

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 1.1 Thursday 7th September 2017



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Multi Academy Trust
'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new academic year 2017/2018. I have written a letter to you all, which you will find attached. This week's newsletter is full of important and useful information that will support you and your child at the start of this new term.

WELCOME

To a new academic year, we welcome new staff Mr Jon Lilley, class teacher in Eagles 1 and Mrs Karen Stretch, class teacher in Owls Base who will be working on Mondays and Tuesdays. Congratulations to Mr Gill's family on the birth of their daughter and to Mrs Robinson who gave birth to a son.

Summer Reading Scheme

If any pupil has taken part in this scheme, just a reminder it finishes this Saturday 9th September 2017 so do not forget to collect your medal from the Library.

Volunteers in School

Adults need to attend an Annual training/update before they can help in school for 2017-18. These will take place in The Atrium on:

Thursday 14th September 2017 at 09:15

Tuesday 19th September 2017 at 14:45

When you have attended one of the training sessions, your name will be confirmed on the Volunteer Register (if new you will need to complete a registration process), adults may start working in school w/b 25th September 2017.

Educational Visits

As part of the National Curriculum, children from all Bases will be taking part in educational visits and activities throughout the school year. We do have to ask parents for voluntary contributions to pay for entrance fees, coach transport, workshops etc. Costs vary between £1.00—£25.00 depending on the venue and the activity. If insufficient funds are received a visit may have to be cancelled.

Your Child's Safety

Can we remind you that unless they are attending Breakfast Club, no children should be on school premises before 08.40 since supervision is not provided until the school doors open at 08:45. Children arriving on bikes/scooters should dismount at the gate and walk their 'vehicle' in to the bike park to lock it up. Please do ask pupils and younger siblings not to ride around the playground/outdoor learning areas before or after school to avoid potential accidents.

No pupils/pre-school children are allowed on Explorers Challenge before or after school.

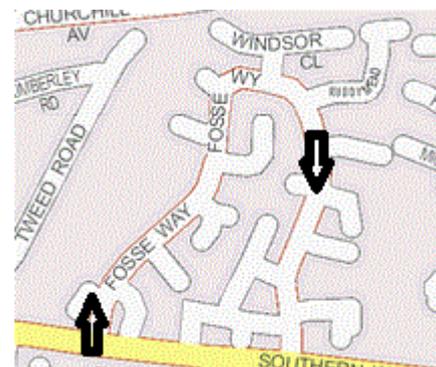
Parking using the one-way system

To all new parents and as a reminder to everyone else, please use Fosseway as a one-way system, entering at the Asda end when arriving to deliver or collect children and leaving via the Tesco end (please see map).

Please park on the school side of the road only without blocking the entrance to the staff car park, or residents' driveways.

This makes busy school times much safer for everyone and allows emergency vehicles to have access if needed.

Also, would you please ensure that anyone collecting or delivering your children is aware of this one-way system.



School Fruit and Veg. Scheme

Fruit and vegetables are provided daily for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils only. All other year groups may only bring a piece of fruit or vegetable from home to eat during morning break.

After School Clubs

All details for clubs running during the Autumn Period 2017 will be sent out next week via email, clubs will start week commencing 18th September 2017.

Medication

If you need to leave an inhaler in school for your child, please bring it to the school office and complete a medication form.

Communication

- ParentPay

Just a reminder that our main method of communication with parents is via email through the ParentPay system. It is therefore important that you ensure there is an up to date email contact address on your ParentPay profile, also that you check your emails for information from St John's on a regular basis. Newsletters are usually published weekly on Thursdays and are also available to view on the school website.

- Crediting your ParentPay Account

You can make payments into your ParentPay account and then assign them to payment items as they are requested. This could be helpful when you are planning your finances as you can top up your account whenever you wish.

- Debts

Reminder notices are sent to parents when a balance over £25.00 is outstanding (e.g. school meals), if a payment has not been received within 7 days, the school can withdraw the service until the account is cleared. If you have any difficulties in paying, please do contact the school office.

- Base Information

Emails will be sent out next week from Kites, Hawks and Eagle Base. We hope this information will be useful to you, particularly at the start of this new school year, and will also be available for future reference.

- Medical appointments

If you need to take your child to a medical appointment we do ask if you can provide evidence of this for our attendance records, preferably in advance of the appointment. If your child will be arriving at school after morning registration, would you please advise us whether a school meal will be required that day and, if so, their menu choice (red, green or yellow option) to ensure the correct meal is ordered for them. This is particularly important when leaving a telephone message regarding the appointment.

Parents Calendar 2017-18

We are just finalising the dates for the diary and they will be published shortly.



[Link to Parent Zone for weekly updates >](#)

Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Child protection officer for the Primary school is Mr Ian Doswell, or Mrs Nicola Short in his absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.

Community News

(Although these events are not endorsed by the school, they are shared with you for your information).



Starting this September in Clevedon:

A new Fun French Club for Primary School Aged Children. Come and learn French the fun way, through games, songs and activities. It's a great way to boost your child's confidence too!

Every Wednesday in term-time from 4-5pm at Kenn Road Methodist Church.

****FREE Trial session on Wednesday 13th September 4-4.30pm*******

For more details and to book your child's place, please contact: Samara on 07874-810100, email: [languagesnorthsomerset@gmail](mailto:languagesnorthsomerset@gmail.com) or message me on Facebook: Fun French in North Somerset.

Coffee Morning. Saturday 9th September 2017, St. Johns Church hall 10:30-12:30. All proceeds raised will go to the Samaritans