



Dear Parents/Carers

Well that first half term has happened so quickly and has been so action packed ! May I wish you all a happy half term holiday and hope that you have a good week. All class teachers are sending home a class information sheet indicating the kind of themes they have been covering in class and how you can support your children with their learning – I hope you find this useful.

Parent Governor Elections

You will be receiving a pack of information about how you could become a Parent Governor. If you wish to be a Parent Governor you will need someone else to nominate you and also someone to second that nomination. Parent Governors are vital to the working of our Governing Body. Any Parent elected as Governor will be supported in the work that they do and will be inducted into the role by Rev Phil Green. (The role requires time commitment and confidentiality.) Please do consider if you would like to be considered for nomination.

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. All children and staff (!) will be asked to dress up as a character from their favourite book. We will be doing lots of 'book related' activities on the day – so have a chat with your children over half term and see what you can come up with!

Safer Internet Workshop

Mrs Griffiths ran a workshop earlier this week with the theme of 'Keeping your children safe on the Internet' – I am only sorry more Parents did not attend. However if you are interested in this subject please log onto this link for more information:
<https://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/parents/parentsguide/>

Dogs on the side path

Many thanks for keeping dogs off the playground. However we have noticed dog dirt along the side pathway – Mr Shaw does his very best to keep our pathways clear but could dog owners help us out and ensure that if their dogs do foul the pathway, to clear up any mess. Many thanks.

Ofsted Inspection

I do hope you have all had chance to read the Ofsted Report on our school. There are many strengths and positives that we are already building on and I am glad these were acknowledged. We already have plans in place to address the areas for development and over the next half term and beyond I will be informing parents and involving parents in our future plans for St John's. As I said in my letter: these are exciting times for St John's!

After school clubs

When we return after the half term I am hoping to add to the after school clubs we already have running. On Fridays after school an outside coaching company will be running a Dodge Ball Club (assembly to introduce this will be delivered in our first week back). Also on Wednesday after school the 'Move It' club will meet (assembly to introduce this activity today – so look out for details as this is a club for parents and children). There will also be other clubs added so 'watch this space'.

In Our Prayers

With Valentine's Day in mind we pray for all our loved ones.

Clubs Next Week

The following clubs will run next week:

Monday: Super singing 3.15 – 3.45 pm – Y1/2

Story telling 3.15 – 3.45 - Reception

Wednesday: Maths club 3.15 – 4.00 pm Y4

Thursday: Film club 3.15 – 4.15 pm Y2/3/4

Friday: Running club 3.15 – 3.50 pm Y3/4/5/6

Safeguarding

Your children are entrusted into our care and we have a responsibility to protect their welfare. All situations are risk assessed e.g. educational visits and visitors to our school. From time to time school can be made aware of situations that may pose significant risk to a child. In these situations information will be shared with the partner agencies in the interest of seeking the best support for the child. These situations are dealt with sensitively, confidentially and always in consultation with the parents/carers. Ms Ainsworth-Brown and Mrs Patterson are our Child Protection Officers and if you have any safeguarding concerns, please see them – all matters will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Start Right

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

Please join Anna Maiden in the hall on Thursday mornings from 9.00 a.m. 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.

Head Lice

Please check your child's hair for head lice every week. Additional guidance is available from the Pharmacy on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse. If you have particular concerns over head lice or any other medical issues, please telephone the School Nursing Service on 01704 544766.

Parents Weekly Drop In Coffee Sessions

Please join us for an informal gathering every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 p.m. in the Parents and Community room on the first floor. I know many of you attend regularly and have found the sessions to be fun and reassuring.

Our Parent Support Adviser – Kim Hickson – will be pleased to meet parents to discuss any support (parenting or other) that she may be able to offer.

All parents/carers are very welcome to attend along with pre-school children. You may wish to meet other parents or to discuss issues that you may have with your child. We are able to call upon a host of different agencies to offer a wide range of support.

St. John's Church Coffee Shop

Don't forget you are very welcome to call into the church for tea, coffee, toast or teacake on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8.45 – 10.30 am.

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.

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 £2 for every hour thereafter up to 5.30 pm.

Places are usually available at short notice (must be at least 24 hours.) Forms for booking places can be collected at the office or downloaded from our website. Fast Club's direct contact number is 07543960290.

Dates

February

23rd KS1 film night

March

1st KS2 film night

6th Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6 pm

13th Parents' Evening – 5.30 – 8.00 pm

16th Mufti day

23rd Easter Bingo

29th Easter Disco

Best wishes

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Headteacher

