



St John's Newsletter

Friday 14th January 2022

An update from Dr. Robin Precey and Dr. Nicola Thomas...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Now that the Ofsted Inspection Report on St Johns has been published, as Governors we would like to say a BIG THANKYOU to you for supporting your child(ren) and the school staff in securing such a glowing report that truly reflects the values of the school being lived out.

As governors, we are delighted to be involved in such a great school which is more than an ordinary school – it is a family. We are full of admiration and very proud of what has done and what is being done on a daily basis. Your support is essential in that success.

So, THANKYOU

Dr Robin Precey (Chair of Governors)



Dr Nicola Thomas (Vice-Chair)



Ms Brownbill

Next week we say goodbye for now to Ms Brownbill who will be off on maternity leave. Ms Brownbill has been a shining light over in the Early Years and has made sure, along with her magnificent team, that the children get the very best start to their education.

Ms Brownbill has also been a driving force working and enhancing our curriculum. I am pleased to say that Ms Pink will be the EYFS class teacher. Ms Pink is an experienced teacher who already knows the children well.

More Staffing News

We say goodbye and thank you to Ms Nehaar as her contract with us has now ended. I would like to thank her for her contributions. She taught the class well and was commended during our recent Ofsted Inspection. I am delighted to welcome Ms Wall back and she will take over as class teacher and resume her Assistant Head duties. I am also pleased to report that Ms Jheeta will continue working in our Senior Leadership Team and teach in Class 3. We also say goodbye (again) to Ms Simone who assures me that this time she is definitely departing for Australia! We wish her all the best.



375 followers and counting keep up to date with the school @5tJohnsTower. It is the best way to get the latest information on what is happening in our school!



Place2Be Kindness Cup

Our Place2Be Kindness Cup that highlights our children that have gone that extra mile by doing something kind, continues into 2022. In the picture on the left you can see the cup being handed from Year 6 to Year 5.



Word of the Fortnight

‘Stroll’

We were so inspired by our friends in the Early Years having a Word of the Week, that we have decided to adopt this for everyone. We would like our children to understand the meaning of the word and where possible, use it in their writing. We may well be giving out stars for charts for effective use! In the picture on the right, you can see the word being modelled.



New Tables in the Lunch Hall

We are very excited to have new round tables in the hall. These have replaced the long tables with the built in stools that we have had for a number of years.

Children now have their own chair with a back and are on tables which allow them to face one another. This will contribute to a higher standard of oracy at lunch and a more family style approach to eating a meal together. Now that the seating arrangements have improved, the next piece in the jigsaw is to encourage our children to eat healthier. A small number of our children will be adventurous with their food choices or have a healthy packed lunch. We have done a lot of work around food education at St. Paul's and I would like to do more of the same here.



Term Dates and Holidays - 2021/ 2022

Autumn Term 2021 (71 days)

Staff Training	Wednesday 1st September Thursday 2nd September Friday 3rd September
First Day of Term	Monday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October
Second half of term	Monday 1 st November
Last Day of Term	Friday 17 th December

<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>Saturday 25th December</i>
<i>Boxing Day</i>	<i>Sunday 26th December</i>

Spring Term 2022 (58 days)

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Saturday 1st January</i>
<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Monday 3rd January (substitute day)</i>
Staff Training	Tuesday 4th January
First Day of Term	Wednesday 5 th January
Half Term	Mon. 14 th to Fri. 18 th February
Second half of term	Monday 21 st February
Last Day of Term	Friday 1 st April

<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Friday 15th April</i>
<i>Easter Monday</i>	<i>Monday 18th April</i>

Summer Term 2022 (63 days)

First Day of Term	Tuesday 19 th April
Staff Training	Friday 29 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May
Half Term	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June
Second half of term	Monday 6 th June
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd July

<i>Ramadan begins</i>	<i>Saturday 2nd April* 2022</i>
<i>Eid Al-Fitr</i>	<i>Monday 2nd May* 2022</i>
<i>Eid Al-Adha</i>	<i>Saturday 9th July 2020</i>

190 School Days, **5 Staff Training Days** (2 to be arranged)

* to be confirmed