



# St John's Community Primary School and Nursery



## Monthly Newsletter October 2020

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of this half term and things still remain very uncertain and challenging in the world around us I want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate a new way of working together. We have robust risk assessments in place that are reviewed regularly, sometimes leading to immediate small changes in our plans, such as wet weather! These risk assessments are also reviewed by the Governing Board and are all based on Norfolk County Council's Compliance Code.

We are currently in the process of updating and refreshing our website to ensure information is current and easy to find. Please bear with us - we hope to have this completed by mid November.

After 31 years almost to the day, our beloved Mrs Roberts has decided to retire. Mrs Roberts will have worked with most children in school at some point and several parents also when they were at St John's!

She has provided so many exceptional opportunities to the children at our school through coordinating the Children's University programme, and to the members of our community through her amazing Pensioner's Tea Party and fabulous carol singing round the village every year to name just a few. Whilst this is very much the end of an era for St John's, it will be the start of something exciting for her and her husband and we wish her all the luck in the world and hope she enjoys her retirement immensely - she truly deserves it. Mrs Roberts will be missed by everyone at St John's young and old, but I have a feeling she will never be far away!

Finally I would like to wish you all a very restful half term holiday. We hope to see you all back at school on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes

Rebecca Quinn

### Dates for your Diary

#### October

21st—Last day at school

22nd—30th - Half Term

#### November

2nd—Children return to school

9th—Mufti Day for Poppy Appeal

25th—Flu Vaccinations Years R—6

#### December

18th—Last day of Term

#### January

4th—Children return to school

#### February

12th—Last day at school

15th—19th -Half Term

22nd—Children return to school

### Reminder

In the morning gates open at 8.35am .Children should be on site ready to learn by 8.50am

In the afternoon the gates are open 3.00pm and children should be collected from the playground by 3.10pm

When dropping off and collecting please pass through the playground quickly. In the morning your child should be carrying their bags ready to join their class quickly without queuing or spending a few minutes saying goodbye.

If you have any worries or questions send an email to the school office and a teacher will call you back to discuss.

Thank you .

## Swimming

Year 5 will continue to swim every week from Monday 2nd November – Monday 14th December.

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit, including a hat, a towel and a suitable coat to walk to and from Broadland High School for these sessions.



## Poppy Appeal Mufti Day

Monday 9th November



The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legions biggest fundraising campaign and is held every year in November during the period of Remembrance. 100% of the money



they raise goes to help veterans and service men and women across the country.

This year, due to the restrictions imposed by Covid-19, the Poppy Appeal will struggle to raise money in the normal way. As a school we are passionate about showing our continuing support for the charity. We will do this by holding a Mufti Day on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November whereby we ask children to pay a minimum of a £1 donation so they can come

to school in casual clothes. The theme will be to wear anything red. All children will be given a poppy to take home. Please can donations be given to Mrs Steele in the morning of Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Half of all the money raised will go to the Poppy Appeal, and half to the school fund.



**If your child has:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in, sense of  
smell or taste**

**This could be a sign of  
coronavirus**

**Book a test**

**If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or  
feeling unwell**

**But they don't have:  
a high temperature  
a new, continuous cough, or  
a loss of, or change in,  
sense of smell or taste**

**These are  
not normally symptoms of  
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial  
111 or see your GP**