

St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter 1

28 September 2018

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Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year! Amen

Dear All,

A belated welcome back. I trust you all had an enjoyable summer. As we had no reports of any broken bones etc, I can only assume that you all did.

The new phase of building work has started and the contractor estimates the works being completed by late October 2019.

Kind regards
Jonathan Shields

Dates for the Diary

September

12 - Year 3 Swimming (12 weeks)

October

- 4 - Year 4 - Mass at St Mary's at 9am
- 8 - Year 6 - Residential trip to Kingswood (8th/12th)
- 11 - Year 3 - Mass at St Mary's at 9am
- 12 - PTA Quiz Night - 6.30pm for 7pm start.
- 14 - Harvest Festival Mass - 10.30am at St John's Church
- 16 - School photographs - Individual and family
- 17 - Year 1 - Astrodome - Junior Hall
- 18 - Infants Mass - Infant Hall at 9am
- 19 - Break up for half term - 3.15pm

November

- 5 - Back to school
- 6 - PTA meeting at 7pm (in the Studio)
- 7 - Diwali
- 7 - Parent consultations - Times tba
- 8 - Year 6 Mass at St Mary's at 9am
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- 12 - Children in Need Appeal Week
- 15 - Year 5 Mass at St Mary's at 9am
- 15 - Year 3 - Visit to Kent Life
- 22 - Year 4 Mass at St Mary's at 9am
- 29 - Year 3 - Advent Mass at St Mary's at 9am
- 30 - Wreath making at 7pm - Venue tba

December

- 4 - Year 6 - Visit to Kent Life - Victorians
- 6 - Infant Advent Mass in the Infant Hall at 9am
- 10 - Year R to Year 5 - Flu Immunisation
- 12 - December
 - o Own clothes day "Just because it's Christmas"
 - o DISCO -
 - Nursery and Year R - 3.30pm to 4.30pm
 - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 - 5pm to 6pm
 - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 6.30pm to 7.30pm.
- 13 - Year 6 - Advent Mass - Time tba
- 20 - Break up for Christmas - 2pm

PTA

The PTA have set an ambitious agenda this year:

- Friday 12 October - Quiz night – Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start. Always great fun, so please make up a team and join us.
- Friday 19 October - Own Clothes Day in exchange for a packet of sweets.
- Tuesday 6 November - PTA meeting at 7pm (in the Studio)
- Friday 30 November - Wreath making at 7pm - Venue tbc
- Wednesday 12 December
 - Own clothes day “Just because it’s Christmas”

DISCO - Nursery and Year R - 3.30pm to 4.30pm
Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 - 5pm to 6pm
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 6.30pm to 7.30pm

- Tuesday 18 December - Christmas Magic Experience - 9am to 3pm in the Year 4/5 playground. All classes will have an allocated time slot to visit Father Christmas, receive a gift and see the reindeer - Yes real ones!

Any child, reported absent due to sickness or upset stomach, **MUST** be kept off school for 48 hours following the last bout of sickness. Should your child return to school within this period, we will contact you to collect them.

Farewell...

Over the next 2 weeks we will be saying goodbye to two of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Curd and Ms Barrett. Both have worked at St John’s for a number of years. We wish them every success in their new jobs.

School Uniform

All children should be in their **Winter Uniform** by **Monday 1 October** at the latest. Please see our School Uniform Dress Code on our website.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them each day, clearly marked with their name and also a plain navy blue or black coat. They should also have a plain navy blue or black tracksuit in their PE bag for when PE is held outside and the weather is a bit colder.

Please also ensure that all items of clothing, school bags, PE bags, drinks bottles and lunch boxes are clearly marked with your child’s name.

SAFEGUARDING

Welcome back to a new school year.

For those parents who are new to our school, I would like to introduce myself as the Deputy Headteacher and also the Designated Safeguarding lead. I am usually available at the beginning and the end of the day if you need to speak with me.

I would like to post little reminder to ensure all of our children enter and leave school safely and with an appropriate adult.

All children from Reception to Year 5 are to be accompanied to school and can arrive at between 8.35am and 8.45am. Adults are to remain with the children until they are delivered safely to the class teacher when the doors open at 8.35am.

All children from Year 1 to Year 5 must be collected from school by a responsible sibling or adult. Any sibling must be 14 years old and above.

Our youngest children in Reception must be collected by adults or siblings age 16 and above and the Nursery children must be collected by adults or siblings 18 years and above with prior arrangement with the Nursery.

If you have any concerns or queries please ask at the school office and they will make an appointment for you.

Kind regards

Mrs Cooneyhan
Deputy Headteacher

The School Nurse Clinic will be held on Tuesday 13 November between 9.30am and 11.30am. Please contact the school office to book an appointment.

Whole School Mass

On Thursday 21 September, we celebrated a wonderful whole school mass which was well attended by parents. The children read and sang beautifully and our prayers, for good weather were answered.

100% Attendance Awards 2017/2018

**KS1 - Whole year - Olivia D
Summer term - Grace O**

**KS2 - Whole year - Ruby E
Summer term - Deshawn N**

Special attendance award: Rufus and Rowan C

Well done to all children who achieved 100% attendance.