



Newsletter September 2018

Welcome back!

St John's extends a very warm welcome back to school to all of the staff, children and parents/carers. In particular, we welcome the new Reception children in Class 1 and the new starter in Y3. We look forward to another happy and hardworking year at St John's.

Miss Lynne Haigh

We also welcome Miss Lynne Haigh to the school. She will be our new cook and will be working alongside Mrs McPartling.

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff thank you for the many kind words in cards, emails, red books and report slips as well as the many lovely presents. The thought that goes into parental comments certainly means a lot to the staff.

Roof works

You may have noticed the work being undertaken on the flat roofing around school. Please take care when on the school grounds as the work will be continuing for another few weeks. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

School clubs

A variety of clubs will be **starting during the weeks commencing the 10th /17th September**. Many club letters will go home with children this week. Please do look in your child's book bag on a regular basis to check for letters and correspondence. 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 displayed prominently around the school.

Forms to complete

An individual pack of important letters and forms will be sent home with each child this week. Please return the completed forms to the school office. Thank you.

Project Sport

Project Sport will continue to lead lunchtime games, as well as sports sessions for KS2 on Wednesday afternoons. They will also be running a new and exciting afterschool club – girls' football club for KS2.

KS2

A quick reminder that all **Year 3 pupils** will be cooking for 6 weeks from Friday 14th September. **Y3 pupils will need to bring £1.50, a tea towel and an oven proof container.**

Class assemblies

Following the success of the class assemblies, they will continue this year and parents will be invited to watch their child's assembly. We will move the assembly time to 9.10am on that day to make it more convenient for working parents.

KS2

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Swimming

Children in year 5 will be swimming on Friday mornings for the first half term, starting Friday 7th September and then year 4 will swim from October half term up until we break for Christmas. A separate letter has gone home with details of what your child needs to bring.

Photos

Individual school photographs will be taken at school on Wednesday 24th October. School will be open from 8.30am on that day for pre-school siblings to have their photos with St John's pupils.

Safety week

We will be holding our "safety week" on the week commencing 15th October. The children will learn about a wide range of aspects of personal safety including: road safety, first aid, E safety and anti-bullying.

Y6 secondary school transfer letters

If your child is in Year 6, you will have received a personalised letter from Calderdale, regarding transfer to secondary school in September 2019. Please keep this letter safe as school does not hold a copy. Please note: this application process is on-line only and the closing date for applications to be submitted is 31st October.

Reception intake 2019

If you are aware of any siblings or children due to start school in **September 2019**, please ensure that the school office has their details so they may receive the Calderdale information pack and school prospectus due to be sent out in the late autumn.

Midday Supervisor

We are looking to recruit a paid casual midday supervisor to cover adhoc lunchtimes at school. It would be 11.30 – 1.15 on a non permanent basis. If you are interested, please contact the school office.

September

- **Tues 4th school opens 8.55am**
- Fri 7th No praise assembly
- Fri 7th Year 5 swimming am
- Tues 11th 1st PTA meeting (then 1st Tues of every month)
- Fri 14th KS2 pm activities start
- Tues 25th PTA AGM
- Wed 26th 4pm Early Years Literacy evening
- Wed 26th 4pm KS2 Maths evening

October

- Fri 5th Oct PTA quiz night
- W/c Mon 8th Assessment week
- W/c Mon 15th Annual safety week, including – NSPCC visit, Y6 bikeability and Y1, Y2 and Y4 road safety training
- Wed 25th sibling and individual school photos from 8.30am
- Wed 24th Parents' Eve
- Thurs 25th KS2 trip to Royal Armouries
- **Thurs 25th school closes for half term**
- **Fri 26th staff training day - school closed**

November

- **Mon 5th - staff training day - school closed**
- **Tues 6th - school opens 8.55am**
- Fri 9th Year 4 1st swimming am
- Sun 11th Remembrance service at St John's Church (whole school)
- Mon 26th am production of Peter Pan in school
- Fri 30th PTA advent fayre

December

- Week commencing Mon 3rd PTA secret shop 3.00pm
- Fri 7th PTA movie night
- Wed 12th Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
- Tues 18th 1.45pm KS1 Nativity
- Wed 19th 1.45pm KS1 Nativity
- Thurs 20th 1.30pm Carols around the tree – St John's church
- **Thurs 20th - School Closes**
- **Fri 21st Staff training day - school closed**