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Dear Parents of Children in Years 1-6,

Welcome back and I hope you, and your child, had a lovely Summer break.

Over the Summer...

During the Summer break, Mr Tracy has once again been co-ordinating lots of improvements to our building. This has included some concreting work at the front of the building, a big service of our school kitchen and new carpet installed in the front entrance. Those of you who are eagle eyed may also notice that we have also installed some new fitness equipment on the edge of the lower playground. More details about this can be found further in this letter. Thank you to Mr Tracy for all his hard work in ensuring that the school building is ready for the new year.

Uniform

It is lovely to see all the children looking smart in their school uniform. Please can we remind everyone to check that they have **named all items of school uniform**. At the end of last term, we had lots of unnamed items left in the lost property box. All items that are named are always returned to their owner and although we do try to return unnamed items, we are rarely successful. This is particularly important at this time of year when jumpers are often required coming into school but are not needed once the children start running around at lunchtime. This often means jumpers are discarded on the field, forgotten by their owner and picked up by the lunch team. Without a name, it is likely to end up in the lost property box.

If your child has grown out of school uniform and it is still in good condition (particularly jumpers and cardigans), please consider donating it to our Friends of St John's who will resell it in our second-hand uniform store. This not only helps other families keep the cost of the uniform as low as possible but also helps prevent good clothing from ending up unnecessarily in a land fill. Donated uniform can be placed in the blue wheelie bin next to the bin store.

If however, you have a child like mine, who generally puts a hole in uniform before they grow out of it, please keep this for our 'Bags2School' collection (not school branded items of clothing). For those of you who have not used it or heard of it before, this is a collection of old clothes and shoes that takes place once a term at school. The bags are all collected and weighed. The Friends of St John's then receive payment according to the weight of what is collected. A great way to help raise money and get older or damaged clothes recycled. Watch out for details of the next collection.

A final note on uniform, please can we request that, if you have purchased some second hand pieces, please can you remove the name of the former owner! We often try to re-unite name pieces only to realise that the name in the clothing is of a child who no longer attends St John's!!

PE kits

If your child didn't bring their PE kit into school today, please can they do so tomorrow as some PE lessons will be starting this week. All children will be expected to wear shorts this half term and can move into tracksuit bottoms as the weather becomes colder and we move towards the winter months. Your child's 'usual' PE days are as follows, however days can be changed to accommodate inclement weather or other events so it is important their kit remains in school from Monday to Friday.

Class	Days	Class	Days
Madagascar	Tuesday	Canada	Tuesday, Wednesday
New Zealand	Tuesday	Croatia	Monday, Friday
Finland	Monday, Thursday	Tuvalu	Tuesday, Wednesday
Greece	Tuesday, Thursday	Costa Rica	Monday, Friday
South Africa	Monday, Tuesday	Mexico	Monday, Friday
		Poland	Monday, Friday

If your child forgets an item of PE kit, you will receive a text message to let you know so that this can be rectified by the next lesson. This is to enable your child to fully participate in PE as it is a compulsory part of the curriculum.

As a reminder, St John's PE kit is:

- Dark shorts
- Light blue t-shirt; the same style as the school t-shirt
- A dark jumper/zip up or St John's hoodie for colder weather
- Dark coloured tracksuit bottoms or leggings for the colder weather when PE is outside.

Communications

If you need to speak to someone about your child, please can we request that your child's teacher is the first port of call. You can either catch them at the end of the day (please wait until they have dismissed all their class) or you can email in and request a reply or a phone call. Please email to adminoffice@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk and mark the subject line "For the attention of: and the teachers name". It will then be forwarded to them. As the majority of teachers are in the classroom all day, it may take a couple of days for them to reply to you.

If you have spoken to your child's teacher and you feel that you need to speak to someone else, please speak with your child's phase leader. If your child is in the Infants (Years R, 1 & 2), this would be Mr Gardner, for Years 3 & 4 Miss Toomer and for Years 5 & 6 Mrs May. If having spoken to your phase leader you are not happy with the situation, please contact Mrs Wynn as Deputy Headteacher and then myself. This line of communication helps ensure that we can answer your queries and support your child the best way.

As we communicated last term, I am supporting Hatch Warren Junior School this half term and therefore will be splitting my time between the two schools. In general, I will be at St John's at the end of the week. Therefore, please bear with me as if an enquiry is specifically for me, it may take a couple of days before you receive a reply.

Permissions

Thank you all for completing your child's permission forms for this academic year. Please can I remind all parents in Years 5 and 6 if you haven't stated on the permission form that your child can leave school unattended and you would like your child to meet you at the shops or in the car, you need to email the school office as we won't release them from our care without it.

New Playground Equipment

As I mentioned earlier, new fitness equipment was installed over the summer holiday. The children will be trained how to use it over the next week or so and will have opportunities to use it during the school day and in PE lessons. However, they **cannot** use it after or before school. Similarly, pre-school children and parents must also not use it. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

After School Enrichment Clubs

These will be sorted in the next couple of weeks and will be sent out in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher