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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery



Weekly Newsletter 13th October 2023

Dear parents,

Today we have heard applications from several children in Year 6 for our Head boy and Girl roles. The applications were excellent and the children have proven themselves once again to be mature and responsible. Thank you to every child that applied and shared their application with the class- the elected people will be shared next week.

A polite reminder about the importance of attending school- this weeks Reception class has the best attendance at 97%. It is essential that children attend school as much as possible and research has proven that attendance links to academic success. We are following our attendance policy and will be following up on any absences with calls and checks. If you feel you would benefit from some support to help improve your child's attendance please do let us know.

I am hoping to start the coffee mornings and swap shop again after half term. This runs best if we have some parents that are happy to take ownership over setting up and clearing away. If anyone is interested in this role please let me know.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Rebecca Quinn

Dates for your Diary

October

16th—1.30pm Stay and Play Forest school session for Pupils due to start school or Nursery in 2024

17th—St John's Challenge

18th— from 3.30pm—5.00pm
Family Group Photos

19th—SJSA Halloween Disco

20th—Last day of school

23rd—27th—Half Term

30th—Pumpkin Party

November

7th—Parents Evening

9th—Parents Evening

10th—Flu Vaccinations (Rec—Year 6)

17th—Cluster Cross Country at
Coltishall Primary

17th—Children in Need Casual Clothes

30th—9am—Dyslexia Outreach
Coffee Morning

December

12th /13th—EYFS & KS1 Production

14th—N & R Christmas Party

15th—1 & 2 Christmas Party

18th—3 & 4 Christmas Party

19th— 5 & 6 Christmas Party

20th—Christmas Jumper Day

20th—Last day of Term

January

4th—Children return to school

5th—Rec—Year 6 Pantomime at the
Theatre Royal, Norwich

February

5th—8th—Year 5 Bikeability

19th—23rd—Half Term

This week has included World Mental Health Day



As part of our music lessons in year 3 we have been learning a song called It's OK. We have also made sock puppets like in the video as we know that expressing our feelings can be tricky and using a puppet as our voice can really help.

We know that keeping negative thoughts bottled up can lead to poor mental health and that this can become a barrier for students' learning and well-being. So the main aim of this song and video project is to encourage students to talk about their feelings and to focus on positive thoughts and actions when feeling anxious, worried or sad.

Please use the link to watch the video at home with your children. It is suitable for all Primary School children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RaIuIhsN44Y>

Here are some photos of making sock puppets and using puppets in our sing along.





Christmas Shopping



SJSA are delighted to be able to hold a Christmas shopping event over 23rd and 24th November. The children will have the opportunity to choose, wrap & label (with helpers) and pay for their own gifts to take home and give to their loved ones on Christmas Day. From past events, we know the children get very excited to be able to surprise their families with a gift they have chosen themselves.

Children will visit the shop in their classes over the three days. It takes place during school hours. All items will be priced at 50p.

We need your help

If you're planning on having a pre-Christmas clear out, we would love your unwanted gifts, things you put aside to sell at a car boot, anything you think a child might like to buy for their Mum, Dad, brother, sister and any loved ones.

We need lots and LOTS of little items that would make lovely gifts - we have over 200 children in school and if each buys an average of 4 presents then we would need close to a thousand items!

As long as it is in good condition, and you think that it is something a child might like to buy, we would be grateful for it. **Please do not send in half used toiletries.**

Please bring any items into the office. Please let Mrs Steele know if you are available to help at any of the sessions.

Thank you!

(All proceeds to SJSA)

House Points

Date	Bader	Cavell	Nelson	Sewell
08.09.23	49	58	47	30
15.09.23	160	137	174	130
22.09.23	116	103	127	132
29.09.23	245	256	245	199
06.10.23	221	259	253	197
13.10.23	229	181	203	163

Class Attendance

9th—13th October

Reception	97.72%
Year 1	93.77%
Year 2	95.80%
Year 3	89.80%
Year 4	96.21%
Year 5	92.14%
Year 6	91.87%

Winter Uniform

This is a reminder of our winter uniform which is to be worn from

30th October 2023—27th March 2024

Boys

grey trousers
white shirt (not a polo shirt)
school tie
green V necked jumper
black/grey/white socks
black shoes

Girls

grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
white shirt (not a polo shirt)
school tie
green V necked jumper/cardigan
black/grey/green tights or white socks
black shoes

The Foundation Stage uniform (Nursery and Reception Classes) remains unchanged.

You can purchase the following items from the School Office. Please add items to ParentPay.

School Ties £3.30

Large Book Bags £5.80

Small Book Bags £4.10

Would you also note the following:

Trainers should not be worn, and sweatshirts are not part of our school uniform except in the Foundation Stage. Studs are the only earrings allowed to be worn in school and these must be removed for PE and swimming. Hair accessories should be of an appropriate school colour and long hair should be tied back on PE days.



Parent /Carer Café

Dyslexia Focus

Would you like some ideas about how to help your child with reading and spelling from a specialist literacy and Dyslexia teacher?
Would you enjoy meeting other parents for a casual get together?
Then this **FREE** event is for you!

Date: Thursday 30th November 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Place: St John's Primary: School hall

