

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 25th September 2020



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn has arrived! It has been a week of all weathers from glorious sunshine to torrential downpours. The temperatures have also taken a tumble and, as such, we ask that you send your child to school each day with a suitable coat; over the last few days, staff on duty have reported that some children have complained that they are cold when outside but have no coat in school. Today, your child will be bringing home their new home learning books. The weekly tasks will continue to be set in the Google Classrooms and the children should record their learning in this book. Parents/carers do not need to print off sheets to stick in the home learning book; just use it to record any tasks set each week. We politely request that you read the guidance sheet stuck on the inside cover as we would really appreciate your support in ensuring that your child presents all their learning, whether in school or at home, to a high standard. You may also wish to refer to the curriculum pack that was shared with you recently as this will provide parents/carers with guidance on cursive handwriting. We are very lucky at St John's to have such amazing playground equipment for the children to use; however, can I please ask that you do not permit your child to use this equipment during morning drop-off or when collecting your child at the end of the school day. Apart from our concerns about the safety of your little ones when using the climbing equipment, it is also timetabled to specific classes on a rota. After each class has had their turn to use the equipment, it is washed thoroughly by staff to maintain good hygiene standards and to try to avoid potential cross-contamination between class bubbles. Thank you in advance for your cooperation. In Collective Worship this week, Revd. Lynn spoke about finding inner strength when we need to do the right thing and how this can sometimes be difficult. I spoke about inner strength in terms of having to be brave and courageous when we may need to face difficult times. Listening to the news this week, we are all having to make difficult choices to ensure that we do the right thing to protect our families and people in our community, and also find the courage to face the unknown.

May God bless you and your families. May God give you strength and courage. Have a lovely weekend.

Ms Mitri

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

Covid-19 App

The NHS Covid-19 App was launched yesterday, Thursday 24th September 2020. This app combines Apple and Google's automated contact-tracing technology to tell people to self-isolate if their phone detects that they were near someone later determined to have the Covid-19 virus. The app also has many more useful features including the means to order a coronavirus test and receive its results, a countdown timer to keep track of how long to stay in isolation and a guide to the latest advice on local restrictions. It can be downloaded on to any smartphone by anyone aged 16 and over.

Foundation

We have had a lovely time in Foundation this week; now that everyone has begun to settle in to all of our routines, we have enjoyed focusing on our learning! We use the Letters and Sounds phonics scheme to help our children begin their reading journey and we encourage and enthuse them to develop a love of reading every day. This week in RE, we have focused on respect and how it positively impacts our lives. We have also provided numerous opportunities for the children to learn through play – it's been a busy week!

Ms Stylianou



Achievements



Nursery	Julian – coming to Nursery so happily every day Victoria – always doing the right thing with a smile
Reception	Aurelia – carrying out amazing learning in phonics Oliver – being an enthusiastic learner
Year 1	Joanna – showing fantastic effort with her cursive writing Aren – being so helpful when tidying up
Year 2	Lily – being really engaged in her spelling learning and always trying her best Austin – being an excellent mathematician and enjoying his learning
Year 3	Sadie – using powerful and descriptive language in her writing Neo – showing fantastic concentration and observational skills during Art
Year 4	Amisha – reading brilliantly and trying her best in all of her learning Dominic – having a fantastic, sensible learning attitude all week
Year 5	Bella – having a fantastic learning attitude and being a lovely friend Elliot – being extremely kind and putting others before himself
Year 6	Andrew – always putting an amazing effort in to his learning Katie – trying really hard with all of her learning

School Lunches

Children having school lunches are currently being served a cold lunch due to the requirement for pupils to remain in their classrooms to eat; this prevents hot food being carried around the school. Whilst they are enjoying the varied selection (see menu below) we are, however, aware that it can be nice to receive a hot lunch as the weather turns colder; we are in discussion with the catering company and reviewing the situation. We will inform you of any changes.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
S/Wiches / Wraps / Baguette / Pitta (Choice)	Sandwich Egg, Cheese, Ham, Tuna Mayonnaise	Baguette Egg, Cheese, Ham, Tuna Mayonnaise	Wrap Egg, Cheese, Ham, Tuna Mayonnaise	Pitta Egg, Cheese, Ham, Tuna Mayonnaise	Sandwich Egg, Cheese, Ham, Tuna Mayonnaise
Sides (to be served with all lunches)	Veggie Sticks	Veggie Sticks	Veggie Sticks	Veggie Sticks	Veggie Sticks
Dessert of the day (to be served with all lunches)	Oat Dream Cookie	Fruity Flapjack	Chocolate sponge	Lemon Shortbread	Toffee Apple Muffin
Fruit (to be served with all lunches)	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit

Vaccinations

Public Health England are asking schools to remind parents/carers to ensure that children and young people are up to date with vaccinations, especially in the current climate. PHE also reminds parents/carers that all Primary-aged children can have a flu vaccination which comes in the way of a small spray up the nose (rather than an injection).

Donations for Harvest

As we are unable to hold a traditional Harvest service this year, nor can we accept donations of goods in school, we would like to ask that you consider giving a financial donation instead to the Finchley Foodbank – a fantastic local charity that helps the homeless and those in need. An online donation will enable you to support those who are suffering without putting yourselves at any risk by visiting a populated centre with donations of goods. Please use the link below to make your donation; it would be very much appreciated.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=Finchleyfoodbank>

New Governor

We are delighted to announce that Lucinda Hutton, mother to one of our Year One children and a commercial solicitor in her professional life, is joining the Governing Board as a parent governor. We very much look forward to working with Lucinda. Once again, we extend many thanks to Ajanta for her contribution to the Governing Board over the last 18 months and particularly her support over the last six months.

Collection

We would like to politely remind parents and carers that they must not arrive earlier than their allotted ten minute slot at collection time. Our staggered timings have been put in place to ensure a steady flow of people in and out of the collection areas, thereby helping everyone to apply social distancing as far as is possible; if you are early, the waiting stems the flow and also blocks the parents who have arrived at the correct time. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

PE and Virtual Challenges

PE lessons

It's been lovely to see the children enjoying the last bit of sunshine in their PE lessons this term. The weather is now changing; however, this will not stop us from going outside unless it is really bad! Please, therefore, ensure that your child always has a coat with them so that they can still take part.

Virtual Challenges

Unfortunately, we are unable to take part in any external sporting events for the time being due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We will, however, be taking part and competing against other schools across Barnet in intra-schools virtual challenges. Each week, children will participate in a new challenge where their scores will be submitted and pitted against those posted by children from other schools. Please watch this space to see how St John's are getting on!

Mr Bishop

Sanitiser, handwash and tissue donations!

All donations of sanitiser, handwash and/or tissues would be gratefully received. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already been so generous in this way.

House Points

The House Point totals for the week are as follows:

1 st	St David	204
2 nd	St Patrick	199
3 rd	St Andrew	187
4 th	St George	158



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