

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)

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It hardly seems like we have been back for long and we are already approaching the end of September and our annual Harvest Service. Thank you so much for the generous donations sent into school in aid of Southport Food Bank and Water Aid. Church will look fantastic with these donations and all the craft activities that children are busy completing in school. A reminder that we are holding two separate services so that children and parents are able to spread out as much as possible whilst still being able to celebrate together!

Infant Service (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – 9:15 am start

Junior Service (Years 3 – 6) – 10:30 am start

Any parents or carers attending both services will be able to stay in Church if they wish.

School Photographs

Tempest will be visiting school on Tuesday 28th September to take individual and family photographs so looking smart please! Reception and Year 5 are to come to school in uniform rather than PE kit on this day. Any children attending Tag Rugby after school can bring kit in to get changed into as normal. If your child is absent for any reason on Tuesday, there will be an opportunity for an individual photo later in the year when Tempest return to take class photos.

Buddies

Year 6 and Reception are ever so excited today as they are finding out who their buddy is. We have missed being able to 'buddy up' over the last couple of years and it has been lovely to observe the relationships developing between our oldest and youngest pupils. For any parents of Reception and Year 6 children, we will be holding a little assembly on Friday 22nd October at 9:15 am to introduce our buddies officially.



One of my favourite times of the year is watching Reception explore school with their 'listening ears' on finding out about all the different things that happen at St. John's. Reception have settled so well into school life and are impressing us so much!

Y6 need help for their Art!

For their art lesson next week, they are doing a photo fit collage! We need faces from magazines - as big as possible to cut out the facial features to then rearrange into a new portrait! If you have any pictures at home, please can you collect and bring into school for the attention of Year 6 by Wednesday. Thank you.

Dinners

The menu is updated weekly on Dojo by Mrs Bond. A reminder that children are free to change between hot dinners and packed lunch as they wish.

St. John's Superstars!

Superstar Award

Year Group

J.O.Y. Award

Rune	<u>Reception</u>	Teddy
Autumn	<u>Year 1</u>	Haiden
Henry	<u>Year 2</u>	Antony
Jenson	<u>Year 3</u>	Hope
James	<u>Year 4</u>	Isabelle W
Darcie	<u>Year 5</u>	Keira
Dzonatans	<u>Year 6</u>	Hannah

ATTENDANCE

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.

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

13th October – Y5 visit to Southport for a Victorian trail! 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.

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.

Reception	98.7%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	95.5%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	91.8%

Useful contact details

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Prayer for the week

Dear God,

Thank you for showing us how to be strong and help those in need – just like Nehemiah did. We can achieve great things with your help.

Amen