

# St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is our first full week back at school and it has been action-packed, exciting ..... and tiring. I am sure that the children have all gone home today exhausted. I popped into Year 6 and Year 2 this afternoon to ask them about their favourite learning this week. Year 6 selected their Art lesson on Impressionism in the style of Monet; classification lesson in Science; and their History lesson on WW1. Year 2 loved their growth mindset lesson; developing physical fitness in PE; and making 'Keeping Safe' rainbows in PSHE. Every class has been a hive of activity with so much lovely learning taking place! On Thursday morning, I delivered our first whole school virtual Collective Worship with a theme of 'Changes Matter'. It was so wonderful for us all to come together as a school family once again and I was delighted that children in every class were keen to contribute their ideas and share their reflections using the unmute facility. I am also really pleased that Reverend Lynn will be delivering Collective Worship every Tuesday from next week. Schools are certainly very different places at the moment, but lots of the changes are extremely exciting, encouraging the staff and the children to have a growth mindset when we face different challenges; it was certainly the case for me when trying to ensure that all of the technology worked on Thursday morning! It has been such a blessing to have all the children back in school this week and you should all be extremely proud of them; they have been stars! Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week. Be safe!

God bless.

Ms Mitri

**Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ**

## Suspected Covid-19-related illnesses

Please would all parents and carers be particularly mindful about their children's health before sending them in to school. Whilst we are aware that there will soon be many runny noses around that are part of the usual seasonal colds, please remember that, if children display any of the symptoms related to Covid-19, you must keep them at home for 10 days; this time can be reduced if they have a Covid-19 test which proves to be negative. Key symptoms include a temperature of 37.8<sup>o</sup> or more, a persistent dry cough and a loss of taste or smell. A persistent dry cough is considered to be one that does not produce mucus, lasting longer in your throat than usual, and with multiple episodes of coughing. We would also like to remind you that, if another member in the household develops any symptoms of Covid-19, your child must isolate for 14 days; again, this time can be reduced by having a test. Please keep us informed.

If your child is absent with any suspected Covid-19 related illness, please be aware that we will be performing follow-up welfare calls. Do not be alarmed or concerned by these calls; as this is such a virulent illness, we would like to keep as up-to-date as possible with the health of any children who may have developed the illness.

With the guidance about gatherings both indoors and outside being changed from Monday to allowing just six people to meet, we ask that all parents and carers adhere to all guidance at all times; as a school, we have made every effort to construct a bubble system that will keep our children and staff as safe as possible. Please do everything in your power to maintain this system out of school; be mindful of organising events such as sleepovers and parties, when taking trips to the park and when walking to and from school.

Thank you for your cooperation in these vital matters.

## Year 3 Collection time

Please note that, as from Monday, the Year 3 children should be collected at 3:30pm.

## Welcome Ms Jarrett!

We are delighted to welcome Ms Jarrett to the St John's team! Ms Jarrett is our new trainee teacher who will be predominantly teaching with Mr Bishop in Year 5. We are thrilled to have her on board!

## Topic Days

We hope you are as excited as we are to learn about the three Topic Days we are holding this half term for Years 1-6. Please read the letter emailed out today for further details.

## 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>

## Foundation

It's been a busy week in EYFS! We have now welcomed in all of our new Nursery children and they are settling in well. Our Reception children have all enjoyed socially distanced picnics with us and will be joining us over the course of the next week. We are very excited to meet all of our young joiners and to welcome back those Reception children who have already spent some time in our EYFS unit. We can't wait for them all to start their 2020/21 learning journey with us and hope that it will be the beginning of a long and rewarding time at St. John's!

*Ms Stylianou*

## Healthy lunches

Please ensure that children's packed lunches are as healthy as possible, with treats limited to once a week. For example, a dessert can be varied between fruit, cheese and crackers, a cereal bar and, as a treat on a Friday, a cake, biscuit, or small chocolate bar. Please also ensure that lunches are a sensible size; many children feel anxious with an over-filled lunch box that they cannot finish in the allotted time. Thank you.

## Social Media

Please ensure that you read carefully the letter emailed out on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 regarding some distressing images currently circulating on social media, especially TikTok. Please remain vigilant about your child's use of social media, being particularly mindful of the age-appropriateness of many apps which are in frequent use. Wherever possible, activate parental controls and monitor regularly the sites that your child visits.

## Maintenance Fund

We are now collecting payments for our voluntary Maintenance Fund; we really appreciate every contribution that you make – all payments are invaluable to the school. Amounts payable are £80 for a single child and an additional £40 per child thereafter. Payments may be made online via SchoolMoney, or by standing order. Thank you.



## Achievements



<b>Nursery</b>	<i>Settling in</i>
<b>Reception</b>	<i>Not yet in school</i>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Ofe</b> – giving incredible explanations about bubbles <b>Rory</b> – learning so many skills at Listening Camp!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Flynn</b> – showing the most amazing growth mindset – well done! <b>Henry</b> – showing excellent concentration, effort and behaviour – well done!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Sophie</b> – showing enthusiasm and concentration in every lesson <b>Rafael</b> – having commitment and enthusiasm in Geography atlas learning
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Deniz</b> – always listening and being ready to learn <b>Anashe</b> – writing an imaginative diary entry and concentrating on her learning
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Teddy</b> – being really mature without a talk partner <b>Alfie</b> – having a super week and always smiling
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Adonis</b> – making an amazing start to Year 6 <b>Cailey</b> – making an exceptional effort with all of her learning

## Class Fund

This year, we are continuing to collect a voluntary contribution of £5 per child per half term to be used for miscellaneous projects. The money will be collected by class and allocated evenly across the school. All contributions will be gratefully received and the donation has been set up on SchoolMoney for further ease. Many thanks!

## House Points

The House Point totals for the week are as follows:

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St David</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>187</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St George</b>	<b>239</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>204</b>



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