

St John's Primary School Newsletter

8th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you all had lovely summer holidays.

We have had a really positive and enjoyable first week, with all classes settling in well to new routines and showing super learner behaviour for their new teachers. It has been lovely to see the children again after the summer break and everyone has coped well with the unusually high temperatures. We are looking forward to more typical September weather next week!

We have welcomed our new Foundation Stage children into St John's and they have now completed two full days in school. At lunchtime they have been supported by their Year 6 buddies who have taken on their responsibilities very maturely. We also welcomed our new Year 4 teacher, Mrs Cara Long, onto our staff team and she has been well looked after by Year 4 this week!

On Tuesday of next week, 12th September, we will open our classrooms to parents who are welcome to 'drop in' between 2.45pm and 3.15pm. It is an opportunity to see your child's classroom and meet your child's new teacher if you haven't yet done so. Please come to the main entrance to be let in to school.

We will also be sending class letters out to you soon detailing the content of the curriculum for this term and any specific arrangements for your child's class such as PE days.

You will have received the newsletter from the PTFA letting you know that their AGM is taking place on Monday 11th September at 7.30pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to know about the work of the PTFA, have any ideas for fundraising or would be keen to help, do come along. The PTFA are also holding an Autumn Fair on Saturday 16th September, between 12 and 3pm. This is primarily a social event to welcome everyone back to the new school year. There will be some activities to keep children occupied as well as a fancy dress competition they can enter. The bar will be open and tea and cake will be served! Do pop along if you are able to.

Our new perimeter fencing is now installed and will make the school site and car park safer for children. Thank you for using the walkways to drop off and pick up, and for not using the school car park. Later in the month an intercom system will be installed and the gates will be automated. We have also had three new interactive smart boards installed in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 ready for the start of term which is very exciting. Our thanks again to the PTFA for funding the boards.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Monday 11th September—7.30pm—PTFA AGM

Tuesday 12th September—2.45—3.15pm—Parent 'Drop In'

Wednesday 27th September—Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 4th October—School Photographs

Wednesday 11th October—Phonics Workshops for Foundation Stage parents

Friday 13th October—Harvest Assembly

Thursday 19th October—2.15pm—Open Afternoon for parents

Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October—Half Term Holiday

Monday 30th October—INSET Day

Week beginning 6th November—Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 20th December—Break Up for Christmas Holiday

**Foundation Stage with
their Year 6 buddies at
lunchtime**

