



St. John's CE Primary School

Friday 4th September 2009
Number 1

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome to all children and parents at the start of what we hope will be another very successful and enjoyable term for our school.

School Uniform

Please remember that in the autumn and spring terms all children must wear a white collared shirt and a school tie. Polo shirts are allowed only in the summer term.

You are also reminded that children whose hair falls over their faces are required to wear it tied back.

Thank you for your cooperation.

High School Transfer Forms

Parents/carers of children in class 6 will today receive the form on which you need to state your preferences for high school in September 2010. Completed forms must be returned to THIS school by Wednesday 21st October. I am sure that our local high schools will be informing you when open evenings etc. will be taking place to help inform your choice.

Football Trials

Boys and girls in Classes 4-6 are invited to attend trials for our school football squad on Wednesday and Thursday next week (9th and 10th September) after which a squad of approximately 12 children will be selected. Trialists will need football kit, boots and shin pads. The trials will take place between 3.15-4 pm. If your child has expressed an interest in attending they will be bringing a letter home today.

After School Clubs

A timetable for the after school clubs on offer this term will be issued early next week. Clubs will begin in the week beginning Monday 14th September and finish in the week ending Friday 11th December. Please complete the clubs form as soon as possible and return to school by Thursday 10th September **AT THE LATEST**. A membership list will appear on the back of the newsletter next Friday.

Swimming Lessons

Children in class 6 will have swimming lessons this term. Their first lesson will be on Monday 7th September. Boys will need to wear trunks (not shorts,) girls must wear a one piece swimming costume and all children will need a swimming hat. Hats are available from school priced £1.00.

Well Done Elish!

I am delighted to announce that one of our former pupils – Elish Comstive – is the new Head Girl at Stanley High School. Elish is the second former St. John's pupil to hold such a role in the last two years.

Crossens Community Association 10th Anniversary Event

You may be aware that an event to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Crossens Community Association is being held on Sunday at the Community Centre. Our Cheerleading group will be performing at 1 pm.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors. If you are interested in this challenging and rewarding role please let me know. Rev'd Green will join me in hosting a meeting for any interested parents to explain the role in greater detail.

Are You Entitled to Free School Meals?

You may not be aware that one of the factors affecting the funding of schools is the number of children who are eligible for free school meals.

If you receive any of the following you ARE entitled to free school meals:

1. *Income Support* 2. *Income Based Job Seekers Allowance* 3. *Child Tax Credit*

Funding decisions are taken on the number of children ENTITLED to free meals and not the number actually eating them. Therefore, you would be helping the school by registering your entitlement even if you do not take up the offer of a free meal.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Welcome Back To School Meeting

This year, in addition to giving you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, we will be holding a brief meeting for parents which will cover a host of issues that we feel you need to know at the start of the school year. These include our behaviour expectations, strategies we use to resolve conflict, issues regarding administering medicine, parking and your journey to school and the permission we require for your child's photograph to be used in the local press etc.

Our updated prospectus and parents guide will be issued. This will include our Home/School Agreement.

This meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd September at 6.00 pm.

A number of important documents will be issued on the 23rd.

Dates

September

7th Y6 swimming
12th Back to School Service at 10 am in Church
14th Clubs start this week
23rd Welcome Back to School Meeting at 6.00 pm

October

2nd Harvest Service at 9.30 am in Church
15th Individual and family group photographs
19th Parents' evening – 3.30-6.00 pm
20th Parents' evening – 6-8.30 pm
23rd Class 6 to Robinwood, Todmorden
Half term starts at 3.10 pm
Class 6 return

November

2nd Term re-starts at 8.55 am
21st Church Christmas Fair
27th Mufti day for Christmas Fair

December

4th Mufti day for Christmas Fair
5th Breakfast with Santa
7th PFA Christmas Bingo
11th Mufti day for Christmas Fair
Christmas Fair
12th Breakfast with Santa
14th Carols by Torchlight – 5.00 pm
18th Christmas Service at 9.30 am in Church
Term ends at 1.45 pm

Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains
Headteacher

This Week's Assignments

This week in Science we will be studying animals, including dinosaurs and pets, as well as astronomy. Children will be required to complete an in-depth science project on the animal of their choice by next Wednesday morning. Our trip to the zoo on Thursday may inspire some creative choices!

We will also work on geometry problems in Maths homework. In Social Studies, we will read a book about the culture of the Inuit people, who used to be called Eskimos.

Reminders to Students

- Bring money for field trip lunch
- Bring umbrella in case it rains
- Think of a costume for Friday's assembly



Reminders to Parents

Your child will need the following supplies this year:

1. backpack
2. 3 spiral notebooks
3. 1 box of pencils
4. erasers
5. rulers
6. compass
7. lunch box

This Week's Highlights

Monday

Today we are learning about dinosaurs.

Tuesday

Today we are learning about pets.

Wednesday

Today we are learning about the solar system.

Thursday

Today we are going on a field trip to the zoo.

Friday

Today we have a special guest from the fire department to tell us about fire safety.

Upcoming Events

Classroom Open House

Tuesday 6 September, 7:30 P.M.

Ice Cream Social with the Staff

Friday 9 September 5 P.M.

School Assembly

This week's school assembly is on storybook characters. Children may dress up like a character on Thursday. (You might want to bring a change of clothes for the rest of the day.) Costumes can be as simple as a hat or a small picture of your character pinned to your shirt. Have fun.

Thank You Students!

Special thanks are due the following students:

James Adams for volunteering to clean up after the open house.

Claire Henson for donating her chess set for playtime activities.

Alan Stewart for baking us his grandmother's chocolate chip cookies last week.

Thank you also to **Mrs Brown** for bringing in the travel posters to decorate for open house.