

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)

Issue 2

Friday 17th September 2021

Certainly a lovely end to the week weather wise which has given us plenty of opportunities to enjoy the sun as we work and play! Hopefully the good weather will continue next week as our clubs commence. Confirmation slips have been sent out today ready for next week so please check book bags. Thank you in advance to all the staff who give up their time voluntarily to run these opportunities for our pupils!

Equipment

Please can I remind parents of the importance of naming every item of clothing that comes into school. We already have a growing pile of unnamed cardigans and jumpers which – whilst we try to re-unite with owners – it is not always possible. Coats are also important to be named please. Unless requested to by teachers, children do not need to bring in any pencil cases or equipment from home. Everything they need is kept in school so please keep that lovely stationary at home to help you produce some lovely homework (maps will be added to Dojo and the website soon – if not already! By the end of today teachers will have finished adding a plethora of information to class pages on our website which will keep you informed about the curriculum for your child, spellings, reading PE arrangements to name but a few!

Flu vaccinations

These are due to take place in school for children in all year groups at the start of November – exact date to be confirmed. This year the consent form for vaccinations, which take the form of a nasal spray, is electronic. Mrs Bond added the link to Dojo before the summer holidays and will do so again this week.

Harvest – Friday 1st October

Mrs Thomas sent out a letter this week regarding our plans to celebrate Harvest this year. We would love to welcome parents and carers to join us for the services this year and help us with donations for two worthy causes – Southport Foodbank and Water Aid. Two services will allow everyone to space out in Church and allow many of us to celebrate this important festival together. Church has reduced space at the moment as the entire upstairs is currently storing donations ready to be sent to help people in Afghanistan so we have less space currently in Church anyway. The service for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will start at 9:15 am, with Years 3 to 6 starting at 10:30. Church will remain open between services if you are staying for both.

FAST Club

This is running as smoothly as ever at the end of the day with the children in the wonderful care of our team. Places can be booked (if available) through the office; if you no longer need your place, please can I remind you to cancel so that we can offer the place elsewhere if needed.

Dinners

School dinners are back up and running with a full service in the hall which is once again going down very well! A reminder that children are free to chop and change between packed lunches and dinners as they wish depending on which days they fancy on the menus!

Year 5 visit St John's Church

Year 5 visited St John's Church this morning for the Southport Heritage Open Days, with a focus on the Victorian era. With the help of Father Chris, Mr Corbett and Mrs Corbett, Year 5 explored maps of the past, significant historical individuals and records of baptisms, weddings and funerals. They also had the rare opportunity to go into the Scarisbrick mausoleum! Year 5 then investigated the school grounds to find evidence of the Victorians.

Members of the public are invited to visit St John's over the weekend to learn more about Southport's history.



St. John's Superstars!

Superstar Award

Year Group

J.O.Y. Award

Oliver O'Neill	<u>Reception</u>	Layla Decamp
Nathan Jopson	<u>Year 1</u>	Harry Sinclair
Elsie Dunn	<u>Year 2</u>	Ethel Eden
Harley Birch	<u>Year 3</u>	Amalie Herold
Leif Wade-Behn	<u>Year 4</u>	Meadow Linsdell
Rhys Radford	<u>Year 5</u>	Ryan Moon
Dale Oosthuizen	<u>Year 6</u>	Olivia Eley

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week as the list of dates will be added to / amended over time. Further details of key events and festivals will be sent out nearer the time in case we need to make any logistical changes. Teachers will – as ever – keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

22nd September – Year 6 visiting Stanley High for the day (same letter)

28th September – TEMPEST will be in to take school photos – individual and family photos.

1st October – Harvest Service in Church – further details to follow

6th October – Y2 trip to Liverpool – a separate letter has been sent

22nd October – End of the half term at 3:05 / 3:10 pm

1st November – INSET day. School closed to pupils

2nd November – Return to school

5th November until 12th November – autumn parent teacher meetings. These will take place over the phone again.

21st December – Christmas Service in Church - further details to follow

22nd December – End of term. School closes at 1:45 pm. No FAST club on this date.

ATTENDANCE

Whilst COVID is still very much around and in the news, it is important that children are in school as much as possible to catch up academically and socially. Each week the class with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

Useful contact details

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Prayer for the week

Dear God,
we thank you for the wonderful foods we enjoy.
Please help us to show respect and compassion to others at Harvest time this year.
Amen