
	ST JOHN'S FIRST SCHOOL NEWS 'Let us love one another, for love comes from God' 1 John 4:7	
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5th October 2022



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for attending our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, it was so good to see so many of you.

Thank you so much for your generous donations which the food bank gratefully received. It is a hard time for many families so the generosity was truly admirable.

We look forward to welcoming many of you to the 'Books at Bedtime' event this evening. We at St John's believe that giving the children the gift of reading for pleasure is hugely important. This meeting is an opportunity for you to find out more about Phonics and Reading at St John's and for your children to enjoy a special bedtime story with hot chocolate provided by 'The Friends of St John's' (PTA).

If you are not already aware we have a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) called the **Friends of St John's**. A Friends Association can consist of teachers, parents, grandparents, and anyone else who has a connection with the school. The main function of a Friends association is to enable us to get to know each other better, make new friends and contacts and have fun in the process. We also hope to raise a little extra money for the school to offer the children special activities or new equipment.

Mrs Everton and Mr Lees-Smith will post a recording of the information in this session onto our website this week if you have other commitments and are unable to attend.

Best wishes

Mrs Reeves-Smith



School ambassadors

We have now elected a second ambassador. Through a rigorous process Charlie will now join Edie.

They will represent the school at key events and occasionally take part in out of school visits. They will show visitors around our school and be role models for other pupils. Our Ambassadors have a good understanding of Rights and Responsibilities at St John's and will meet with myself, Miss Prince and possibly the Academy Committee Members.

Well done Charlie!



Miss Panagiotidis

Sadly Miss Panagiotidis will be leaving St John's this week due to a change in her personal circumstances. We wish her well in her next step and want to thank her for all of her hard work this half term.

We are advertising for a replacement but in the meantime the teachers' PPA cover will be carried out by Mrs Lemon and Mrs Morris.



Half Term Value





Throughout this half term we will be reading and listening to Bible stories that illustrate **Generosity**
'God loves a cheerful giver.' - Corinthians 9.7

We have read 1 Timothy 6:18 from the bible as part of our worship this week

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

Attendance

 	
Class Weekly Attendance for Week beginning 26 September 2022	
Elephants	83.7%
Giraffes	99.3%
Dolphins	98.1%
Pandas	96.6%
Snow Leopards	96.1%
Whole School	94.7%

At St John's we promote and celebrate good attendance. There is a clear link between low attendance at school and low achievement. Children who miss a substantial amount of school, fall behind their peers, and struggle to catch up. Most of the work they miss is never made up, which can lead to big gaps in their learning.

Our aim is to ensure good attendance for all children. Good attendance helps your child to reach their full potential as a learner.

The government says that 96% attendance should be the minimum expected for a child at school. Whilst there will be times when children are unavoidably absent through illness, children should not be missing school for other avoidable reasons.



14 October
18 November
9 December

Dates for your diary

October

Wednesday 5th October

Books at bedtime 6-6.45pm

Storytime for the children in classes. information on phonics and reading for parents/carers.

Friday 7th October

Open morning for parents/carers of children starting school in September 2023. 9.30-12pm

Monday 17th October

Celebration of work. Parents/carers are invited into school from 2.45pm to share and celebrate their children's work in the classroom. Please enter through classroom doors.

November

Parent consultations

Parent consultations to take place week commencing **7th November**

Monday 3:30pm-6:00pm

Wednesday 3:30pm-7:00pm

Booking will go live on Tuesday 1st November

Friday 11th November

Flu Immunisations