



# Year 2 Autumn Newsletter



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Hello and welcome to Year 2 at St John's!

Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone back after the summer holiday. I hope that the children have had an enjoyable break and are ready to enjoy the term ahead.

We have a busy but exciting term ahead and have already hit the ground running! As you are hopefully aware, our topic for this half term is 'Fun and Festivals'. We will be linking this theme into English and History amongst other areas. Please follow the class Twitter account @yr2stjohns to keep up to date with photos and activities.

### **What the Children will be learning**

In English sessions children will be using a range of texts to stimulate writing for different purposes. We will explore a range of writing features such as sentence openings, noun phrases and conjunctions which they will begin to use to develop their skills as writers.

In Maths this half term we will be focusing on place value, then before the end of the half term we will look at shapes and their properties. When we come back after the holidays we will explore addition and subtraction along with statistics. Children will develop their fluency and reasoning, including a weekly assessment, and will begin to apply new skills into problem solving.

In Science, children will be learning about everyday materials and seasonal changes. We will look at properties and uses of materials and investigate how suitable is this material? After the October half term we will look at what happens to our environment as the seasons change. This links into Geography where we will explore how the weather effects our lives. During RE sessions children will discuss different special and sacred books and look at some of the stories within these. Then as we near Christmas we will discover how different faiths celebrate sacred times. In Design and Technology children will learn about structures and our artwork will be based around patterns and the formal elements of art. Throughout computing sessions children will be learning simple algorithms and programming skills.

## Upcoming Events

### Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
5:30pm

### PTA Welcome Family Disco

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 5:30pm

### MacMillan Cake Sale

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 09:00am

### Individual School Photos

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

### Parent Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
October

### Harvest Festival in Church

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 9:15am

### Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November

### Children in Need

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

### KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

### Carols by Candlelight

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

## PE

PE kits need to be in school for the whole of the term. If children attend a sports club please send a separate kit for this, so we can ensure they always have their PE kit when needed. We will have PE on Wednesday mornings and Tuesday afternoons. Just a reminder to check that all clothing (uniform and PE kit) is labelled with your child's name, so if they become lost or mixed up with somebody else's we can return them- we already have some pieces of lost property!

## Water Bottles & Snack

All children still receive fruit daily, provided by the government. The fruit is free of charge and choices are varied. It is not necessary for children to have a snack from home, however if you do wish to send this please ensure it is a healthy, fruit based snack. Water bottles need to be in school every day and should only contain water! Children have access to water stations throughout the day so can fill their bottles as needed.

## Homework

Homework will be set each week via, Mathletics and a homework book. There will also be a set of spellings to learn each week. Logins for Mathletics can be found in your child's reading diary.

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in by Wednesday. Any homework handed in late will unfortunately not be marked.

All children have been assessed and allocated new books based on their fluency and comprehension skills. Regular reading assessments will take place to ensure children are reading the correct book. Books will be changed on specific days, based on children's colour groups, **reading books should be in school every day.** Please ensure children are reading with an adult at home at least 4 times a week, this is in line with school policy. Diaries must be signed to show books have been read; otherwise we are unable to change your child's book. We will also listen to children read in school when we have the opportunity on a 1:1 basis. Children will take part in group reading sessions and regularly visit the library.

If you do have any questions regarding homework, please do not hesitate to ask!

If you wish to contact us regarding your child, feel free to put a note in their reading record, or make an appointment to see us. Alternatively, you can contact us via email on [rachael.allen@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:rachael.allen@st-johns.stockport.sch.uk).

Thank you for your support,

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