

# Newsletter September 2014

## Parking outside School

Parents and carers who transport their children to school in cars are reminded to drive with great care and park with consideration, particularly with local residents in mind.

Please return to school the various letters sent home this week if you haven't already done so: permission letter, pupil collection arrangements, dinner money agreement, Harvest worship and data collection letter. Thank you.

All pupils (except for Reception) should have received a book mark with their Abacus log in details. We are experiencing a few teething problems with the new package – after opening the "Active Learn" home page of the site, please click on the "run a quick test" link underneath "will it work on my computer?" to diagnose any problems with compatibility. Please speak to Mr Dewick if you experience any further problems.

A quick reminder that all **Year 6 pupils** will be cooking for three weeks from Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September. **All pupils will need to bring £1.50, an apron, a tea towel and an oven proof container.**

Homework sheets for KS2 will be sent home shortly. Please note that book reviews are due in the week after October ½ term.

## Reception intake 2015

If you are aware of any siblings or children due to start school in **September 2015**, please ensure the office have their details so they may receive the Calderdale information packs and school prospectus due to be sent out in the late Autumn.

A variety of school clubs will be starting after school during the week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Please encourage your child to look at the club sheets prominently displayed around school and Aftercare to confirm times and days..

## Welcome back

St John's extends a very warm welcome back to school to all of the staff, children and parents/carers, in particular, the new Reception children in Class 1 and Mrs Baker our Class 4 Teacher. We look forward to another happy and hardworking year at St John's.

## Harvest

Our Harvest festival will be held in St John's Church Rishworth on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am with parents and carers most welcome. This year the school is supporting "Halifax Food and Support drop in Centre". Please return the supply slip on the bottom of the cream letter sent home earlier this week, to your child's class teacher.

## Photos

Individual school photographs will be taken at school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. School will be open from 8.30am on that day for pre-school siblings to have their photos with St John's pupils.

## School clubs

A variety of clubs will be starting both during and after school during the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> September. If you do not receive their slip back saying the club is full, then your child has a place in that club. Please encourage your child to look at the club sheets prominently displayed around the school.

## Seeing teachers

We are very proud of our open door policy at St John's and the school is happy to welcome parents at any time. However, if you need to see your child's teacher for something that requires a lengthy discussion, please could you try and arrange a prior appointment.

## Y6 secondary school transfer letters

If your child is in Year 6, you will have received a personalised letter from Calderdale with their unique ID number on, regarding transfer to secondary school in September 2015. Please keep this letter safe as school does not hold a copy. Calderdale is now making this application process on-line only. The closing date for applications to be submitted is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## September

- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> clubs start this week
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Class 4 swimming
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Book Fair
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> PTA meeting 8pm
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Ripponden Michaelmas show
- Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30pm YR & Y1 Literacy Eve

## October

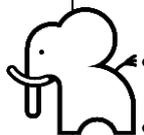
- Sun 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Harvest Worship at St John's Church
- Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Individual pupil photos am & PTA calendar photos pm
- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Y6 bikeability
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Y6 bikeability
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Evening
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> am Y4 bikeability
- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> pm Y5 bikeability
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> School closes for ½ term
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> **School Closed:** Staff Training Day

## November

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> School opens
- KS2 book reviews due this week
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Cross Country am
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Y1 & Y4 Road safety training
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Y2 Road Safety training
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> **School closed:** Staff Training Day

### Please remember

- to have indoor & outdoor PE kits in school
- to have long hair tied up at all times
- not to wear ear rings for swimming or PE
- to fill your child's water bottle with water – no juice please



**The school office is open from 8.30am to 12.15pm and from 12.45pm to 3.30pm. Please leave a message outside of these times.**

Thank you to all parents who have already paid their child's dinner money. A gentle reminder to please keep up to date with dinner money as school is unable to subsidise school meal payments. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or on-line (see school website for details) and can be made weekly or ½ termly.