

Wednesday 6th September 2017



St John's Newsletter



Learning, Loving and Laughing Together

Welcome back everyone; it was lovely to see all the children arrive safe and sound yesterday morning. All the children looked wonderful and smart - proud of themselves and ready for the challenges of the new school year. We welcome four new members of staff to the team this year. Hello to Miss Gray teaching Greece Class, Mrs Wynn teaching Western Cape, Miss March teaching Maldives and Mrs Christian who will be an LSA in Hawaii.

Over the summer, there was a range of work completed at school. I am sure you will have all noticed the new markings on the ground in the Reception play area and on the bottom playground. We have also had a pirate ship installed on the bottom playground and we hope this will be open by the end of the week, as it is just having the finishing touches applied. Can I just take this opportunity to remind everyone that children are welcome to use this equipment and the trim trail before and after school but must be supervised by an adult at all times. Children should not arrive on the playground before 8.30am and after school the gates will be locked at 4pm.

Many children have spoken to me about the library summer reading challenge and the certificates and medals they have received. If your child would like to have their medal and certificate presented in celebration assembly then please send them in on Friday. The challenge runs until 17th September so there is still time if you are yet to finish your six books.

As you were notified yesterday, Mrs Nicholls is unfortunately unwell and everyone at school is wishing her a speedy recovery. In her absence, I am lucky to have such a talented, hardworking and dedicated team to help support me in the smooth running of the school. As I will be taking on Mrs Nicholls' responsibilities, can I ask that if you have any queries or questions, you please always speak first to your child's class teacher. If you feel that has not resolved any issues, please then speak to your child's phase leader (listed below). Finally, if an appointment with me is then necessary please contact the school office so that one can be arranged.

Mr Gardner - EYFS Phase Leader

Mrs Hollyman - Yr 1/2 Phase Leader

Mrs Russell - Yr 3/4 Phase Leader

Miss Cooke - Yr 5/6 Phase Leader

Wishing everyone a term filled with learning, loving and laughing.

Mr Tunnicliffe

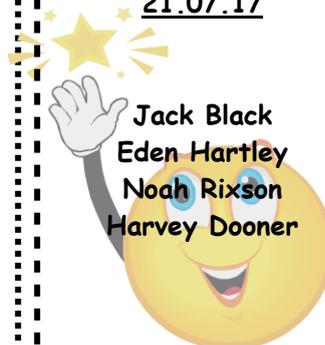
Class Certificates 21.07.17

Nate Boon
Melody Czarnecki
Saiyam Maher
Maggie Reeves
Avani Luthra

Jamie Brewer, Grace Taylor
Ollie Hynan

Luca De Campos Miranda, Grace Hill, Katie Reeves
Oscar Keeler, Angad Sehmi
Ptolemy Grevitt

Headteacher Shooting Star Awards 21.07.17



Jack Black
Eden Hartley
Noah Rixson
Harvey Dooner

Contact Details

Please ensure we have your latest contact details at all times, we will text from time to time so ensure all mobiles are up to date.

Your contact sheets are being sent home today, please make any changes on the form and return to the office. Thank you.

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Times Table Challenge

Winners - Bronze

Lucas Williams, Dulcie Clark, Saffron Bye, Akshay Vavilala, Amelia Green, Riley Helbert

Winners - Silver

Samuel Grzybowski, Matilda Strange, Robert Bundock, Natalie Jozwiak, Peyton Davis, Yvonne Michael, Ollie Hynan, Christopher Prevett, Emily Ekins

Winners - Gold

Molly Hopper, Alexandra Monk, Thomas Naylor, Ava Cottrell, Jazmine Bolton, Ashton Barrett, Jamie Brewer, Laurel Carta, Ellie Rogers

Winners - Platinum

Lucy Bye, Ralph Burgess, Harry Vidler, Ciaran Kelly, Jake Atkinson, Jessica Hughes, David Wojcik, Phoebe Howe, Evie Byrne, Rachel Turner, Evan Williams, April Edwards Cuthbert, Clemence Wyatt

Winners - Diamond

Joshua Petheram, Rifaaz Nouroul Hazhen, Ralph Burgess, Makyla Geldenhuys, Alexandra Monk, Adam Elby, Stanley Smith-Macklin, Morgan Lea, Noah Rixson, Jessica Hughes, Rachel Turner, Meredith Smith-Macklin, Evie Roodhouse, Evie Byrne, Eva Bowen, David Wojcik, Phoebe Howe, Ellie Rogers

Diary Dates

25th September - INSET day - School Closed

29th September - Happy School Bag Collection

6th October - Harvest Festival @ All Saints' Church

Acorns Toddler Group

Meet on Mondays in the school library
9am - 10.30am. All welcome.

Food Tasting, Walking Permissions and Appendix E forms

These letters were sent home this week, we would kindly ask that you return your slips by 15th September at the latest.

Music Fees

Please ensure this term's music fees are paid by **Friday 15th September**.

Happy School Bag Collection

Bags have recently been sent home for you to fill. Please bring your filled bags in on **29th September**, not before as we have nowhere to store them. Thank you.

Medicines

Please ensure if your child has inhalers or epi-pens in school that they are always in date.

Walking Home

If you wish your child to walk home this academic year, please can you put it in writing to the office, thank you.

If you wish you can pop in to the office during the school day to check.

Dinner Money

Please ensure dinner money is paid daily or weekly by the end of each week. You can pay to the teacher or online.

If your child is now in Year 3 they are no longer entitled to universal free school meal and their dinners will need to be paid for.

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From the Governors

Our last full governing body meeting of the academic year was held on 10th July. As well as regular items, there were three main areas on the agenda.

We discussed the constitution of the governing body, in light of vacancies for foundation governors that exist and determined it would be best to modify the current structure to remain in accordance with the ratio of governor types that we must legally adhere to. We noted in our discussion the value that parent and staff governors bring to our meetings.

We continued our work on strategic development from previous meetings and spent some time working in groups to define measurable outcomes that will form part of our new strategic plan.

Mrs Nicholls presented her Head Teacher's report. We noted that St John's continues to have very good attendance figures - the whole school attendance figure exceeds the government's 96% target.

On the buildings front, several projects are planned to continue the refurbishment of areas around the school. We also briefly looked at the headline results data that had been sent to the school the previous week.

Allan Palmer, Foundation Governor

Parent Governor Vacancy

Sadly, we said goodbye to Martin Petherham in July, as he and his family moved out of the area in August. Governors will miss Martin and his contribution to the governing body over the last two years. We would like to thank him publically for his commitment to St John's and particularly for leading our work to develop the next 3-5 year strategy.

You will soon be receiving a letter explaining what will happen next. I would urge you to think about putting yourself forward as a governor.

There is some useful information at the National Governance Association website <https://www.nga.org.uk/home.aspx> under the tab 'Be a Governor' or if you would like to know more, please contact me via the school office.

Donna Lincoln-Orhstrand, Chair of Governors

LETTER ALERT!

The following letters have been sent out today / recently ... have you received them?

Child	Title	Response Required By
Year 1 – 6	Appendix E	ASAP
Year 1 – 6	Food Tasting	ASAP
Year 1 – 6	Walking Permission	ASAP
All Years	Mrs Nicholls	