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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter
5th September 2025

Dear parents,

Welcome back to school and we hope you all enjoyed the summer break with your families.

We have noticed that lots of children have returned to school with new toys and cuddlies (all very expensive) attached to or in their bag. Please be aware that children **should not** bring any toys into school from home. These will be removed for safe keeping and returned at the end of the day.

Can we also ask that pencil cases and precious items do not creep into school- children are provided with pencil cases in school with all of the tools needed for learning. Sometimes we run out of room on the tables if we have extra things from home.

This week we have been delighted by how quickly our new pupils have settled into school- congratulations! To help all children in the morning can we ask that when the whistle blows parents step back and away from the lines to allow us to walk the children into school calmly and safely.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

October

6th— from 3.30pm—5.00pm Family Group Photos

7th—School Photos - Individuals

27th—Half Term

November

3rd—Children return to school

11th—Parents Evening

13th—Parents Evening

19th—Flu Vaccinations (Rec—Year 6)

27th /28th—Christmas Shopping Event

December

8th/9th—EYFS & KS1 Production

16th—R, 1 & 2 Christmas Party

17th—3 & 4 Christmas Party

18th—5 & 6 Christmas Party

19th—Christmas Jumper Day

19th—Last day of Term

January

6th—Children return to school

February

16th—20th—Half Term

23rd—Children Return to School

24th—Rec- Year 6 Class Group Photographs

25th—27th—Year 4 Horstead Residential

March

27th—Last day of Term

April

14th—Children return to school

PE Days

When it is your child's PE day in school they should come into school in full PE kit. They do not need to bring a change of clothes but will go home in PE kit also. This will make it easier in the cloakroom spaces and also will save time changing in school. Children will need to wear outdoor PE kit including a warm jumper and trainers.

Reception –TBC

Year 1—Thursday

Year 2—Wednesday and Friday

Year 3—Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4—Wednesday (Swimming) and Thursday

Year 5—Monday and Wednesday

Year 6—Monday and Friday

Please ensure your child is able to remove their own earrings or not wear them to school on PE days.

Forest Schools—Rota

Alternate Tuesdays – Year 1 - Starting 16th September

Alternate Tuesdays – Year 2 – Starting 23rd September

Wednesdays – Nursery and Reception Class every week starting 17th September

Thursdays - Year 3 25th Sept, 2nd October & 9th October

Thursdays—Year 5 16th October, 23rd November 6th December

Please send your child to school in old clothes (long sleeves & long trousers) on Forest School days. Can they also bring waterproofs including coat, hat, gloves (if weather is cold) and wellies in school for these sessions.

NO PARKING



Just a polite reminder that there is no parking permitted on the school site at any time unless permission has been granted by the Headteacher. This includes after school when collecting from clubs. On certain nights there are several children attending clubs and it is very dangerous when cars park on site for collection. The gate may not be closed but parking is not permitted!

Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping children safe on the school site.

Absences

First and Second Day

- Parents are expected to inform the school by phoning 01603 782520 to leave a message on the Pupil Absence line by 9.00am

Third and Subsequent Days Absence

- Appropriate follow up phone call to update, you may be asked to provide a Doctors note

Unexplained and Holiday Absence

- Any pupil who is absent without an explanation or takes term time holiday for 9 consecutive sessions will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered, This could result in a fixed penalty notice.

Swimming



Year 4 will be swimming every week on **Wednesday from 10th September.** 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.

Please ensure your child is able to remove their own earrings or not wear them to school on Swimming days.

Family Group Photographs

We have arranged for our school photographer from Tempest Photography to return to school on **Monday 6th October from 3.30pm - 5.00pm** for you to have Family Group photographs taken. These photographs can then include older and younger siblings who do not attend our school. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day between the times above.

Please note that while the school is happy to facilitate this photography, it is essentially an arrangement between the photographer and you as a parent. The school does not hold the negatives or the copyright and is not responsible for your orders, or the future use of the pictures.

Portrait Photographs

On **Tuesday 7th October** professional photographers from 'Tempest Photography' will be coming into school to take individual pictures of the children. Class photographs will be taken in the summer term. Staff from 'Tempest Photography' regularly work in other schools and we are happy to provide facilities in the usual way.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please contact the school before the photography takes place. Otherwise, the photographer will send proofs home with children and you will be able to decide whether or not to place an order.