

St John's Primary School Newsletter

23rd September 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our classroom drop-ins last week; it was lovely to see so many of you here. I hope you enjoyed looking around classrooms and meeting your child's class teacher.

Teachers have been getting to know their new classes over the past two weeks and the new topics are well underway. Our Foundation Stage children are picking up school routines brilliantly and have settled in really well. Children are enjoying their topics—People who help us (Foundation Stage), Bees (Year 1), The Circus (Year 2), Go Green! (Year 3), Imagined Worlds (Year 4), Extreme Earth (Year 5) and Who was here first? - North and South America (Year 6). We look forward to sharing the term's learning with you at the Open Afternoon at the end of term.

Our after school clubs have resumed this term and these clubs will run until Christmas. Thank you to all of the staff who have volunteered to run an after school club—they have all proved very popular!

You may have noticed that we have now 'taken over' the phone box on St John's Road from the Town Council. Our first exhibition was some of our Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Art. The Mayor will be coming along to do an official opening soon and we will be changing displays over time, so do look out for our children's work displayed there.

The PTFA AGM is next Monday at 7pm and all parents are welcome to come along, learn more about the work of the PTFA and how you can get involved in organising social events and fundraising for the school. PTFA funds have recently been used to purchase much needed equipment such as iPads and new smartboards, as well as subsidise trips and visits. Our current focus for fundraising is to raise sufficient money to replace the Adventure Playground equipment in the Junior Playground. Hopefully, we can organise more in person events for children and families this year too.

Do remember to give your permission for your child to receive the flu immunisation in school next Wednesday—via the link sent from the office this week.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Mon 26th Sept—Foundation Stage parents coffee drop in from 2.45pm

Mon 26th Sept—PTFA AGM—7pm—all welcome

Wed 28th Sept—Flu immunisations

Wed 5th Oct—School Photographs

Thurs 6th Oct—Harvest Assembly—9.15am—KS1 parents welcome

Mon 10th Oct—Foundation Stage parents coffee drop in from 2.45pm

Wed 12th Oct—Phonics Workshops—Foundation Stage and Year 1 parents (afternoon and evening)

Fri 21st Oct—Open Afternoon for parents—2-3pm

Monday 31st Oct—3.30—4.30pm—Prospective Parents Tour

Saturday 12th November = 10.30—11.30—Prospective Parents Tour

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are currently inviting nominations for parent governors. Please see the letter sent last week for more information.

The deadline for nominations is Thursday 29th September.

Please contact the school office if you would like to put your name forward or if you would be interested in talking to a current governor about the role.

Harvest Assembly —Thursday 6th October—9.15am

We will take donations of dry or tinned goods for the Wallingford Food Bank during the week beginning 3rd October.

Key Stage 1 parents are invited to attend our assembly on Thursday 6th October.

ST JOHN'S PROMISE

We will....

1. Be kind and be polite.
2. Listen and follow instructions.
3. Look after each other and our school.
4. Be brave and be a purple learner.
5. Be safe around school.



As it is the start of the year, our classes have been re-visiting our St John's Promise. Year 2 have been making their own posters of the promise. We haven't shared it for a while, so here is a reminder for parents!

Attendance Reminder

Following over two years of disrupted learning due to COVID and COVID related absences, we are working hard to ensure we fill any gaps in children's learning and that they continue to make the best progress possible.

This means that good attendance at school is more important than ever. Time missed can add to children's gaps or slow their progress.

In accordance with our policy, we do not authorise absences for holidays and will only authorise absences, other than for illness or medical appointments, in exceptional circumstances.

We will be monitoring attendance each term throughout the year.

Thank you.

Value of the fortnight:

Appreciation

Car Park Safety

A reminder to please use the pathways around the car park when dropping off and picking up. Please do not walk across the car park as staff members may be parking or leaving the school site.

Many thanks.

School and Eco Councillor Elections

Friday 14th October

We will be electing our new School and Eco Councillors on Friday 14th October.

We elect two councillors from Years 2 to 6 for each council. Do talk to your children to ask them if they would be interested in standing for election and help them to prepare a short speech for their class if they would like to put themselves forward.

Once elected, councils will meet fortnightly after school, starting after half term.