



St John's Infants News

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Dear Parents/ Carers

A special welcome to all our new parents and children. We hope you will enjoy your time at St John's Infants.

As I mentioned in my first parentmail, it is "We Love Reading" week, so don't forget to bring in your favourite book on Friday to share with the class.

As always at the beginning of a new school year, there is already a long list of items to draw your attention to, so please keep reading!

Please let us know immediately if you have changed any contact details i.e. address, phone numbers, email address so that all our records are up to date and you continue to receive school communications.

My weekly briefings via ParentMail will start again next Monday.

As you aware all our classes are named after different saints. I have put them onto the Staff and Class Information List further on in this newsletter so that you can see all the class saints names across the school.

All classes also have an email address that you can contact the class teacher on. These are monitored throughout the school day. They are as follows:

Miss Sharkey/ Mrs Kirwan:

stteresa@stjohns-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Mrs Moseley/ Mrs Greer:

stfrancis@stjohns-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Mrs Webster:

stbernadette@stjohns-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Miss Tennant:

standrew@stjohns-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Miss Owen:

stdavid@stjohns-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Mr Muskett:

stnicholas@stjohns-infant.wirral.sch.uk

Arrival at School

Just a reminder that school starts promptly at 8.45, School finishes at 3.15pm.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that at the end of the day, children will only be allowed to leave with the named person. Any changes to this must be in writing and only by telephone in an emergency.

Absences

It is very important that if your child is absent from school, a telephone call must be made to the school (a message can be left on the separate attendance answer phone or via Parent Mail). We need to know the reason for all absences.

If you are late, you must enter the school via the main entrance and sign the Late Book. I am sure that we can count on your assistance in this matter.

Holidays in Term Time

Following Government regulations for Holidays in Term Time, I am just reminding you that the Governors will not grant any holidays requested in term time. Please be aware that any unauthorised holidays will be subject to a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine.

Should you need to request a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances, an "Application for Leave during term time" form must be completed and sent in to Mrs Bulmer at least 2 weeks before the proposed leave, stating the reasons for the request. This will then be considered by the Governors.

School Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their new uniforms and your support in this area is greatly appreciated. **Please do ensure that all uniform is clearly marked with your child's name.**

May I also remind you that sensible flat (black) shoes are essential for health and safety reasons. **Boots/trainers** are **not** permitted as we wish to maintain a smart appearance.

The wearing of **jewellery** is **not** permitted in school. This includes **earrings, watches and necklaces.** **Nail varnish and tattoos** are also not allowed.

Please be advised that any child wearing earrings to school will be asked to remove them. If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please wait until the beginning of the summer holidays to allow them sufficient time to heal before returning to school. If your child has had their ears pierced and require earrings to be worn, a letter must be sent in to Mrs Bulmer informing her of when they were pierced. They must wear plasters/ micropore tape over the earrings throughout the day until they can be removed. **Once the six weeks period has passed, the earrings must be removed and not worn to school.**

Extreme hairstyles/ haircuts, e.g. **shaven heads, part shaven/patterned heads or Mohicans/spiky hair** are not allowed, as they are inappropriate for young school children.

Big multi-coloured bows are also not allowed to be worn in school. Hair accessories should be kept to the minimum and in the school colours only.

PE Kit

White t-shirts, navy blue shorts and black pumps are required for PE. During the winter months a pair of jog pants can be brought in as well, as we still have PE sessions outside. It also assists staff if children's names are on their PE clothing and bags. PE begins this week and all kits should be in school.

Medicines and Inhalers

Prescription medicine will only be administered in school if absolutely necessary (i.e. medicine prescribed to be taken **4 times per day**). This is at the discretion of the Head teacher and parents will be required to complete a consent form giving all relevant information.

Inhalers needed by the children suffering from asthma are kept in the child's classroom in the safe keeping of the class teacher. Parents will be required to fill in a consent form indicating dosage/frequency.

It is also important to let us know of any changes to any allergies/medical requirements.

Pupil Premium Funding

Just a reminder that although all children receive a free school meal throughout their time at the Infant school, if you are in receipt of certain benefits and meet the qualifying conditions (visit: www.wirral.gov.uk/free-school-meals), the school is entitled to **Pupil Premium Money** for each child registered. This money is used to provide your child with additional 1 on 1 or small group sessions dependent on their learning needs. All school trips will also be free of charge for your child. If you don't register, our school will miss out on this much needed and valuable funding. More information is available from the school office.

Milk Provision

Our milk provider is "Cool Milk". If you would like your child to have milk during the day, please register on line at www.coolmilk.com. Please note that if you are in receipt of certain benefits and have the extra pupil premium funding in school, you will be entitled to Free Milk. You will still need to register with Coolmilk to get your free milk.

Healthy School

As you are aware, we are a Health Promoting School, so I would ask parents not to send sweets/cakes into school for the classes on their birthdays. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated. We also have a strict No Smoking policy in the school which includes the grounds and outside the school gates—this also applies to the use of e/vapour cigarettes.

Mobile Phone Use

For the safety of the children, the use of mobile phones is strictly prohibited within the school building. All phones must be switched off when entering the building. Thank you for your co-operation.

Our E-Safety & Online policy can be accessed on our website in the Key Information section along with all the other main policies for the school.

School Website and Twitter (now known as "X")

Please don't forget to visit our website for the latest copies of newsletters/ Weekly Briefings and announcements. We are continually updating the site with copies of important school policies, documents and school information. The school Office Twitter feed can also be accessed from the front page of the website

There are individual Class Twitter Feeds and these can be accessed via our website under Class Feeds in the main menu —just look for your class teacher's name.

The Twitter Feeds will be the place to see photos and information about what's going on in your child's classroom and in school generally. There will be posts every week and they are kept constantly updated. Keep a look out!!

Please be reassured that we will not use any photographs of your children until you give us permission. We have a list of all those children that you have given consent for their images to be used on twitter, our website and around the school. Consent to using your child's images will last throughout your child's time at the school. You can however, change or withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the school.

The address for the school website is www.stjohnsinfantschool.co.uk or scan this Qr code.



Don't forget there is a "Contact Us" section on the website if you want to ask us anything or make a comment.

Privacy Notice

As part of the Data Protection Regulations, we have an up to date Privacy Notice. This privacy notice describes how we collect and use personal information about the children. This can be found on our website in the dedicated GDPR section under the Key Information tab on the home page.

Staff Lists and Classes for 2023/2024

I thought it would be useful for all parents, especially our new families, to have an up to date copy of our school staff and classes for the upcoming year. Please find this on the following page.

Diary Dates for this term

Dates for your Diary are on the back of this Newsletter. Please also keep a check on the school website

Yours sincerely,



Mrs M. S. Bulmer
Head teacher

Staffing/ Classes for 2023-2024

<u>Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Teaching Assistant</u>
Year 2 Saint Nicholas	Mr Muskett (Assistant Headteacher)	Mrs Finegan (1:1 SEND Support)
Year 2 Saint David	Miss Owen	
Year 1 Saint Andrew	Miss Tennant	
Year 1 Saint Bernadette	Mrs Webster	Mrs McNee (1:1 SEND Support)
Class F2 Saint Teresa	Miss Sharkey (Deputy Headteacher) / Mrs Kirwan	Mrs Tottle (L3 Teaching Assistant) Mrs Crane (1:1 SEND Support)
Class F2 Saint Francis	Mrs Moseley/ Mrs Greer	Mrs Welch (L3 Teaching Assistant) Mrs Holden (1:1 SEND Support)

Mrs Forshaw (L2 TA) will be working across KS1 supporting phonics and pupil premium children

Ms Yeadsley (HLTA) will be covering teacher's Planning, Preparation and Assessment time and Management time across the school

Chair of Governors— Mrs Emily McArdle
 School & Extended School Business Manager—Mrs Trinder (*Mon—Fri*)
 School Office Manager/ Attendance Officer – Mrs Lumb (*Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs*)

Site Manager— Mr Ryder Cleaners— Miss Edwards and Miss Williams

Midday Assistants

Mrs Davies (Senior Midday Supervisor)
 Mrs Whiting— Kay— Jones Miss Greatbanks Mrs Williams Mrs Haggerty Ms
 O’Gorman Mrs Begum Ms Thomas Mr Banks

Staffing/ Classes for 2023-2024 continued

Pre School (Saint Valentine)

Pre School Business Manager—Mrs B Kirwan

Early Years Manager—Miss Sharkey

Pre School Teacher—Miss Surridge

Pre School Practitioners:

Mrs McGill (L3 Practitioner—Senior Practitioner)

Mrs Castle (L3 Practitioner—SENCO)

Mrs Carvell (L2 Practitioner)

Mrs Tracey (L2 Practitioner)

Miss Smith (L2 Practitioner)

Pre School Midday Assistants:

Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Nourse, Miss Williams, Miss Carpenter

Extended School Club Staff

Extended School Club Manager—Mrs Challinor

Miss Greatbanks

Miss McArdle

Mrs Haggerty

Mrs Lawlor

Mrs Richards

Kitchen Staff

Mrs Davies—Cook in Charge

Miss Edwards—Kitchen Assistant

Mrs Gilland—Kitchen Assistant

DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2023

Tuesday 5th September - Children return to school “We Love Reading” week
Tuesday 5th September – **St Teresa Feast Day**
Friday 8th September – children can bring in their favourite book to share
Monday 18th September - Book Fair after school each night (in the hall)
Friday 22nd September—Year 2 Trip to Port Sunlight
Monday 25th September -Celebrating Cafod “Little Way Week” (more info to follow)
Wednesday 27th September - *Mission Day: Our School Values*
Friday 29th September – Own Clothes Day & donations for Harvest collection
Wednesday 4th October - *Mission Day: St Nicholas (Miss Owen) Class Assembly (Harvest) 9.00am*
Wednesday 4th October – **St Francis Feast Day**
Tuesday 10th October – Parents’ Evening (3.30pm – 6.00pm)
Wednesday 11th October – Parents’ Evening (3.30pm – 6.00pm)
Wednesday 11th October - *Mission Day: Loving, Learning & Laughter together with God*
Thursday 12th October - F2 Curriculum Meetings with Stay & Play (9am & 2pm)
Tuesday 17th October – Year 2 Mass in church (9.15am)
Wednesday 18th October—*Mission Day: St Luke the Physician*
Thursday 19th October - Pre School Curriculum Meetings with Stay & Play (9am & 2pm)
Friday 20th October – Finish for Half Term

HALF TERM: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October – Children return to school
Wednesday 1st November - Halloween Discos (All children)
Thursday 2nd November – F2 Phonics & Reading Workshops (9am & 2pm)
Tuesday 8th November - Online Safety Session for Parents/Carers (2pm)
Thursday 9th November – Flu Vaccinations
Monday 13th November – Anti Bullying Week “Make a noise about bullying)
Wednesday 15th November - *Mission Day: Make a Noise About Bullying” Kindness Day - St Nicholas (Mr Muskett) Assembly ((9am)*
Friday 17th November - Odd Socks Day-celebrating what makes us all unique for Anti Bullying Week
Friday 24th November – Own Clothes Day – Raffle Prizes for Christmas Raffles
Thursday 30th November – **St Andrew Feast Day**
Sunday 3rd December (ADVENT SUNDAY)
Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Dinner in school
Monday 11th December - Pre School Christmas Play (9.45am & 1.45pm)
Tuesday 12th December - Y1 Christmas Play (9.45am & 1.45pm)
Wednesday 13th December - F2 Christmas Play (9.45am & 1.45pm)
Thursday 14th December- Y2 Carol Service (9.45am & 1.45pm)
Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Colouring Competition (£2) & *Mission Day: St John the Evangelist*
Monday 18th December - Christmas Discos (all children)
Tuesday 19th December - Year 1 & Year 2 Mass in church
Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Party Day (Own Clothes)
Thursday 21st December – Finish for Christmas Holiday

Monday 8th January - Children return to school (8.45am)

Please note dates may be subject to changes although we will try our best to keep to this schedule. Keep a check on the website for up to the minute events/dates