



Reception Autumn Newsletter



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Hello and welcome to the Reception class at St John's!

We have completed our second week now and we are really impressed with how well the children have settled into school life! All of the children are making lots of friends and enjoying exploring our learning environment. The children are well integrated into school life and have joined the rest of school on the playground for playtimes and lunchtime.

Thank you for all your support in preparing the children for school, the way they have settled and come in is a reflection of this.

We look forward to working with you throughout this busy and exciting year! 😊

What the Children will be learning

This term our topics include: Super Me, Superheroes, Dinosaurs, Unicorns, Into the woods and Celebrations including; Diwali and Christmas. We follow the children's interests as we observe and assess them which in turn may mean some of our planned activities may change.

In EYFS there are 7 areas of learning and development (indoors & outdoors) so your child will be outside and inside every day. Please ensure they have a waterproof coat and extra layer (cardigan or jumper) even on warm days as it can turn chilly. Please note, even if your child has brought a puddle suit into school, they will also need a normal coat for playtimes.

PE

PE kits need to be in school for the whole of the term. We will have PE on **Wednesday mornings** and **Friday afternoons**. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled to avoid them becoming misplaced.

It would be helpful if you could support your child in learning how to dress and undress in order to speed up this process in class.

Upcoming Events

Meet the teacher

Wednesday 20th September
5:30pm

PTA Welcome Disco

Friday 22nd September 17:30-
19:30

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Friday 29th September 09:00

Individual School Photos

Tuesday 3rd October

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 17th October 14:30-17:30
Wednesday 18th October 17:00-
19:30

Harvest Festival

Friday 20th October 09:15

Term Ends

Friday 20th October

Term Begins

Tuesday 31st October 08:45am

'It's Cool to be Kind' Week

Monday 13th - 17th November

'Road Safety Week

Monday 20th - 24th November

KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 13th December

Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 21st December

Term Ends

Friday 22nd December 3:15pm

Reading and Phonics

Developing a love of reading during a child's early learning is so important. Please share books with your child every day. At this stage, talking about the pictures in the book, how characters may feel and what may happen next is important. This helps children build on the necessary comprehension skills needed to become an independent reader. Children can also spot familiar letters such as those from their name whilst sharing books at home.

In a few weeks we will have learnt our first set of sounds and the children will be able to bring home reading books! The children will also bring home flashcards for the first set of sounds. Please use these cards to practice the sounds daily, you can also make up words with the sound and play games (we will send ideas to support this nearer the time). The children are going to be provided with a login for an online library, where they can access e-books to support phonics. Once the children are ready we will share this login with you and details about how to access the different resources.

Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who completed their Tapestry agreement. If you have still not completed your form, please do this as soon as possible so we can begin uploading activities for your child's learning journey. It would be appreciated if you could upload observations of your child and their achievements at home. These could be things such as; swimming, riding a bike, baking etc. We then share these moments in the class and the children enjoy talking about and celebrating their successes with their friends.

Water bottles / Snack

Please can we remind you that it is important that your child has a water bottle in school every day so they can have access to water throughout the day.

Children are provided with a snack each day, so do not need to bring their own and sometimes the children will be offered milk.

Communication from school

We know that starting school is a busy time and there are lots of new systems to get used to. Our main method of communication is via *School Spider*. School spider can be downloaded as an app onto smartphones where you will receive smartphone messages. It is important to make sure you are signed up to the system so you receive letters and other information. If you are unsure as to whether you are signed up please call into the office and they can make sure we have all the relevant information. Thank you for your support so far.