

Wednesday 13th September 2017



St John's Newsletter



Learning, Loving and Laughing Together

This week we welcomed our new Reception children to St John's and it has been lovely watching them explore their new classrooms and outside space. Everyone appears to have settled in well and we look forward to the children joining us full time from next week. Please could I remind everyone that equipment in the new Reception playground area is only for use of the reception children, under supervision of staff, and not to be used before or after school.

Across the rest of the school, the children have come back ready and eager to learn and each class has started their new topic for the autumn term. Children should be bringing home an overview of their topic so that you can help support their learning. Year 5/6 launched their topic with a visit from 'Jungle Jonathan', who brought various animals that are adapted to their environment into school. It was great to see so many children take the opportunity to handle the animals, including a rather large constrictor snake!

We will be hosting our 'back to school night' on the 27th September to give you the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and have a look around their classroom. Children will also complete a short performance to give you a taster of some of their early learning experiences this year, and we will pass on a few other little pieces of information to consider for the year ahead. I will send out further details soon.

Thank you for all the people who have expressed their good wishes for Mrs Nicholls and I have passed these on to her husband. Mrs Nicholls is currently in hospital receiving treatment on her kidneys and at the moment it is still unclear how long she will be in hospital for. If you wish to send a card to her please could you drop it into the office by Friday as her husband will be coming in to pick them up and pass them on to her.

Finally, could I ask that you ensure your child brings a labelled water bottle into school each day so they have easy access to water in the classroom.

Class Certificates

Frankie Brown
Archie Burniston
Paola Henderson
Ruth Leonard
Freya North
Faustin Tennison
Annabelle Belcher
Rhiannon Jones
Clemence Wyatt

Headteacher Shooting Star Awards



Jayden Bryan
Todd Lawler

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**.

Parking

We have been contacted by the Hatchlings Nursery complaining about our parents using their car park, a reminder the car park is for the use of the shops and nursery only.

Year 3/4

Please can you bring in any old newspapers and magazines for art next week. Thank you.

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Diary Dates

22/09/17 - Welcome to Year R Meeting
25/09/17 - INSET day - School Closed
27/09/17 - Back to School Night
29/09/17 - Happy School Bag Collection
06/10/17 - Harvest Festival @ All Saints' Church 10.30am
Yrs 1 - 6 ONLY
19/10/17 - PTA Disco
06/11/17 - Parents' Evening
08/11/17 - Parents' Evening

Acorns Toddler Group

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

Year 6 Team Captain Elections

A huge well done to all the Year 6s who presented their team captain speech to their team yesterday.

Every year the quality increases and it was great to see such confident children at the start of Year 6. Each team had a very difficult decision but the votes have been cast and the results will be shared in Celebration Assembly on Friday.

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.

All Saints' Church

On September 27th, All Saints' Church will be 100 years old. We are celebrating this particularly over the weekend 23/24 September. The church will be open all day on Saturday 23rd, with displays of flowers and objects illustrating the life of the church. At the same time, local ringers will try to ring non-stop for 6 hours!

On Sunday afternoon (24th Sep) the Bishop of Basingstoke is coming to lead a celebratory service. Do call in to All Saints' Church on 23rd Sep (or during the week before and after when we plan to keep the church open). There will be activities for children as well as lots to see. If you plan to come to the service, it will help if you let us know.

This Saturday (16th Sep) at 3.30pm there will be a talk in the church about the story of churches and religion in Basingstoke leading up to the building of All Saints'.

Lunchtime Play Leader

We are currently looking for a Lunchtime Play Leader to encourage the children to develop play skills and take part in more physical activity. The role entails assisting the children in the lunch hall, followed by leading short play sessions with groups of children in the school grounds. All Play Leaders are supported in their new roles and are invited to meet regularly to discuss the role. We are looking for an energetic, positive, creative and organised Play Leader who understands the value of constructive play opportunities.

Salary Scale: £15,015 - £15,267 pro rata (Actual salary £2603.40 - £2647.20)

Five 1.5 hour sessions per week: 12.00pm - 1.30pm term time only

Closing date for applications: Friday, 22nd September 2017

If this sounds like you please contact Mrs Val Morrison for further details or an informal visit to see the 'play' system in action! Please contact the school office 01256 324121 or e-mail: adminoffice@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk for an application pack.

St John's Church Of England Voluntary Aided Primary School and Hampshire County Council are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service checks along with other relevant employment checks.

LETTER ALERT!

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

Child	Title	Response Required By
All Years	Mrs Nicholls	
Year 5/6	The Spirit of Adventure	
Year 1/2	Helping Hands	