



# St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Next newsletter: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September

## Welcome back!



Welcome back all of the children and their families and thank you for the kind wishes and tokens of appreciation at the end of the summer term. We would like to welcome our new families of children starting in Reception and Nursery and we hope you will have many happy years at St. John's.



We begin our new term with a school project for KS1 and KS2 based on 'The Chronicles of Narnia'. The children will enjoy exploring the story, characters and scenes and at the end of this we will celebrate with a 'Narnia' themed Tea-Party'. This will be on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September and will also be a 'Dress Up Day' where the children can come to school inspired by the Narnia theme.

Do get thinking as to what this might be ready for next week - and be as creative as you dare!

## Events/Dates

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – 'Narnia' theme dress up day (KS1 & KS2) and tea party

## Reception Parents

You should have received a letter inviting you for an individual meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. This will be to discuss how you can support your child at school and you will be given the Home School Agreement to sign. Please contact the Office if you have not received this letter.

## Uniform Sales

Uniform will be on sale from the school office everyday this week from 8- 8:40am and from 3.20- 4pm. From next week uniform can only be purchased on Tuesday morning from 8 - 8.30am and on Wednesday afternoons from 3.20 - 4pm.

## 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). You will receive a letter about this later this week.

## Astro Turf



The Family Fund donations last year went towards the cost of the new astro turf in the cage. We were hoping that the amount of Family Fund collected would equate to 10% of the costs as capital projects such as these require at least 10% funding from outside the school budget. The Funds collected paid only for 6.7% of the costs and so we had to call on other funds to make up the shortfall. The work was completed during the holidays and the children were extremely excited to use this space today!

## The school day

There have been some changes made to the school day, with Key Stage 2 pupils now working through until 12.30 (with a break at 10.30-10.45am). Their afternoon will run from 1.30 – 3.30pm Key Stage 1 pupils will break at 12 for Lunch (playtime remains at 10.30 – 10.45am) and their afternoon will be from 1 – 3.30pm with dedicated Guided Reading at 1- 1.30pm and a break at 2.30pm.



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## Parent Introductory Meetings and assemblies

Beginning in the week of 17<sup>th</sup> September there will be an opportunity for parents to meet their child's class teacher. These meetings are important so that parents and school are able to work together in order for each child to reach their potential. The meetings will be an opportunity for you to understand the curriculum for the year group, the homework expectations and the general routines. Because of the importance that we place upon these meetings 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 19<sup>th</sup> September at 9am – Year 1  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm – Year 2

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

## Congratulations

### 100% Attendance Awards

Well done to all children who were awarded with a certificate for having 100% attendance and punctuality since September 2017.



### Term Dates 2018-19

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#### Autumn term

INSET Day: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Joint INSET Day for Catholic Schools: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

*Half term: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018*

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

#### Spring term

INSET Day: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

*Half term: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

#### Summer term

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

*Half term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019*

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

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