St John's CofE Primary School

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Welcome back

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are absolutely delighted to welcome our new families to St John's and all of our returning families back to school this week! I hope you and your families have enjoyed a restful summer. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

Our fortnightly newsletter will be coming out from this Friday. In the meantime, this summary aims to give you a quick reminder of the dates and practicalities you need to know.

Welcome Meetings

I strongly encourage you to attend the welcome meetings to meet your child's teachers, hear about this year's subjects & topics and ask any questions you might have. There will be a creche facility available.

Year R	Phonics workshop Thursday 17th September at 5pm
Year 1	Tuesday 15th September at 3.15pm
Year 2	Tuesday 8th September at 3.15pm
Year 3	Wednesday 16th September at 3.15pm
Year 4	Wednesday 16th September at 3.15pm
Year 5	Thursday 10th September at 3.15pm
Year 6	Tuesday 15th September at 3.15pm

Punctuality

Please support us by making sure your child arrives at school at the correct time – all children should be in the classroom by 8:45am so that registers can be taken. The school gates open at 8.40am and are closed at 8.50am and arrival after that time accrues a late mark. Arrival after 9am results in an unauthorised absence for that morning. Our school day ends at 3.15pm. If you drive to school, please consider a more active start to the day by parking a bit further away and completing your journey on foot. Please be respectful of our neighbours and avoid parking in front of driveways.

Lost property

Please make sure that your child's clothes and possessions (food boxes, water bottles etc.) are all clearly labelled. We see many expensive items in the lost property bucket and would like to be able to get the children's things back to them as early as possible. We also ask that items from home are not brought into school as this can cause great upset if they become lost or damaged.

Staff Absence Update

Mrs Yeoman will be absent for the majority of Term 1 as she recovers from an operation. I am pleased to let you know she is doing well and hopes to return later in the term. We all wish her a speedy recovery. During Mrs Yeoman's absence, if you have any pastoral concerns or queries, please arrange to speak with Mrs Bamfield, Mrs Bruton, or Mrs Hudd. We have also made alternative arrangements for class Forest School sessions and Breakfast Club for those individuals who attend.

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Forest School Sessions

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Strange back from maternity leave. She will be leading our Forest School sessions this term before she returns to her class teacher role at the beginning of Term 2.

Friday 18th September	Year 4 Morning session Year 3 Afternoon session
Thursday 24th September	Year 5 Morning session Year 6 Afternoon session
Thursday 15th October	Year R Morning session Preschool Afternoon session
Friday 16th October ** Children will need to bring their kit to school and change after their School Photographs have been taken*	Year 2 Morning session Year 1 Afternoon session

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club for identified pupils will run each morning from 8:45am in the Lodge. Mrs Watkins will meet the children and run the sessions Monday to Thursday and Mrs Bache on a Friday in Mrs Yeoman's absence.

SENCO

Mrs Hudd, our SENCO, will be available on Thursdays and Fridays each week. Please contact the school office if you would like to arrange a meeting with her or email any queries to sendco@stjohnsprimaryschool.org.uk

School Website Update

We are aware of issues with information transferring to our new school website. This is being addressed as a priority. If you are unable to find information you need, please contact the school office directly. We appreciate your patience as we resolve these issues.

If you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

JCBamfield

Mrs Bamfield

Headteacher