St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)

Friday 12th September 2025 Value: Respect



Welcome Back!

Our newsletter restarts after a busy first full week back and will once again be your weekly round up of what's been going on at St. John's as well as providing key information and dates for the future! Please ensure you keep an eye on the key dates on the reverse of this newsletter as they are added to as the term progresses. As ever, should you have any questions about any aspect of school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

Year 5 Superstars!







Year 5 visited Church after the service on Wednesday morning to entertain the congregation with some songs and serve refreshments. As ever, our pupils were wonderful ambassadors and everybody was thoroughly entertained! Other classes have a hard act to follow this year.....



Meetings for Years 1 to 6 will take place this week and we strongly recommend you attend to meet your child's teacher and find out key information about key events and the curriculum for your child. Meetings start at 3:15 and any school aged children can be left in the hall to be supervised whilst you attend the meeting. Children will be dismissed at the end of the day and then you will be able to go back into classrooms from the playground side.

The meetings will take place as follows:

Monday 15th – Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 16th – Year 1

Wednesday 17th – Years 2 and 5

Thursday 18th – Year 6

Following meetings, children can be collected from the hall and exit will be via the front entrance.

Should you be unable to attend, teachers will post key documents on Dojo but we encourage attendance where possible so that you are able to receive key information in person.

Thank you

High Schools

Very soon, our local high schools will be holding open evenings, and in preparation, Stanley, Birkdale and Greenbank have all visited us this week to speak to Year 5 and 6 (Stanley just visited Year 6).

They gave a little introduction to their school and answered a plethora of questions from our pupils! Year 6 are visiting Stanley High on Monday to take part in some lessons which will hopefully help them make an informed choice about the next stage of their education.

It was lovely that Stanley brought back four of our ex-pupils who are now in Year 8 to talk about life at high school and how they found the transition from primary to secondary. Leif, Brannan, Liv and Calisi were here for ages and enjoyed visiting old haunts which included raiding Shannon in the kitchen for a cookie!





School photographs

Tempest photography are visiting us on Tuesday 16th (in the morning) to take photographs of individual children and siblings.

Please can all classes with P.E. lessons on Tuesday come into school <u>in uniform</u> <u>rather than PE kit</u>. Trainers can be worn as these will not be in the photos.

They will still take place in P.E. lessons later in the day but they will be amended accordingly.

Once photos are complete, Mrs Bond will publish details of how to order on the Dojo page for each class.

Should you child be ill on Tuesday, we will keep a note and take their photo again later in the school year when Tempest return to take photographs of classes.



Our autumn clubs will be starting during the week commencing 22nd September. Mr Willmott has added the timetable to Class Dojo **today** with the links going active on School Spider on **Tuesday** so that children can be signed up before the deadline of **Friday**. As last year, there is a nominal charge of £1 per club per week which enables us to continue to offer a broad range of activities throughout the year. There will always be clubs for every year group (Reception start a little later in the year) with more weighting towards the older year groups and we try to offer a range of activities for pupils to experience.

St. John's Superstars

Superstar Award	Year Group	J.O.Y. Award
Delilah	<u>Reception</u>	Ashton
Ryan	<u>Year 1</u>	Lourdes
Tammy	<u>Year 2</u>	Sofia
Olivia	<u>Year 3</u>	Carter
Charlie	<u>Year 4</u>	Jasmine
James	<u>Year 5</u>	Philippa
Phoebe	<u>Year 6</u>	Henry

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.

<u>September</u>

w/c Mon 15th – Meet the Teacher meetings

Mon 15th – Year 6 visit to Stanley High]

Tues 16th – Tempest School photos

Fri 19th – Values Day in school

w/c 22/9 – school clubs start

Tues 23rd – Football league night 1 – Mr Willmott will notify the team

Tues 30th – Choir to visit local care homes – a letter will follow to the children going

Tues 30th – Girls football tournament at Stanley – Mrs Garlick will notify the team.

October

Fri 3rd – Harvest Service in Church for all year groups at 9:30. Families are welcome to attend Thurs 16th – We are celebrating National Restart a Heart day in school with a special assembly and activities.

Thurs 16th - Football league night 2 – Mr Willmott will notify the team

Weds 22nd – Our Buddy assembly at 9:30 in school. Parents of Reception and Y6 are invited.

Fri 24th – End of half term at 3:05/3:10 pm

ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is absolutely vital in ensuring your child is able to fulfil their potential in school. Our target for good attendance is at least 95% of the time in school and learning. Each week the class with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

Reception – 98.1%
Year 1 – 94%
Year 2 – 98.3%
Year 3 – 93%
Year 4 – 95.9%
Year 5 – 100%
Year 6 – 100%

Useful contact details

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Prayer for the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for the world around us. Help us to be responsible citizens and look after our environment.

Amen

Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility