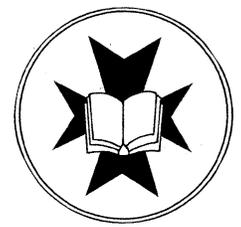


St John's Primary School and Nursery
- Tuesday 8th September 2015 -
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Week 1: 8.9.15

A big welcome back to you all. I hope you had an enjoyable summer break. Sadly, the weather wasn't as good for us all as we had hoped, but I really hope this didn't spoil time with your families.

I would like to officially welcome our new children to the school, to whichever year group they have joined, and, of course, our new families to the school. I look forward to a positive relationship with you over the years.

We are also welcoming new staff: Mrs Pittarello and Miss Williams to Year One, Mr Lee to Year Four and Miss Eggleton to Year Five. In addition, we are welcoming Mrs Crowe as a Teaching Assistant in Reception. Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Edmunds will also be working as Teaching Assistants in Reception, providing cover for teaching staff during their planning time.

Pride points are continuing this half term. We will be reminding ourselves of our key learning words: Persevere, Pride, Co-operate, Concentrate, Improve and Independent. All the children should know them and what they mean!

There are lots of people around to help you over the course of the year. Your first port of call will always be your child's class teacher. This year, we have Phase Leaders for:

- Early Years** (Nursery and Reception): Mrs Fenner
- Key Stage One** (Years 1 and 2): Miss Blower
- Key Stage Two** (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6): Mrs Benarous

Our **Special Educational Needs and Inclusion Leader** is Mrs Eastham. She will be non-class-based this year and will be happy to help with any issues around this area.

Mrs Baker will also be non-class-based and working closely with me to ensure the very best provision is available for your children at St John's.

Have a very good week.

Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Tue 8 th Sep	Back to school
Thu 10 th Sep	3.30pm & 4.15pm Parents' induction meetings
Mon 14 th Sep	Music lessons start (steel pans, violin, piano, keyboard)
Tue 15 th Sep	4P swimming lessons start – <i>letter to follow</i>
Wed 16 th Sep	3.30-4.30pm Premier Sport – Football (Yrs 4-6)
Thu 17 th Sep	3.30-4.30pm Premier Sport – Dodgeball (Yrs 1-3)
Fri 18 th Sep	9.00am Celebration Assembly Music lessons start (guitar) 3.30pm-4.30pm Premier Sport – Football (Yrs 1-3)
Mon 21 st Sep	Years 5 & 6 science workshop – <i>letter to follow</i>
Mon 28 th Sep	Year 4 trip to Hatton Locks – <i>letter to follow</i>
Fri 9 th Oct	Harvest Festival
Mon 12 th Oct	2.30-6.00pm Parents' evening
Wed 14 th Oct	5.00-7.30pm Parents' evening
Thu 22 nd Oct	Reception coffee morning: Phonics
Fri 23rd Oct	3.15pm Break up for October half-term break
Mon 2nd Nov	Back to school
Tue 3 rd Nov	am Years 3 & 4 trip to Children's Bookshow, Warwick Arts Centre
Mon 9 th Nov	5.30pm Parent Forum
Tue 10 th Nov	4L swimming lessons start
Wed 11 th Nov	School photographs (Braiswick)
Fri 13th Nov	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thu 26 th Nov	Reception coffee morning: Tapestry
Mon 14 th Dec	Nursery & Reception Christmas performance
Tue 15 th Dec	Key Stage One Christmas performance
Wed 16 th Dec	Key Stage Two Christmas performance
Fri 18th Dec	3.15pm Break up for Christmas holiday
Mon 4th Jan	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 5th Jan	INSET day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 6th Jan	Back to school

End-of-day Collection Arrangements

As we start a new academic year, we would appreciate it if you could once again let us know what your child's end-of-day collection arrangements are by completing the reply slip on the attached letter. Thank you.

Class Assemblies

Please note that class assemblies will now take place on Fridays at 9.00am. Each class's parents and carers are welcome to attend. Dates are as follows:

Date	Class
22 nd January 2016	6B
12 th February 2016	5E
4 th March 2016	4L
18 th March 2016	4P
15 th April 2016	3T
29 th April 2016	3CT
6 th May 2016	2B
27 th May 2016	1P
17 th June 2016	1W
1 st July 2016	RG
15 th July 2016	RF

Celebration Assemblies

These will take place every Friday (with the exception of this Friday 11th September and the days which there are class assemblies). Our first celebration assembly this term will be Friday 18th September. In the event of a class assembly, we will catch up with birthdays at the next celebration assembly, so please don't worry!

Parents' Induction Meetings

Induction meetings for parents with children in Years 1 to 6 will take place this Thursday 10th September. (Nursery and Reception held their induction sessions before the summer holiday.) These are information sharing sessions with your children's class teachers that provide useful information about the coming year.

We are offering two sessions this year - 3.30pm and 4.15pm.

Please make every effort to attend these informative meetings.

Baby News!

It is with great pleasure that I am able to let you know that Miss Taylor (Year 3) is expecting a baby, due around Christmas time. Baby fever has already hit St John's, with a knitting needle frenzy emerging! I know that you will join me in wishing Miss Taylor all the very best now and in the future.

In the meantime, Miss Taylor will continue to teach her class as long as she is able. We have advertised for maternity cover and I will update you when an appointment has been made.

Breaktime Snacks

As you will be aware, children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 are provided with fruit and vegetables as breaktime snacks.

As part of our healthy eating policy, we would like the children to continue the good practice of eating only fruit or vegetables at breaktime in Key Stage Two. **Therefore, from now on, we would ask that our Key Stage Two children only bring in fruit and vegetables and do not bring in pre-packaged snacks (e.g. rice cakes, crisps, cereal bars).** Dried fruit is acceptable (e.g. box of raisins, bag of dried apricots), but processed fruit snacks and bars are not (e.g. Yo-Yo Bears, fruit winders).

Thank you for your co-operation.

Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor. Hours of work are 12.00pm to 1.10pm, Monday to Friday. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Thomas, Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

Free School Meals for Reception, Year One and Year Two

We have provision for all children in these year groups to have a free school meal. We offer two choices each day.

Please remember that it is your entitlement and we would strongly urge all children to take advantage of this. **If you would prefer your child to bring a packed lunch instead of having a free school meal, please notify Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir that you are opting out.**

The only families who will need to register for free school meals are those in receipt of benefits and supplements to their income, as before. You can register by calling 01926 359189 or online at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

We are asking that parents do commit to a half termly block of school dinners rather than mixing and matching with packed lunches. We now have to order substantially more food, so logistically this will make it easier to manage.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Morris or Mrs Weir in the school office.

Dinner Money

School lunches for children in Years 3 to 6 are £2.15 per day. Please ensure that you pay in advance, ideally half-termly via ParentPay. Please also ensure that any outstanding balances from last year are settled by the end of this week. Thank you.

Attendance

Just a reminder that all attendance is now monitored through the office in partnership with the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement team (ACE). There are strict guidelines which all schools in Warwickshire are following.

Please remember that no holidays will be authorised in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, which need to be detailed in an accompanying letter please.

Morning Routines

For those new to the school, there is a member of Senior Leadership on duty from 8.40am. The bell is rung at 8.45am for the children to line up at their assembly point. Class teachers will come and collect the children.

Please may we ask that children do not bring their own balls into school? These are provided and save many an argument!

In addition, children need to dismount scooters and bicycles and leave them in the bike shelter located at the rear of the school. **For the safety of children and adults alike, please do not let your child ride their scooter or bike on to the playground.**

After School Sports Clubs

Premier Sport clubs will start next week. Letters went home before the summer holidays. If you have mislaid yours and wish to book a place for your child, copies are available from the school office.

Day / Date	Time	Club	Year
Wednesday 16 th Sep – 21 st Oct	3.30-4.30	FOOTBALL	4, 5, 6
Thursday 17 th Sep – 22 nd Oct	3.30-4.30	DODGEBALL	1, 2, 3
Friday 18 th Sep – 23 rd Oct	3.30-4.30	FOOTBALL	1, 2, 3

Music Lessons

If you have booked music lessons for your child with County Music Service, these will start next week, details as follows:

Monday	Steel Pans	Ms Braimbridge
Monday	Violin	Mrs Taylor
	Keyboard	Mrs Taylor
	Piano	Mrs Taylor
Friday	Guitar	Dr Perkins

School Photographs

Once again, Braiswick Photographic will be coming to take class and individual photographs in November this year (Wednesday 11th) so that photographs can be with you in time for Christmas.

Calais – Can You Help?

We have received a request from Calaid for items for the refugees camped in Calais. If you would like to help, bagged items can be delivered to The Kenilworth Centre, Abbey End Car Park, Kenilworth CV8 1JP between 9.00am and 4.00pm from now until Thursday 17th September (Monday to Friday only).

Badly needed items are:

SHOES (trainers/hiking shoes size 41-46), JACKETS (size SMALL and MEDIUM only), TRAVELLING BAGS, SOCKS, CANDLES or other lighting implements, BELTS.

ALWAYS needed are:

Tracksuit trousers, jeans size 28-32, blankets, sleeping bags, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, plastic bags, woolly hats, pants, pots and pans.

What is NOT needed:

Women's and children's clothes and shoes, sheets, pillows, suits, town shoes, jumpers, wellingtons.

Donations should be pre-sorted so that they can be efficiently stored and distributed by Calaid in Calais. Please make sure donations are organised by type, keeping shoes together, sleeping bags together etc.

For further information, contact Caroline Mara or Richard Dickson on 07713 594506.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

END-OF-DAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Arrangements for the end of the school day are as follows:

Reception – Year 4:

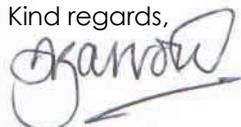
All children in Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be handed over to an adult who is known to us and who is on a list of authorised adults. Please indicate below who is authorised to collect your child from school on a regular basis. Please also let your child's class teacher know if collection arrangements have changed, e.g. collected by an adult who isn't known to us or by a friend's parent. If, for any reason, a child hasn't been collected by an authorised adult, they will be taken to the office and parents will be contacted.

Years 5 & 6:

We encourage children in Years 5 and 6 to become increasingly independent, so appreciate that some of them are allowed to walk home unaccompanied. If this is the case, please indicate this on the slip below. If your child must wait to be collected by an adult, please indicate this on the slip below, along with who is authorised to collect your child. We will reiterate to the children in Years 5 and 6 that, if the adult they are expecting does not arrive, they should come straight to the office. Please reinforce this at home.

It goes without saying that the children's safety and welfare is of the utmost importance, so thank you for your co-operation with this.

Kind regards,



Mr D Barrow
Head Teacher

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END-OF-DAY COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Name of child: Class:

Adults authorised to collect my child are:

Name: Relationship to child:

Years 5 & 6 only:

I give permission for my child to walk home unaccompanied.

My child will always be collected by an authorised adult unless I inform you otherwise.

Signed: Date: