



# NEWSLETTER

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7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

**A very warm welcome back to the new school year, and particularly to all our new pupils and members of staff!!**

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Please see below for this week's news and information.

**This term we are launching our new Vision and Mission statement:**

## Our Vision

**'For everyone to shine, celebrate and grow'**

## Our Mission

St John's School is a learning community with a Catholic ethos founded on Gospel values. During their time with us, we will work with every

child and in partnership with their parents / carers to:

- Love God, love one another, understand, value, and respect other faiths, and celebrate the common ground between us, and serve our community faithfully
- Find a love of learning and grow a wealth of knowledge
- Celebrate effort, progress and attainment – and never give up however hard the lesson
- Find the opportunity to use our unique gifts and talents in the name of God and grow these gifts as part of our own personal development and for the good of others
- Discover new friends, respect one another and celebrate difference in our school, community and world
- Support the social, physical and mental well-being of each other and our community



- Flourish, feel happy and secure at school and enabled to give their best, leaving the school ready for the next chapter of their life.

### Values

- We are **WELCOMING**
- We are **CURIOS**
- We are **UNIQUE**



The children have been discussing in class what this means to them. On Wednesday we will mark the launch of our new vision and mission statement in our whole school Mass with Father Malcolm. Mass will be at 9.30am in the hall. You are very welcome to join us.

### News from around the Classrooms

Everyone has been busy settling in to their new classes, getting used to new faces and new routines! We've had a successful first few days and look forward to bringing you lots of news from the first full week next week.

We are very pleased to welcome our new reception children – they look like they've been having fun!



*Please take a moment to read through the following important information and notices:*



### Sports News

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Platinum Award for 2017/18. As part of the application we were asked to fulfil criteria in areas of competition, commitment, engagement and delivery of school sport in 2017/18. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of sport.



### **School Dinners**

The new school dinners have been extremely successful already this term, with a huge take up by pupils sampling the new menu. The new providers are passionate and extremely enthusiastic about providing healthy and tasty food for the pupils; there have been lots of empty plates at the end of the session which is a fair indication that they are doing something right!!

Please ensure that your child knows what their meal choice is each day as they will be asked at registration so that the kitchen can prepare the correct number of meals.

If your child would like to try the new dinners, there are menus available in the office. A number of parents have asked to increase their child's meals, if you would like to do this please email the office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

### **Year 6 Secondary School Transfer**

If your child is in Year 6 they will be bringing home a letter today with important information regarding their transfer to secondary school next September.

### **Kilve Court Residential Trip (Year 5)**

If your child is in Year 5 and attending the Kilve Court Residential trip next month, you will have received a letter with further information, a medical form and kit list today by ParentMail. Please ensure you read through the letter carefully, complete and return the medical information sheet by **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**. You will also see that there is a meeting on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm** – it is important that you attend this meeting if you can as it will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

### **Art school Experience – Year 5 & 6 Girls**

Please see the attached letter from the Royal High School regarding an 'Art School Experience' that they are holding for Year 5 and 6 girls, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Celebration Assembly KS1**

There will be no KS1 Celebration Assembly next week, as there is a Tae Kwon Do demonstration to the children.

### **Celebration Assembly KS2**

There will be no KS2 Celebration Assembly next week, as there is a Tae Kwon Do demonstration to the children.

## **Notices**

**Change of contact details** Please ensure you inform the office of any change of address/ telephone numbers, so that we have the most up to date information should we need to contact you in an emergency; data forms will be coming out over the course of the term but if there are any immediate changes please let us know as soon as possible;

**Medication** If your child requires medication such as an inhaler or epipen please ensure that there are 2 in school – one for the class and one for the office – and that they have long expiry dates please;

**Punctuality** Infant and K S1 classes – in the morning the teachers will be in class from 8.45am, with

lessons starting at 8.50am. Please say goodbye at the cloakroom door and let your child go into class on their own. KS2 classes start at 8.45am; this is when children should be at their desks ready for registration. If your child is late they need to come in via the main entrance and sign in with reception to make sure they are marked as present in the register;

**Absence** If you need to report an absence please use the absence line and leave a clear message giving your child's name and class and the reason for their absence. If your child is off for more than 5 days, a doctor's note or copy of prescription will be required by the office on their return to support the absence;

**Allergies** Please note that St John's is a nut and fish free zone; we have some children with severe nut and fish allergies and request that when sending any food in to school you avoid nuts and fish of any description;

**Lost Property** The lost property bin is overflowing from the end of last term. If your child has lost an item of uniform please check in here before the end of next week as anything unclaimed will be donated to charity.

### **Dates for Your Diary**

12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Whole School Mass 9.30am in the hall
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	KS1 Tae Kwon Do demonstration Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	KS2 Tae Kwon Do demonstration Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	KS1 Reading workshop 9:00am
	Y5 Parents meeting re Kilve Court 6:00pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	EYFS phonics session for parents 9:00am
W/c 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Bath Literature Festival
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual school photographs
12 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Kilve Court Residential trip (Year 5)
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start of Term 2
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Author visit
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	EYFS parents' reading session 9:00am
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Inset day
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Mass at Sts Peter and Paul
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Life Skills
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Whole School Mass
	End of Term 2
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Inset day
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Term 3

### **Inset days**

The inset days for the rest of this academic year are as follows:

- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

School term dates can be found on the St John's website, [www.stjohnscatholicprimary.org.uk](http://www.stjohnscatholicprimary.org.uk);  
please do take a look for more news and information.

Best wishes

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