



St John's
CE Primary School

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October Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fabulous first half term we have had with so much to celebrate. First of all, a huge thank you for working with us to improve our attendance in school - we really appreciate your support with this. Secondly, thank you for your patience while the roofers have been working in school, I am pleased to say that this is now completed and hopefully the scaffolding should be down in the next week. Next half term is an extremely busy one - especially in the run up to Christmas - and so we have attached some key diary dates for you to be able to plan attending nativities, shows and parents' evenings.

We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday.

Mrs Cook

Autumn 2 - Diary Dates

Tuesday 31st October - 8.45am - School reopens after half term

Tuesday 7th November - 1.30pm - Open afternoon for prospective parents/carers

Friday 10th November - 9.00am - Preschool stay and play (see below for more details)

Wednesday 15th November - 3.45-6.00 - Parents/Carers' evening (see below for more details)

Friday 17th November - all day - Children In Need (non-uniform day for £1 donation)

Thursday 30th November - 8.00am - Family breakfast

(please note no 'normal' breakfast club on this day)

Wednesday 13th December - 9.30am and 2.00pm - EYFS Nativity (more details to follow)

Thursday 14th December - 1.30pm - KS2 Nativity (at St Thomas' Church)

Friday 15th December - 3.4-5pm - Christmas Fair (see below for non uniform days in run up to the fair)

Monday 18th December - all day - Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch

(£1 donation to wear Christmas jumper)

Tuesday 19th December - 9.30am and 2.00pm - KS1 Nativity (more details to follow)

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas craft and party day (more details to follow)

Thursday 21st December - 1.00pm - Jack and the Beanstalk (professional panto performance in school)

Friday 22nd December - School finishes for Christmas break

New Member of Staff

Following a successful recruitment we are delighted to announce that we will be joined on Monday 6th November by Mrs Clare Kennedy as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Mrs Kennedy will work in Y3 in the mornings and provide cover and intervention support across KS2 in the afternoons.

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Preschool Stay and Play - Friday 10th November - 9am

This is an opportunity for any parents/carers with children 3 and under to visit our EYFS setting and spend time playing with their children and chatting to EYFS staff. Refreshments will be available. Please let any friends and family with below school age children know about this event. The event will take place in the EYFS.

Parents/Carers' Evening - Wednesday 15th November - 3.45pm - 6.00pm

We will be holding our first set of parents/carers' meetings on Wednesday 15th November. This is a chance for you to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss their progress. You will also be able to see their books and read their fabulous work. Appointments will open on Arbor next week.

PE Days for Y1-Y6

We will continue with pupils in Y1 to Y6 coming in their PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note that PE uniform is white t-shirt, black leggings or jogging bottoms and school jumper. Children who come to school in nonuniform jumpers will be given a school one to wear for the day. Red or school fleeces may also be worn in place of a jumper.

School Shoes

School shoes should be black (or all black trainers). Boots are not permitted. If your child comes to school in coloured/white trainers or other non-school shoes they will be given a pair of pumps to wear for the day until you are able to bring the correct shoes into school for them.

Christmas Fair

We will be holding our extremely successful Christmas Fair on Friday 15th December straight after school. In the run up we will have the following non-uniform days:

Friday 1st December - Small gifts (eg candles, toiletries) for the secret Santa stall

Friday 8th December - Chocolate or sweets for the chocolate tombola

Friday 15th December - Bottles for the bottle stall

We would love help from any parent/carer who is able to do this. If you would like to get involved in the organising committee please can you email school on stjohns@thesycamoretrust.co.uk

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