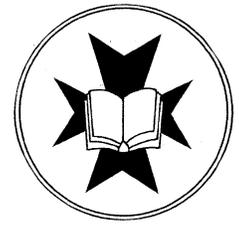


# St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017-

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## Week 1: 8.9.17

**A big welcome back to you all.** I hope that you managed to catch some sunshine, whatever you were up to in the holidays. The six weeks have just flown by as usual! It was great to see everyone raring to go and happy to come to back.

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!

Great news for our school as we start the new school year: St John's has been designated a National Support School and I have been designated a National Leader in Education. This will put St John's very much on the map in terms of recognition and supporting other schools. It is a privilege for our school to be recognised in this way and testimony to the team we have in place.

Have a very good weekend.

**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 (Monday – Wednesday)

**Key Stage One** (Years 1 and 2):

Miss Tonge

**Key Stage Two** (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6):

Mrs Tennant

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 for two out of her four days, and will be working closely with me to ensure the very best provision is available for your children at St John's.

## Diary Dates

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Music lessons start (violin, piano, keyboard, guitar)
<b>Thu 14<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	<b>New Nursery children start</b>
<b>Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Sep</b>	4T - swimming lessons start
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.00am: Phonics coffee morning – Reception parents
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	9.00am: 1 <sup>st</sup> celebration assembly of the year!
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Year 3 trip to Ryton Pools – <i>details to follow</i>
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep	9.00am: PTA Coffee Morning for new Reception parents
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	12.00pm: 6L parent sharing lunch
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	12.00pm: 5E parent sharing lunch
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School photographs (Braiswick – individual and siblings) 3.30pm-5.30pm Parents' evening
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.00am: 5C – class assembly 4.30pm-6.30pm Parents' evening
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 5 trip to Cadbury World – <i>details to follow</i>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>3.15pm Break up for October half-term break</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Back to school
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	9.00am: Tapestry online learning journal coffee morning – Nursery & Reception parents
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	12.00pm: 6E parent sharing lunch
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.00am: 5S – class assembly
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	4T final swimming lesson
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	3T swimming lessons start
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.00pm: 5S parent sharing lunch
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am: Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am/2.30pm: KS1 Christmas performance
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	2.30pm/6.30pm: KS2 Christmas performance
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	PTA Christmas Disco
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>3.15pm: Break up for Christmas holiday</b>
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

### Celebration Assemblies

These will take place every Friday, starting the week after next (22<sup>nd</sup> September). Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

### Class Assemblies

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

Date	Class
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	5C
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5S
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	4T
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3T
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Mar	3B
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	2S
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	1C
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	2T
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Jun	RFB
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 leavers' assembly

### 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.**

### New Roof!

Over the summer holiday, we received funding from the Local Authority to replace all of our pitched roofing, which was in a bad state of repair. The work has now been completed and we hope that roof will be watertight now for many more years to come.

### 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.

### Dinner Money

School lunches for children in Years 3 to 6 are £2.20 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 next week. Thank you.

### 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, 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.

### PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school **at all times**. We will ensure that PE kits are sent home for washing over the half-term holidays.

### 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. You can register by calling 01926 359189 or online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://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.

### Online Safety

Having completed my first year of teaching at St John's, I have now taken on the role of head of computing and online safety lead. This means that any online safety incidents or concerns will be reported to me by pupils or staff. I will then pass any relevant information on to Mr Barrow.

*Mr D Sharp*

### Music Lessons

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

<b>Monday</b>	Violin / Keyboard / Piano	Mrs Taylor
<b>Friday</b>	Guitar	Dr Perkins

### School Photographs

This year, we are going back to using Braiswick for our school photographs. On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October, they will be taking individual and sibling photographs. We will then have class photos taken in late spring or early summer.

### Vacancy – Midday Supervisor

A vacancy has arisen for a Midday Supervisor. The hours of work will be 12.00pm to 1.10pm, Monday to Friday (term-time only). If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

### Vacancy: Deputy Play Leader, Out of School Club

Our popular and thriving Out of School Club has a vacancy for a Deputy Play Leader. Hours of work will be Monday to Friday, 3.00pm until 6.00pm, with flexibility to cover mornings when necessary. The job is term-time only, with an additional week in the summer holiday. (Again, this may be flexible as we are considering future options for the club.) Rate of pay is £9.00 per hour. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

### Children's Centre Consultation

As you will be aware, we are in serious danger of losing our Children's Centre in Kenilworth. Kenilworth needs its Children's Centre. The very fact that we have recruited a Family Support Worker to work alongside our wonderful Children's Centre should surely indicate a need. Please could I urgently ask you to look at the consultation and make your opinions known and counted **before the deadline of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September?** Thank you for your support.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FamilyHubs>

01926 742350

familyhubs@warwickshire.gov.uk

### Attendance

A reminder that all attendance is now monitored through the office. There are strict guidelines which all schools in Warwickshire are observing. The following information has recently been sent to us from the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service:

*The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of Platt v Isle of Wight Council which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.*

*Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, Head Teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.*

*It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider leave of absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent. **Each application for leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.***

*Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.*

*Failure to make an application for leave in advance will result in the absence being recorded as an unauthorised absence.*

Please remember that no holidays will be authorised in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which need to be detailed in a letter accompanying a leave of absence form (available from the school office).

# St John's Primary School and Nursery

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September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **END-OF-DAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS**

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

### **Reception – Year 4:**

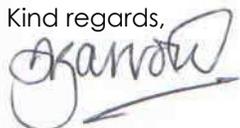
**All children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be handed over to an adult who is known to us and who is on a list of authorised adults.** Please indicate below who is authorised to collect your child from school on a regular basis. Please also let your child's class teacher know if collection 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: .....