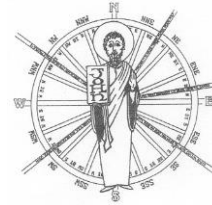


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Newsletter: Tuesday September 3rd 2019

Next newsletter: Monday 9th September

Welcome back!



Welcome back to 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, Nursery and throughout the school. We hope you will have many happy years at St. John's.



The term starts with a KS1 and 2 whole school project on the journey of the Mayflower. During the coming year there will be lots of celebrations locally as the Mayflower sailed from Rotherhithe to America 400 years ago. The children will learn about this local historical event and the significance it has on life today.

Some classes will take part in a local history walk linked to The Mayflower and some will take part in a Mayflower themed session at the Printworks, during the first 2 weeks.



Birthdays

We have been advised that we should not hand out birthday 'sweet' treats at the end of the day due to potential food allergies. Additionally we do have a commitment to be a healthy school. Suggestions are welcome - if you have any ideas for alternatives, please let us know. This is something we are going to be asking our new school council to consider.

Parent Introductory Meetings and assemblies

Beginning in the week of 9th 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.

Following the parental feedback from last year we are holding the KS2 meetings immediately after the class assembly, as parents felt this was very helpful, in terms of time management.

Wednesday 11th September at 9am – Year 1

Thursday 12th September at 9am – Year 2

Tuesday 24th September at 2.45pm – Year 6
(Meeting and Assembly)

Tuesday 1st October at 2.45pm – Year 5 (Meeting and Assembly)

Tuesday 8th October at 2.45pm – Year 4 (Meeting and Assembly)

Tuesday 15th October at 2.45pm – Year 3 (Meeting and Assembly)

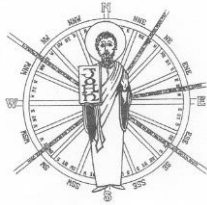
Uniform Sales

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.

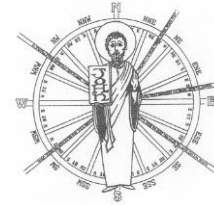
Family Fund

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). Family Fund donations have previously helped towards paying for the astro turf in the football cage and contributing towards the costs of the many extra-curricular activities that we provide. This year our Pupil School Council would like to introduce a fruit snack for all pupils in KS2, by contributing to the family fund you help support school initiatives such as this.

You will receive a letter about this later this week.



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Congratulations

All of the children who reached 97% and above for attendance were entered into a Lucky Draw. Here are the Winners of the Hollywood Bowl Vouchers in the Lucky Draw on the last day of term.



100% Attendance Awards

Well done to all children who were awarded with a certificate for having 100% attendance and punctuality since from September 2018 to July 2019.

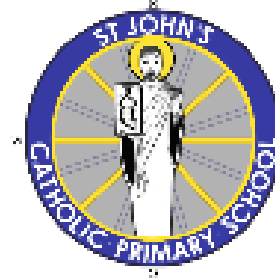
During the attendance assembly 21 children received book tokens, certificates and badges for 100% attendance & punctuality for the academic year. In addition 4 children received book tokens, certificates and badges for 99.7% attendance & punctuality for the academic year (this equates to missing only half a day).

We were delighted that 55 children received badges for 100% attendance & punctuality for the summer term. Also, 76 children received badges for good attendance for the academic year (children with 97% to 99% attendance).

The overall whole school attendance for St John's from September 2018 until July 2019 was 95.97%.

Please continue to aspire to reaching the target of 97% in attendance for your child this academic year.

Term dates 2019-2020



Autumn Term

INSET Day: Monday 2nd Sept

Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 18th October 2019

Half Term Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 28th October – Friday 20th December 2019

INSET Day: Friday 29th November

Spring Term

INSET: Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April 2020

Summer Term

INSET Day: Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April – Friday 22nd May 2020

(Friday 8th May – Early May Bank Holiday)

Half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2020

Monday 20th July INSET

Please note that the May Day Bank Holiday has moved this year from Monday to Friday 8th May – this is due to VE Celebrations.