



7th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

It is with immense pleasure and pride that I write to you as your child's new Headteacher. It is a great privilege to undertake this role and I am very aware of the responsibility it carries. St John's is a very special school and I am already so impressed by the ethos and atmosphere that is present across the school. The children and staff have made an excellent start to the new academic year and I am very excited about the future and look forward to sharing the journey with them and with you and your family. I hope you have all had a very restful and enjoyable summer holiday and, having spoken to many of the children, I know they are ready to get back to lessons and work hard to ensure they make excellent progress in their learning this year.

Having two children myself I fully appreciate the many demands placed on parents in ensuring children come to school best equipped at the start of term and I would like to thank you for ensuring that your child has returned to school on time and looking very smart in their uniforms.

You may have noticed me at the gate every morning and at the end of the day. I will endeavour to be there each day, as much as possible, to welcome you and the children to school and to make myself available to you if you wish to talk with me. Please do come and say hello!

If you wish to discuss anything at length, or in confidence, do please call in to the school office where an appointment can be made for you to meet with me. Alternatively, do feel that you can ring me at the school and if I am not available at the time, I will ensure I get back to you as soon as possible.

I am also hosting three "Headteacher Surgery" sessions during Term 1, where I would very much welcome you to come into school for an informal chat over a cup of tea or coffee. These sessions will take place on:

- Monday 18th September between 9.00am and 10.00am
- Wednesday 20th September between 5.00pm and 6.00pm
- Thursday 21st September between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

I am very committed to ensuring that communication is of the highest standard and we will be launching our redesigned website very shortly. In the meantime, the old version is still available for you to access.

Diary dates and arrangements for the coming weeks will also be sent to you next week.

In this week's newsletter, you will find lots of updates and key information regarding systems and routines at the school. I would ask that if you have any questions or need clarification you contact the school office or see me on the gate.

I am committed to ensuring that St John's can be the best possible school that it can be and am looking forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months as we work closely together to ensure the best possible experience for the children.

Yours sincerely,

Headteacher