



St John's C of E Primary School

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St John's Journal 2019-20 - Episode 1 - Welcome

Please keep an eye on the school website for ALL up-to-date diary dates. If we ever need to change dates we will always email as well as adjusting the website calendar.

WELCOME

Welcome back! We hope that you have settled into the swing of the school routine again. It has been lovely getting to know so many of you in the mornings during drop off. We warmly welcome Jasmine to Sycamore class this term as well as all of the Reception children joining Ash: Freddie, Florence, Oliver, Freya, Robynne, Flynn, Troy, Grace, George, Alanna, Barney, Leo, Joe, Marcie, Miya and Eva-Nevada.

SWIMMING

As you are aware swimming lessons are taking place on a Thursday this term for Juniper and Sycamore. Both classes will receive 17 swimming lesson sessions. Which is an increase in the number of sessions from last year. We feel that this will ensure that children are able to develop their skills over a substantial amount of time and progress should be much better. Payment for these lessons can be made via WisePay or through the school office with Mrs Irvine.

CLUBS

Clubs officially commence the week beginning the 16th September. Children need to be committed to the club and attend every week. If there is a reason why they cannot attend please could they let the teacher know (ensuring they take responsibility themselves). Please see the lists in the link corridor if you have not done so already.

Club	Years	Day	Time	Organiser	Note
Golf	1/2/3/4/5/6	Monday	3.15 – 4.15	Mr Stockley Golf Coach	Golf Club starts 23.09.19 £4 per session – charge for term paid direct to Mr Stockley on first week.
Radio club	5/6	Wednesday	3.15-4.15	Mr John Alpin	Limited spaces
KSI Multi Skills	1/2	Wednesday	3.15-4.15	Mr Vince (sports teacher)	Free
Art	3/4/5/6	Wednesday	3.15-4.15	Mrs Woollard	Free
Fizz Pop Science	1/2/3/4/5/6	Thursday	3.20-4.20	Fizz Pop Science	Fizz Pop Science club will be running from 12.09.19. Please book and pay the company direct via the following link- https://fizzpopsience.co.uk/enrollment/?id=1919

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LUNCHES

Universal Free School Meals are available for all Reception and Key Stage 1 children daily. We would ask that parents continue to book their children in for these as normal. For all Key Stage 2 children, hot lunches can be ordered for £2.30 a day. All meals must be ordered and paid for in advance. Bookings & payments made through WisePay.

PUPIL PREMIUM / FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Extra funding is available for the school to spend on the education of those children from families in receipt of certain benefits (including funding for Free School Meals at ALL Key Stages). It is important that parents apply for free school meals even if you are a parent of a child in Reception/Key Stage 1 who will receive a free school meal in any case, as it will mean that the school will receive additional funds to support your child through the school year.

All children are entitled to free milk up to their 5th birthday.

HEALTHY EATING & SNACK

As a school we promote healthy eating and encourage children to make healthy choices. Children in Years R – 2 receive a free fruit snack at morning break. Children in other years may bring fruit in to eat at this time. If children are bringing in packed lunches we ask that you do not bring in sweets or chocolate bars.

ATTENDANCE

I would like to remind all parents that the regulations governing Term-Time holidays do not now permit Head teachers to authorise any term-time leave for parents unless there are exceptional circumstances. Absences during a 6 month period which equal or exceed 10 half day sessions may be subject to a Penalty Notice, so if you take your child out of school for a whole week then I will have to notify the Education Welfare Officers to this effect, as a week (Monday-Friday) equates to 10 school sessions. Regular punctual attendance at school is really important for your child's progress. Please can you help us by ensuring that your child is in school punctually (8:40 doors open and registration begins) and that children are not taken out of school during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. I monitor every child's attendance each half term and will contact the parents of those children whose attendance is below 90%, or otherwise giving cause for concern, so that we can discuss their attendance further. Teachers have work ready from 8:40. This revision work directly impacts accelerated progress in those children that have been in at 8:40. However, if this is not possible please ensure that children are in ready to **begin lessons promptly at 9:00**.

PARENT HELPERS / READING ARMY

If any parents (or grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours etc) would like to come and help with reading or other activities in school (sewing, craft, cooking etc) we would love to have you! Please see the class teachers if you are able to help in any way. We are also very grateful to all those that already do.

All volunteer helpers need to have a DBS (formerly CRB) clearance before helping in school. This can be done electronically and results come back quickly. Please speak to Mrs Irvine who can help you with this.

FAMILY TREE

Thank you to the wonderful Family Tree for all that they do for our children. They will continue their hard work this year and have planned lots of exciting events. These include; disco's, cake sales and fayres to name a few. It would be great to see as many of you as I can during these times.

These events pay for such things as Christmas presents, Easter Eggs, legacy projects, pantomimes and play equipment, etc!