

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)

Issue 16

Friday 21st January 2022

Another week has flown past and before we know it we will be at the end of January. Thank you again this week for your patience and support in what has been a tricky time for staffing! Whilst some COVID restrictions are due to be ending nationally there will not be any changes to procedures in school until we are a bit more settled in terms of staffing levels and the number of positive cases in the area.

Clubs

Clubs started this week with PDS running dodgeball clubs for Year 1 and Year 5. As stated last week, we hope to have further clubs for other year groups running as normal after half term so keep an eye on Class Dojo and the newsletter.

Breakfast and FAST Club

Please can I remind regular users of breakfast and FAST to ensure they have sent booking forms into school. If using on an ad hoc basis, please contact Mrs Bond in the office who will be happy to take bookings over the phone – we appreciate that places can sometimes be needed last-minute. Similarly, if you no longer require a place(s), please ring the office to cancel so that others may be able to use the space instead. Thank you for your cooperation.

Unwanted books

We are on the lookout for any pre-loved reading books (suitable for infant and/or junior) which could be used in our outdoor reading area. We need to replenish stocks a little as our outdoor reading area is in use all year round. Thank you!

Volunteers

As always, we are looking for volunteers who may be able to spare a little time each week to listen to children read in school. This is a lovely opportunity to sample life in St. John's and give some of our children valuable practise. Please contact the office or your child's teacher if you are able to help and Mrs Preston will be in touch!

Reading

We do ask that this takes place at home at least 3 times a week and a record kept in reading records. Times have changed in schools over the years and the curriculum expectations now make listening to all children impossible within the timetable! There is an expectation in the older years that children will manage the responsibility of filling in records and presenting them to parents for signing but your cooperation and any positive comments are appreciated in every year group! We teach reading throughout our curriculum but the opportunity to practise regularly is essential for children to improve. Rewards are on offer for those children who complete their weekly reads over the course of a half term. Please contact your child's teacher should reading be a struggle at home as we are always happy to assist; we also sell replacement reading records via the office for £1.

For those children who complete their weekly reads between now and the end of this half term (3 more weeks) there is the opportunity to win a Vue voucher – maybe for a lovely treat over half term. Thank you to the PFA for providing the vouchers!

St. John's Superstars!

Superstar Award

Year Group

J.O.Y. Award

Teddy	<u>Reception</u>	Sienna L
Evie	<u>Year 1</u>	Haiden
Jason	<u>Year 2</u>	Sammy
Charlie	<u>Year 3</u>	James
Brannan	<u>Year 4</u>	Fred
Tyler	<u>Year 5</u>	Benjamin Sl
Jack	<u>Year 6</u>	Linden

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 keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

- 31st January – NSPCC assemblies for all classes focusing on staying safe
- 7th – 9th February – Year 6 on their Robinwood residential
- 8th February – Safer Internet Day
- 11th February – LOVE MY COMMUNITY day for all schools in Southport. This will be a MUFTI day – more to follow
- 11th February – finish for the half term at the usual time of 3 / 3:10 pm
- 14th – 18th February – PDS are running a holiday club on our site. The flier is on Class Dojo if you are interested.
- 21st February – Back to school
- 1st March – Eucharist service in school to mark Shrove Tuesday and prepare for Lent
- w/c 7th March – Parent's Evening which we hope to hold in person – tbc
- 1st April – Church Services for the end of term
- 1st April – School closes for the Easter holidays at 1:45 pm. There will be no FAST club on this day.
- 19th April (Tuesday) – return to school.

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	98.3%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	98.6%

Useful contact details

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Prayer for the week

Dear God,

Help us to show compassion for those around us in our world. Let us be helpful, kind, caring and full of love to others. Thank you for those special people like Mother Teresa who work tirelessly to help people in need. Guide us to follow her example.

Amen