetings will give you the chance find out more about the curriculum for your child's year group, the homework expectations as well as general routines. Because of the importance of these meetings and to help parents with their many different commitments we are trialling a different system. As many parents attend class assemblies, we have decided to run the parent meetings immediately after the class assembly this term for KS2.

Wednesday 19th September at 9am – Year 1
Wednesday 19th September at 3pm – Year 2

Wednesday 26th September at 2.45pm – Year 6 (Meeting and Assembly)
Tuesday 2nd October at 2.45pm – Year 5 (Meeting and Assembly)
Tuesday 9th October at 2.45pm – Year 4 (Meeting and Assembly)
Tuesday 16th October at 2.45pm – Year 3 (Meeting and Assembly)



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance target for this year is 97%, please help us reach this by making sure that your child is in school and on time every day. We have improved year on year but still have a way to go to meet the national average.

Our previous attendance figures are:

2015-2016 - 94.64%

2016-2017 - 95.24%.

2017-2018 - 95.72%

Please help us to reach the target of 97% this academic year!

Events/Dates

Tuesday 11th September – Year 4 and Year 6 trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery

Thursday 13th September – 'Narnia' theme dress up day (KS1 & KS2) and tea party.

The children in KS1 and 2 can come to school dressed as one of the characters from one of the Narnia stories.

This could be characters such as Lucy or Peter, or Aslan the Lion, the White Witch or Mr Tumnus!





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The Family Fund

Many schools request this Family Fund contribution from parents, to help towards the 'extras' that school provides. As a school we are asking for families to pay £10 per child (maximum £20 per family). Please pay – it's your children we spend the money on!

After School Clubs

Please can you ensure that at 4.30pm, after the clubs have finished, you come to the school door to collect your child. The staff cannot allow unaccompanied children to walk across the road to parked cars; we need to see who your child is going home with. This is to safeguard all our pupils.



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.

Please be respectful towards the residents who live in the area and keep clear of their driveways.

Lost Uniform



It is your responsibility to label your child's uniform, if it is not labelled, we will not be able to assist your child to find missing items as it is difficult particularly at this of year when your child's new jumper looks and feels exactly the same as the person who sits next to them in class!

Celebrating Success



Narnia Dodgeball

Year 4 had a great time in their PE lesson this week playing 'Narnia dodgeball'.

This was part of the cross curricular work which is based on the stories of Narnia, the theme for the first two weeks of term.

Learning outside the classroom



This year there will be many trips and opportunities for the children and as a school we will endeavour to ensure our curriculum is rich and offers a variety of experiences. Learning outside the classroom is very important at St John's, however this does not just relate to trips. The children often use the school grounds in their lessons. This week Year 4 have taken their English lessons outside and the pupils have enjoyed working on shared poetry in the September sunshine!