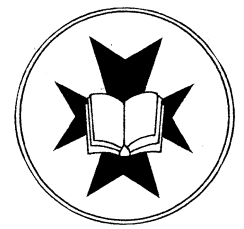


**St John's Primary School and Nursery**  
**- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 -**  
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**Week 1: 04.01.17**

A very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed spending time doing whatever the holiday allowed you to do.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, could I thank you for your lovely cards and gifts? They were very much appreciated.

I always look forward to the new school year and coming back to new challenges. I do hope you are all ready and raring to go.

Just a reminder please: the weather is markedly colder. Please make sure that you send your children to school with a named coat and other winter accessories.

Have a good week and very best wishes,

**Mr D Barrow**  
Head Teacher

**Lunchtime Overhaul**

Thank you so much for your overwhelming response to requests for lunchtime equipment, which is very much appreciated. We are ready to launch this today, so hopefully your children will come home and tell you all about it. In summary, the playgrounds have now been zoned into:

- Quiet zone with books and board games
- Active zone with sports equipment and sport on a rotational system
- Drama zone with costumes and props
- Big games
- Construction zone

Essentially, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two children can still choose to remain on their designated playground if they wish. However, if they would like to access the other zones, they may do so. This will be a good opportunity for siblings to meet each other, and the older children will have the chance to be more of a positive role model. We are going to try it for this half term and monitor it carefully. We won't be afraid to change and modify if necessary as we go along.

Due to the number of accidents, mainly in damp weather, football will only be allowed on the grass when the weather is dry. This will probably mean that children will be muddy on occasion, but hopefully the injuries will reduce as children are hurting themselves quite badly on the playground. Therefore, children may bring in old trainers/pumps

to change into at lunchtime if they would like to play football. Changing into these trainers/pumps will be their responsibility. Again, we will be monitoring everything closely, along with the midday supervisors, so that this is successful.



**Staffing Updates**

Mrs McPherson will take over the majority of Mrs Benarous' teaching commitment in Year Four, with planning time being given by Mrs Baker, who will also be our curriculum lead.

Congratulations to Mrs Tennant who will now lead Key Stage Two and Miss Eggleton who will now lead English across the whole school.

There will also be a new face in school: Mrs Helen Kirk, who will be providing release time in Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**League Tables**

Great news for St John's this year. Of the 225 Warwickshire primary schools, we are 25<sup>th</sup> in the league table. I am sure you will all agree that this is a fantastic team effort. Well done to staff and pupils alike!

**PTA**

The PTA would like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who generously supported the school by assisting with the school disco. Your help was very much appreciated.

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Teacher-led extra-curricular clubs will start w/c Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. You will be notified if your child has a place in their requested club(s) next week.

Day	Time	Club	Adult
<b>Monday</b>	12.30pm – 1.00pm	Mindfulness Colouring (Reception, Years 1 & 2)	Miss Tonge
	12.30pm – 1.00pm	Drama (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Miss Eggleton
	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Football (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Mr Sharp
<b>Tuesday</b>	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Craft (Reception, Years 1 & 2)	Miss Baker
<b>Thursday</b>	12.30pm – 1.00pm	KS1 Singing Club (Reception, Years 1 & 2)	Miss Smyth
	12.30pm – 1.00pm	Art (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Miss Taylor
	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Film (Reception, Years 1 & 2)	Miss Kerry
<b>Friday</b>	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Cookery (Years 4, 5 & 6)	Mrs Baker

### Coach Unlimited Dodgeball Club

If your child attended after-school dodgeball club last term, please note that the final session will take place this Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Those children who have a confirmed place in this term's after-school dodgeball club will start on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### Website – [www.st-johns.warwickshire.co.uk](http://www.st-johns.warwickshire.co.uk)

Don't forget to check out our website for up-to-date information on our school. Nursery now have their own pages, so do have a look and spread the word about our school. Comments are also welcome on the guest book.

### Children's Centre

#### *Come and Find Out*

#### HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF FAMILY LIFE

We will be running the 10-week Nurturing Program for Parents. This course helps Parents to understand and manage feelings and behavior, whilst becoming more positive and nurturing in their relationships with their children.

Starting Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
from 12.45 to 2.45pm  
(a crèche will be available)

Booking is essential  
Please telephone St John's Children's Centre  
on 01926 856397 for further details

### School Photographs

We have been informed that there is a typo on Reception's class photos (which read St John's Primary School and **Nursey**, rather than **Nursery**). We're not sure if this typo also appears on other class's photos. If you have received a class photo for any other class, please could you check at home and inform the office if the typo appears? We can then speak to the photographers and request replacements. Thank you.

### Money!

Dinner money for this term is £2.15 per day / £10.75 per week / £70.95 (4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb). Please adjust accordingly based on the number of lunches your child has per week. We are happy for children to have a mix of packed lunches and hot dinners, but please endeavour to stick to a set pattern. Lunches are ordered daily at registration. This term's menu can be found on our website.

### Diary Dates

**Please note that there will be no celebration assembly this Friday**

<b>Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Tue 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	am: Indoor rowing (Campion School - selected Year 6 children) pm: 5S swimming - final session
<b>Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	6.00pm: SATS information evening - Year 6 parents/carers
<b>Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	am: Year 1 trip to St John's Museum
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	pm: Dodgeball competition (Campion School - selected Year 5 children)
<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	pm: 4B swimming - first session
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	am: Reception / Year 6 height and weight checks - <i>details to follow</i> pm: Sportshall athletics (Kenilworth School - selected Year 5/6 children)
<b>Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	12.30pm: Year 4 parents' sharing lunch
<b>Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	am: Reception Wriggle Dance workshop
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017</b>	9.00am: 5E class assembly
<b>Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017</b>	pm: Reception trip to Spa Centre to see "The Colour of Me"
<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 2017</b>	6.00pm: Parent Forum
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2017</b>	12.30pm: Year 3 parents' sharing lunch
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2017</b>	9.00am: 1C class assembly
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	Parents' evening
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	Parents' evening
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	9.00am: 1S class assembly <b>3.15pm: Break up</b>
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017</b>	<b>Back to school</b>