



Dear Parents/Carers

**Cold Weather Arrangements**

Thank you for ensuring your child's safe arrival and collection from school this week.

I have told children how proud I am of them for their patience and understanding this week when we have been unable to have any outdoor playtimes or lunch breaks.

Hopefully the thaw is now upon us. Unless there is further heavy snow over the weekend please send your child to school in their normal school shoes next week.

**After School Clubs**

Please see the back of this newsletter for the full membership list for this terms clubs.

As you know from Wednesday's letter we have had to select members for Dog Trust (Tuesday) and Dodge Ball (Wednesday) as so many children applied. I will ask the organisers of these clubs if they can be re-run.

**Year Five Cycle Training**

The 4-week cycling course for Class 5 has been put back by one week and will start (weather permitting) on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

**Jewellery Recycling Week**

You should have received an envelope for your unwanted and broken jewellery yesterday.

Thank you to those people who have already returned their envelopes. Please make sure that all are returned by next Friday (22<sup>nd</sup> January.) I have explained to children that one envelope will be chosen at random and the child that sent it in will receive an MP3 player.

The school will receive a percentage of the total money raised from this recycling project.

**School Website**

I am pleased to announce that our school website has now been updated and, although we have further plans for it, it does now contain weekly newsletters, frequently used forms etc. [www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk)

**Laptops for Children**

I am grateful to a parent who has informed us of a national scheme for providing free laptops. Families who receive certain state benefits and/or free school meals can request an application form by 'phoning 0333 200 1004.

**School Council**

School council meetings will take place on the following dates: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> March. They will take place in Year 2 classroom and finish at 4 pm.

**Year Three Swimming**

Class 3 children will restart their swimming sessions on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**PFA Meeting**

The next meeting of the PFA will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15 pm in the Parents/Community room (1<sup>st</sup> floor.) All parents/carers are welcome!

**Clubs On Next Week . . .**

- Monday: Gymnastics
- Tuesday: Dog Trust
- Wednesday: Chinese, Dodge Ball (to be confirmed)
- Thursday: Drama
- Friday: Running

**FAST Club**

Don't forget we run an excellent childcare service after every school day.

Children are given a light snack and supervised and entertained. The cost is £3 up to 4.00 pm and £1 for every hour thereafter up to 5.30 pm.

Places are usually available at short notice (must be at least 24 hours) and forms for booking a place can be collected from the Office.

**Head lice**

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week. Additional guidance is available from Pharmacy Online on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Sarah Malm) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.

If you have particular concerns regarding head lice or any other medical issue please telephone the School Nursing Service on 01704 544766.

**Year 6 Residential Visit – October 2010**

All children in our current Year 5 class should have paid their deposit and returned their personal detail sheet to school. If you haven't please do so on Monday. If there is a problem with this then please see either me or Mrs Smithson to discuss it.

**Start Right**

Start Right is a scheme for parents and pre-school children aged 3 and below.

Please join Anna Maiden in the hall on Thursday mornings from 9 am. This is an excellent opportunity for parents/carers to play and engage with their pre-school child in the school setting and to meet other parents with pre-school children.

Further details are available from Anna Maiden in Reception class.

**Parents Weekly Drop In Coffee Mornings**

Our Parent Support Adviser – Rachel Clarke – hosts an informal gathering for parents every Wednesday morning from 9 am in the Parents and Community Room on the first floor. I know many of you attend regularly and have found the sessions fun and reassuring.

All parents/carers are very welcome to attend. You may wish to meet other parents or to discuss issues you may have with your child. Rachel is able to call upon a host of different agencies to offer a wide variety of support.

Pre-school aged children are also welcome!

**Breakfast Club**

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Book your child in at short notice and for the odd day. The cost is £3 per session.

**Dates**

- January*
- 20<sup>th</sup> PFA Meeting at 3.15 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Campaigne Tete-a-tete – French performance
- February*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Scholastic Book Fair
- 5<sup>th</sup> PFA Curry and Quiz night
- 8<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening – 3.30-6 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening – 6-8 pm
- Book Fair ends
- 12<sup>th</sup> School breaks for half term at normal time
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Term re-starts at 8.55 am
- March*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mufti Day for Easter bingo
- 22<sup>nd</sup> PFA Easter bingo
- 25<sup>th</sup> Easter Service in Church at 2.30 pm
- Discos

Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains  
Headteacher

