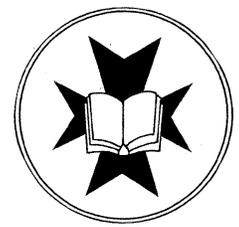


St John's Primary School and Nursery
- Wednesday 7th September 2016 -
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Week 1: 7.9.16

A big welcome back to you all. I hope that you had an enjoyable summer break and managed to spend some valuable family time together. I managed to pick a good two weeks weather-wise to go walking and camping along the Jurassic coast and then to France to sample restorative grape juice! I now feel raring to go and know that this year will be the best ever for St John's. We have a strong team in place and are all committed to going that step further this year.

My enthusiasm has been matched by the children's. It was so lovely to see them all looking smart in their uniforms and correct footwear. They must have been well nourished over the holidays because they all looked as if they had grown substantially!

I would like to officially welcome our new children to the school, to whichever year group they have joined, as well as, of course, our new families. I look forward to a positive relationship with you over the years.

Pride points are continuing this half-term. We will be reminding ourselves of our key learning words: Persevere, Pride, Co-operate, Concentrate, Improve and Independent. All the children should know them and what they mean!

Have a very good week.

Mr D Barrow
 Head Teacher

Here to Help

There are lots of people around to help you over the course of the year. Your first port of call will always be your child's class teacher. This year, we have Phase Leaders for:

- Early Years** (Nursery and Reception):
 Mrs Fenner (Mrs Baker from October)
Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2):
 Miss Tonge
Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6):
 Mrs Benarous

Our **Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Leader** is Mrs Eastham. She will be non-class-based and will be happy to help with any issues around this area.

Mrs Baker will also be non-class-based and will be working closely with me to ensure the very best provision is available for your children at St John's.

New Roof!

Over the summer holiday, we received funding from the Local Authority to replace all of our flat roofing, which was in a bad state of repair. This work starting during the summer break, but unfortunately has been completed before the children's return to school. The only disruption will be to parents and carers using the Out of School Club, who will need to drop off and pick up via the main entrance please.

Diary Dates

Mon 5th Sep	Back to school (<i>staggered induction for Reception</i>)
Wed 7 th Sep	3.30pm & 4.15pm Parents' induction meetings
w/c Mon 12 th Sep	Music lessons start (violin, piano, keyboard, guitar)
Mon 12th Sep	New Nursery children start
Tue 13 th Sep	Dahlicious Dress Up Day 5E swimming lessons start
Fri 7 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Wed 12 th Oct	6.00pm Parent Forum
Mon 17 th Oct	3.30pm-5.30pm Parents' evening
Wed 19 th Oct	School photographs 4.30pm-6.30pm Parents' evening
Fri 21 st Oct	3.15pm Break up for October half-term break
Mon 31 st Oct	Back to school
Tue 8 th Nov	5S swimming lessons start
Fri 18th Nov	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 25 th Nov	PTA non-uniform day (chocolate tombola)
Mon 12 th Dec	Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Tue 13 th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance
Wed 14 th Dec	KS2 Christmas performance
Fri 16th Dec	Break for Christmas holiday
Mon 2nd Jan 2017	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 3rd Jan 2017	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 4th Jan 2017	Back to school

Parents' Induction Meetings

As you will be aware, induction meetings for parents with children in Years 1 to 6 will take place TODAY. (Nursery and Reception held their induction sessions before the summer holiday.) These are information sharing sessions with your children's class teachers that provide useful information about the coming year.

We are offering two sessions this year - 3.30pm and 4.15pm. Please make every effort to attend these informative meetings.

Class Assemblies

Please note that class assemblies will now take place on Fridays at 9.00am. Each class's parents and carers are welcome to attend. Dates are as follows:

Date	Class
27 th January 2017	5E
3 rd February 2017	1C
17 th February 2017	1S
10 th March 2017	2B
24 th March 2017	2T
7 th April 2017	3T
26 th May 2017	4T
9 th June 2017	4B
23 rd June 2017	5S
7 th July 2017	RK

Celebration Assemblies

These will take place every Friday, starting this week (9th September). In the event of a class assembly, we will catch up with birthdays at the next celebration assembly, so please don't worry!

Lunchtime Supervisor News

Firstly, congratulations are in order to Miss Oldroyd who got married before the summer break! Her married name is Mrs Gardiner.

Secondly, Mrs Pryke will be leaving her lunchtime supervisor role in October after many years of service. **Therefore, we will have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor (12.00pm to 1.10pm, Monday to Friday).** If you are interested, application forms are available from Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the office. The deadline for applications is Friday 16th September.

End-of-day Collection Arrangements

As we start a new academic year, we would appreciate it if you could once again let us know what your child's end-of-day collection arrangements are by completing the reply slip on the attached letter. Thank you.

Nationality and Country of Birth

Back in June, we sent letters home requesting additional information regarding your child's country of birth and nationality. This information has been requested by the Department for Education and needs to be submitted to the Local Authority within the next two weeks. To date, only a small number of completed forms have been returned to the office. **Therefore, we will be reissuing the letters this week.** Please ensure that you return the required information to school no later than Friday 16th September. Thank you for your co-operation.

Breaktime Snacks

As you will be aware, children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 are provided with fruit and vegetables as breaktime snacks.

As part of our healthy eating policy, we would like the children to continue the good practice of eating only fruit or vegetables at breaktime in Key Stage Two. **Therefore, from now on, we would ask that our Key Stage Two children bring in only fruit and vegetables and do not bring in pre-packaged snacks such as rice cakes, crisps and cereal bars.** Dried fruit is acceptable (e.g. box of raisins, bag of dried apricots), but processed fruit snacks and bars are not (e.g. Yo-Yo Bears, fruit winders).

Thank you for your co-operation.

Free School Meals for Reception, Year One and Year Two

We have provision for all children in these year groups to have a free school meal. We offer two choices each day.

Please remember that it is your entitlement and we would strongly urge all children to take advantage of this. **If you would prefer your child to bring a packed lunch instead of having a free school meal, please notify Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir that you are opting out.**

The only families who will need to register for free school meals are those in receipt of benefits and supplements to their income, as before. You can register by calling 01926 359189 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Where possible, we are asking that parents commit to a half-termly block of school dinners or packed lunches (rather than mixing and matching). We now have to order substantially more food, so logistically this will make things easier to manage.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

Dinner Money

School lunches for children in Years 3 to 6 are £2.15 per day. Please ensure that you pay in advance, ideally half-termly via ParentPay. Please also ensure that any outstanding balances from last year are settled by the end of this week. Thank you.

Attendance

Just a reminder that all attendance is now monitored through the office. There are strict guidelines which all schools in Warwickshire are following.

Please remember that no holidays will be authorised in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which need to be detailed in an letter accompanying leave of absence form please.

Morning Routines

For those new to the school, there is a member of Senior Leadership on duty from 8.40am. The bell is rung at 8.45am for the children to line up at their assembly point. Class teachers will come and collect the children.

Please may we ask that children do not bring their own balls into school? These are provided and save many an argument!

In addition, children need to dismount scooters and bicycles and leave them in the bike shelter located at the rear of the school. **For the safety of children and adults alike, please do not let your child ride their scooter or bike on to the playground.**

After School Sports Clubs

Letters will be coming home today for a KS2 after-school football club run by Coach Unlimited, the cost of which is £18 for this half-term.

Music Lessons

If you have booked music lessons for your child with County Music Service, these will start next week, details as follows:

Monday	Violin / Keyboard / Piano	Mrs Taylor
Friday	Guitar	Dr Perkins

School Photographs

This year, we are trying a new photographer for our school photographs. Rainbow Photographic will be taking class, individual and sibling photographs on Wednesday 19th October.

St John's Children's Centre

Buggy Breakfast



Thursday 9am - 10am

St John's Children's Centre

Drop in for toast, meet and play with other families

and meet our family support worker

Term time only

£1 per family

Believe in
children
Barnardo's



St John's Primary School and Nursery

September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

END-OF-DAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for the end of the school day are as follows:

Reception – Year 4:

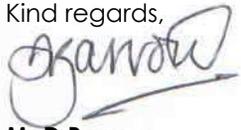
All children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be handed over to an adult who is known to us and who is on a list of authorised adults. Please indicate below who is authorised to collect your child from school on a regular basis. Please also let your child's class teacher know if collection arrangements have changed, e.g. collected by an adult who isn't known to us or by a friend's parent. If, for any reason, a child hasn't been collected by an authorised adult, they will be taken to the office and parents will be contacted.

Years 5 & 6:

We encourage children in Years 5 and 6 to become increasingly independent, so appreciate that some of them are allowed to walk home unaccompanied. If this is the case, please indicate this on the slip below. If your child must wait to be collected by an adult, please indicate this on the slip below, along with who is authorised to collect your child. We will reiterate to the children in Years 5 and 6 that, if the adult they are expecting does not arrive, they should come straight to the office. Please reinforce this at home.

It goes without saying that the children's safety and welfare is of the utmost importance, so thank you for your co-operation with this.

Kind regards,



Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

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END-OF-DAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Name of child: Class:

Adults authorised to collect my child are:

Name: Relationship to child:

Years 5 & 6 only:

I give permission for my child to walk home unaccompanied.

My child will always be collected by an authorised adult unless I inform you otherwise.

Signed: Date: