St John's CofE Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we enter autumn it is perhaps a surprise to learn that the children have been back for five weeks already! They have made an excellent start to the year and it has been a pleasure to see so many happy, hard-working children at school. May I take this opportunity to thank children, parents and staff for a calm, cheerful and positive beginning to the year.

Dates
There are a number of dates coming up soon, including school photographs, half term and our open evenings. Please refer to the calendar attached for our key dates and events.

Harvest
Today at St. John's we held our annual Harvest festival service, a tradition that the whole school community enjoy. It was wonderful to see the children performing their harvest items. Thank you for your kind donations of food, which this year will be donated to the Keynsham Food Bank. We were also very grateful for the kind donation of a harvest loaf, made especially for us by Sarah Temple at Zest, our in-house caterers. I have included a photo so you can see this wonderful creation. We also collected £201.76 for Christian Aid. Thank you for your generosity.

Road safety
Unfortunately I have received reports from concerned parents regarding cars parking or dropping off children outside our school. Please do not wait in the road as you drop your children off. Similary, please refrain from parking on the pavement by the gates or zig-zag lines. These measures are in place to keep all of our children safe so it is imperative that we keep these areas clear. I am sure you will all agree that we want to avoid any risks or dangers for our children. Thank you.

Yoga Club
We already have a wide range of exciting after-school clubs for the children here at St. John's. We are now pleased to add Yoga club for KS2 children, which will be run on Wednesdays after half term. The KS2 children really enjoyed their taster session last week.

Messy Church
Messy church have asked us to inform you of their next meeting. It is Monday 16th October from 3:15pm onwards at Queens Church Road. This is an afternoon of games, craft, messy activities, story time and a cooked tea.

MP visit
We are delighted to welcome Jacob Rees-Mogg, Member of Parliament for North East Somerset. Mr Rees-Mogg will be visiting Year 6 on Friday 13th October as part of a question and answer session.

As further events and items arise I will write to you. In the meantime, please do look at our new school website for information: www.stjohnskeynsham.co.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr M Hilliam
Head of School, St. John's Church of England Primary School

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St John's School Diary Dates
September - December 2017

Key Dates and Reminders: The following are key dates for your diaries for terms 1 and 2. Parents will receive letters giving details of specific trips and events for your child's class in due course.

	Term 1 - 2017
October	
Friday 13th	School Council meeting
Monday 16th	5pm - Year 6, Botley Residential trip information evening
Thursday 19th	11.15am - YR 2018 Open Morning (2)
Friday 20th	AM - School photographs
	School closes at 3.15pm - end of Term 1
	Term 2 - 2017
Monday 30th	INSET Day (3)
November	
Tuesday 31st	School re-opens for Term 2 - 8.50am prompt
Monday 6th	3.30pm - 6.30pm - School Opening Evening (1)
Thursday 9th	3.30pm - 6.30pm - School Opening Evening (2)
Thursday 16th	Y6 Children In Need Fair pm
Friday 17th	Y6 Lifeskills visit (details to follow)
Tuesday 28th	YR 2018 Open Morning (3)
December	
Friday 1st	Keynsham Junior Schools Carol Service (St John's Church) 10.30am
Saturday 2nd	**12.00am – 2.00pm - PTA Christmas Fair**
Wednesday 6th	School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Friday 8th	Flu jabs for Reception, Years 1, 2 3 and 4.
Monday 11th	2.00pm - Infant Nativity performance 1
Tuesday 12th	9.30am Infant Nativity Performance 2
	2pm and 7pm - Junior Carol Service
Thursday 14th	10am - Christingle Service at St John's Church
	'Jack and the Beanstalk' pantomime 2pm-3pm
Friday 15th	Infant Christmas party
	School closes at 3.15pm - end of Term 2
January 2018	**Term 3 – 2018**
Tuesday 2nd	School re-opens for Term 3 - 8.50am prompt
Monday 8th	11.15am - YR 2018 Open Morning (4)
Wednesday 10th	PM - Y4 swimming starts