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Dear Parents and Carers,

THIS TERM'S LEARNING VALUE: PRIDE

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. Welcome back to the new half term which, at eight weeks, is rather a long one!

This half term, we are really focussing on our learning value: **pride**. This is from one of our six core values of **pride, persevere, concentrate, co-operate, independent** and **improve**. The children should know these; please feel free to test them!

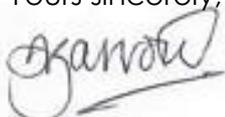
As part of our push on **pride**, we are launching our "St John's stand-outs". These are the five things that we feel we are really good at and should be proud of. The term "stand-out" is a play on the word outstanding, which we are aspiring to be as a school. I have attached the stand-outs, which were launched in assembly today and will have a high profile around the school. I hope you find them self-explanatory and can ask your child about them. We will keep referring to these, so they will become embedded into everyday life. We will also strive to **improve** on these too.

As part of the children being proud of themselves and their school, we will continue to promote positive behaviour, good manners and how a smart appearance will help the children have a smart attitude to their learning. We will be encouraging children to tuck their shirts in, pull their socks up (literally!), clean their shoes, wear the correct uniform and PE kit, tie their hair back and keep their jumpers on rather than tie them around their waist!

I can imagine some of you rolling your eyes and wondering why this is significant. The answer to this is that St John's, with your full support, has worked hard to improve its reputation both in the area and within the Local Authority. We are all so proud of our school and its achievements that we really want to show our school off to the best of its ability. We will be having more visitors as part of our role as a National Support School. These little things really do make a difference. I know that you will support us in this and adhere to the uniform policy.

Thank you for your support and co-operation. As always, it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Our Stand-outs

1. We can be ourselves.

Everyone, regardless of ability, gender, sexuality or culture has the opportunity to be who they want to be and make good progress socially, emotionally and academically.



2. The school has good teachers.

All the teachers at St John's ensure the curriculum is exciting, lessons are stimulating and learning is a challenge.



3. We all take pride in our work.

Because everyone enjoys learning, we try to make all of our work the best it can be.



4. We all work together as a team and show good sportsmanship.

We all encourage each other, try to be a good role model and we support everyone in their learning or in sports.



5. We have a good environment for learning.

We have a good range of resources to support our learning and our organised environment helps us to be more independent.

