

# St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It is absolutely fantastic to see all of our amazing children back in school! We missed them so much and are all so pleased that schools have re-opened. Every child and member of staff that I spoke to yesterday was beaming with excitement! I hope that you are as pleased as we are that we are open. Thank you for keeping up to date with all of the information that we have been sending out and persevering with our entry and exit routines, our one way systems and the new procedures. As we all become more accustomed to the new routines, we will all become much more comfortable and more efficient with the arrangements. However, this does not mean that we should become complacent. We must remember that the virus is still in circulation and must continue to follow the government guidelines in order to keep ourselves and each other safe. It could be argued that following the guidelines is more important than ever now that we have returned to school! By default, we are all now in a bubble together; our children are in their class bubbles which are contained within a school bubble, and therefore we owe it to each other to be mindful of our own actions as they have a large influence on the whole school community. God bless.

Mr Sweetingham

**Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ**

## PE Days

Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kit on the appropriate days:

	Day 1	Day 2
Year 1	Monday	Wednesday
Year 2	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 3	Monday	Thursday
Year 4	Monday	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday	Friday
Year 6	Tuesday	Friday

Please refer to the School Uniform Policy on our website if you are unsure of the correct PE clothing. Thank you.

## Foundation

Our new Nursery children have now completed their visits to school and it has been lovely to meet them all. Reception children will be having their meetings next week and these will include socially distanced picnics. We can't wait to welcome all of our youngest children into the school community!

*Ms Stylianou*

## Reading books: Covid-19 Safety Procedures

Please find information attached with this newsletter related to safety procedures regarding reading books travelling between home and school. This information can also be found inside the children's Reading Journals.

## TFL: Safer journeys to and from school

To support a safe and sustainable return to school for pupils and their families, Transport For London have issued the following information:

- everyone is encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot where possible;
- 230 extra buses have been added to their schedules as School Services on some of the busiest low frequency routes;
- some existing buses have been designated as School Services on high frequency routes, which can then operate at full seated capacity in line with Government guidelines; and
- other customers are being asked to avoid busier times.

Please note that children aged 11 or over will need to wear face coverings on TFL services.

Please visit [tfl.gov.uk/reopeningeducation](https://tfl.gov.uk/reopeningeducation) for further information on how this affects our school, and to access additional resources including the new [STARS resources](#), cycle training and more.

## Covid-19 useful links

The following link gives the government advice about attending out-of-school settings during the Covid-19 outbreak:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

General up-to-date guidance on Covid-19 can be found at the following website:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

PHE regularly updates a Q&A blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

The World Health Organisation also issues guidance:

<https://www.who.int>

The overwhelming advice is still to wash our hands, and to cough or sneeze into a tissue (catch it, bin it, kill it) or into the nape of your elbow. We are reminding the children on a daily basis and we suggest that you continue to discuss the same advice at home, especially now that the children are back in the school environment after a long period away.

Please remember to not send your child in to school should they have a temperature of 37.5<sup>o</sup> or more, or display any of the symptoms of Covid-19. Please also inform us immediately if your child or any family members/close friends come in contact with anyone with Covid-19-symptoms; thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

## School lunch money

The cost of school lunches for this half term will be £87.32. Prompt payment would be appreciated; if you wish to pay the balance in full, please click on the Dinners tab in SchoolMoney which will enable you to input the full amount. Many thanks.

## School lunches

As noted in the information letter sent to parents/carers last week, the kitchen is currently providing children who have signed up for school meals with a cold lunch; this is due to the requirement for pupils to remain in their classrooms to eat and to therefore prevent hot food being carried around the school. Each week, this lunch will comprise a bread item, fruit, vegetable sticks and a dessert. The bread item will vary on a weekly basis between a wrap, a sandwich and a baguette; children will be able to choose their filling daily, selecting any combination of the following: cheese, ham, tomato, cucumber, mayo, egg mayo or tuna mayo. All food allergies will be catered for in the usual manner. Please have a discussion at home about the options available.

## Uniform

Please help us to keep our children looking smart and dressed in full school uniform as per our School Uniform Policy on the school website. We are also aware that it is easy for items such as jumpers, coats, hats and scarves to get mixed up in the playground or classrooms; please therefore help your child to keep track of their clothing and belongings by ensuring that every item is clearly named. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Term Dates – 2020/21

### **AUTUMN TERM 2020**

**Half Term:** Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

**Second Half:** Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

### **SPRING TERM 2021**

**Monday 4th January** – Inset Day

**Tuesday 5th January 2021** – children return for Spring 1

**Monday 15th - Friday 19th February** – Half Term

**Monday 22nd February – Friday 31st March** – Spring 2

### **SUMMER TERM 2021**

**Monday 19th April** – Inset Day

**Tuesday 20th April** – children return for Summer 1

**Friday 30th April** – Inset Day

**Monday 3rd May** – May Day – school closed

**Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June** – Half Term

**Monday 7th June – Tuesday 22nd July** – Summer 2



## Achievements



Congratulations to all of the children, staff and parents/carers for having a fantastic start to the new term and adapting to all of the new procedures!  
*Usual achievement certificates by class will commence next week.*

## Keep in touch

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