



St John's Primary School and Nursery - Friday 7th September 2018-

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Week 1: w/c 3.9.18

A big welcome back to you all. 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!

Some lovely news to come back to: congratulations to Miss Tonge, Miss Cossins and Miss Eggleton, all of whom got engaged just before the summer or during the summer break. It is such a happy time for them and their partners, and we all wish them lots of happiness for the future.

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, our Phase Leaders are:

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 (Monday – Wednesday)

Mrs Eastham is continuing as Acting Deputy Head and Inclusion Leader for KS2. Miss Cossins will be Inclusion Leader for KS1.

Online Safety

Our Online Safety Lead is Mr Sharp. The school now has its 360 degree safety mark and is committed to keeping children and their families safe online.

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 then 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.**

Head Boy and Girl / House Captains

Congratulations to our new Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains, who were elected before the summer break!

Head Boy:	Chili
Head Girl:	Charlotte
House Captains – Yellow:	Louis & Lily I
House Captains – Green:	Megan & Sophie L
House Captains – Red:	Ella C & Adam
House Captains – Blue:	Oliver & Lucy

In addition, congratulations to our Learning Ambassadors:

1C:	Ben Ga & Tilda
2T:	Dante
3B:	Delphine
3TH:	Jack & Molly
4P:	Leo
4T:	Thea
5S:	Skye T

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.

Celebration Assemblies

These will take place every Friday at 9.00am, starting next Friday 14th September. Parents and carers are very welcome to attend.

Diary Dates

Mon 10 th Sep	Warwickshire Music lessons start
Tue 11 th Sep	Year 5 Zoolab workshop (in school)
Thu 13th Sep	New Nursery children start 3.30pm/6.00pm: Swanage residential parent information sessions
Fri 14 th Sep	9.00am: First celebration assembly of the year!
Tue 18 th Sep	4P + 3B (group 1) - swimming lessons start
Wed 19 th Sep	9.00am: Reception & KS1 reading sharing event
Mon 24 th – Thu 27 th Sep	Year 6 Bikeability Level 2 – <i>details to follow</i>
Wed 26 th Sep	9.00am: KS2 reading sharing event Year 3 trip to Ryton Pools 12.30pm: 6L parent sharing lunch
Fri 28 th Sep	Year 5 Bikeability Level 1 – <i>details to follow</i>
Tue 2 nd Oct	9.00am: Phonics coffee morning – Reception parents
Wed 3 rd Oct	1.30pm: Harvest Festival (St John's Church)
Thu 4 th Oct	am: Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception – Year 5)
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th Oct	Year 6 residential trip to Swanage
Mon 15 th Oct	School photographs (Braiswick – individual and siblings)
Tue 16 th Oct	9.00am: Tapestry online learning journal coffee morning – Nursery & Reception parents
Wed 17 th Oct	12.30pm: 6E parent sharing lunch
Mon 22 nd Oct	3.30pm-5.30pm: Parents' evening #1
Tue 23 rd Oct	4.30pm-6.30pm: Parents' evening #2 (3TH only)
Wed 24 th Oct	9.00am: 5S – class assembly 4.30pm-6.30pm: Parents' evening #2 (not 3TH)
Fri 26th Oct	2.00pm: PTA Halloween grandparents' tea 3.15pm Break up for October half-term break
Mon 5 th Nov	INSET day – school closed
Tue 6 th Nov	Back to school

Swimming

There have been a few changes to the way in which we organise swimming lessons this year. Swimming lessons will be offered to all children in Years 3 and 4. However, to help with logistics, 3B will be split into two groups, with the first group joining 4P on 18th September, and the second group joining 4T on 20th November. Swimming letters for our first swimming group have gone home today; please check book bags! Top-up swimming will be offered to pupils in Year 5 who we feel would benefit from some additional lessons.

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:

5S	24 th October
4T	28 th November
4P	30 th January 2019
3B	13 th March
3TH	10 th April
2T	12 th June
1C	22 nd May
RK	26 th June
6E/6L	Leavers' Assembly Friday 19 th July

Parent Sharing Lunches

Parent sharing lunches will take place on **Wednesdays** this year. Letters will come home nearer the time requesting menu choices and payment.

6L	26 th September, 12.30pm
6E	17 th October, 12.30pm
5S	14 th November, 12.30pm
4T	16 th January 2019, 12.30pm
4P	6 th February, 12.30pm
3B	6 th March, 12.30pm
3TH	27 th March, 12.30pm
2T	8 th May, 12.00pm
1C	5 th June, 12.00pm
RK	3 rd July, 12.00pm

Dinner Money

School lunches for children in Years 3 to 6 are £2.30 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.**

If you are in receipt of benefits and supplements to your income, you will need to register for free school meals (regardless of whether or not your child receives a free infant free school meal). 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.

Music Lessons

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

Monday	Violin/Keyboard/Piano	Miss Taylor
Friday	Guitar	Ms Orzechowska

School Photographs

This year, we are using Braiswick for our school photographs. On Monday 15th October, they will be taking individual and sibling photographs. We will then have class photos taken in late spring or early summer.

Vacancy – Cleaner

We have a vacancy for a cleaner either before or after school. Hours of work: 3.30pm to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday (term time only + 2 weeks). Rate of pay: £7.50/hour. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office. We are looking for a quick start!

Vacancy: Midday Supervisor

A vacancy has arisen for a Midday Supervisor (Reception). Hours of work: 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.

Triple P Parenting

There will be a free child behaviour course running at St John's Children's Centre from early October. All sessions will be in term-time during school hours, with free childcare available if needed. Group Triple P is a child behaviour course suitable for parents and carers of children aged two to 12 years. Call 01926 337506 (Lillington Children's Centre) to enquire.

Notelets

Do you love to sing? Would you like to learn new songs, chants and raps, and have fun singing with new friends? Then come along to **Notelets**, the children's choir of St Nicholas' Church! We meet every Thursday from 5.15pm to 6.15pm during term time. We spend an hour playing games, learning about rhythm, melody and harmony, and having fun singing together. We'll sing for parents and friends from time to time too. Sessions will be led by a qualified primary school teacher. The choir is free and open to any child aged six to 11. Our first 'taster' session is on **Thursday 20th September** in the Vestry of St Nicholas' Church. Please register your interest by emailing Mary Houlgate at maryhoulgate303@gmail.com.

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).

Term Dates 2018-2019

AUTUMN TERM

INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	3	September	2018
School opens at 8.45 am	- Tue	4	September	2018

Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	26	October	2018
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	5	November	2018
School opens at 8.45 am	- Tue	6	November	2018

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	21	December	2018
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SPRING TERM

INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	7	January	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	- Tue	8	January	2019

Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	15	February	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	25	February	2019

EASTER HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	12	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY GOOD FRIDAY	- Fri	19	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY EASTER MONDAY	- Mon	22	April	2019

SUMMER TERM

School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	29	April	2019
BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE	- Mon	6	May	2019

Half-Term

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	24	May	2019
School opens at 8.45 am	- Mon	3	June	2019

SUMMER HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm	- Fri	19	July	2019
INSET DAY CLOSURE	- Mon	22	July	2019

Please note that there will be one further INSET day, the date of which is yet to be confirmed

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Dear Parents and Carers,

END-OF-DAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2018-19

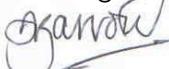
Arrangements for the end of the school day are as follows:

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 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.

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, 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 go straight to the school 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. Please note that this information will be retained within school and will not be shared with any third party.

Kind regards,



Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

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END-OF-DAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2018-19

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: