



Celebrate and learn together

Friday 20th September

Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of our new monthly newsletter. The newsletter will now be photocopied and put in book bags once a month as well as on the website. We hope that you will find it easier having all the information on one sheet of paper once a month.

The beginning of the school year has got off to a great start, to mark the start of the new year, the Year 3 children successfully led a very special start of year and bible service at St John's Church and all of the children have all settled in to their new classes well. A special welcome to Chloe & Kira who have joined our school this year and to our super Reception children. It is like they have already been here for a long time. Well done Reception!

A warm welcome to new staff

Mr Livingston, Miss Lewis, Miss Pilkington & Miss Bowers

Polite reminders

Please do not allow your children to ride bikes or scooters on the playgrounds at any time.

Please ensure that the children do not use the play equipment or grass after school.

Headteacher and Governor Coffee morning

We had a very successful coffee morning this morning, a big thank you to all the parents who were able to attend. Your contributions were very useful and valued. During the meeting we shared some key priorities for the coming year. Please find these outlined below:

1. Increase physical activity for the children by providing more large and small play equipment on the field and in the playgrounds
2. Nurture a love of reading by providing a new library at school
3. Further develop children's confidence
4. Increase opportunities to practice the schools values
5. Continue to improve the speed children learn to read
6. Introduce a new theme based curriculum with a greater focus on Science, The Arts and History and Geography. Introduce more school trips and visitors into school to enhance the learning.
7. Create a more positive learning environment in the shared areas of the school such as; the school hall and the entrance. During the meeting many parents signed up to help the teachers tidy up/paint/decorate these areas. Thank you! If you feel you can spare an hour or two to help please let Mrs Clark in the office know.

There will be a further coffee morning to review our new initiatives in March – look out for the date in the next newsletter!

Volunteers

A huge thank you to our volunteers who come into school to help with a variety of activities such as listening to readers, cooking and arts and crafts. If you would like to join our wonderful team of volunteers you would be most welcome. Please leave your details at the school office.

Music and Club Provision – Terms 1 and 2 2019-2020 (Years 2 – 6)

As in previous years, parents are reminded that payment for all clubs and music tuition must be made **before** the first lesson or coaching session. The school office will reallocate places to other children on our waiting lists if payment is not received before the first session. Thank you.

After School Clubs

Mondays	Multi Ball Sports	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 16/9/18 – 10 sessions)
Tuesdays	Y4-Y6 Girls netball	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 17/9/18 – 10 sessions)
Tuesdays	Gymnastics Infants	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 17/9/18 – 10 sessions)
Tuesdays	Spanish Club	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 17/9/18 – 10 sessions)
Wednesday	Yoga	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 18/9/18 – 10 sessions)
Wednesday	Football	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 18/9/18 – 10 sessions)
Thursday	Choir Y4-Y6	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 19/9/18 – 10 Sessions)
Thursdays	Gymnastics Juniors	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 19/9/18 – 10 sessions)
Fridays	Coding Club Y3-Y6	3.20pm – 4.20pm (Starts 20/9/18 – 10 sessions)
Fridays	Cricket	3.20pm – 4.20pm (starts 20/09/18 – 10 sessions)

Music Tuition

Mondays pm	Recorders	Starts 16/9/18 – 10 lessons (provided by Mrs Cannon)
Mondays am	Violin	Starts 16/9/18 – 10 lessons (provided by BANES Music Service)
Tuesday am	Flute	Starts 17/9/18 – 10 lessons (provided by BANES Music Service)

Free Violin Tuition

As in previous years, funding has been secured for all children in Year 3 to learn the viola this year. Tuition will be provided by Mrs Smith a BANES school strings teacher. The school will provide instruments and associated materials for the children.

Harvest Service for St John's School at Church

The clergy will lead a Harvest Service for our children at St John's Church on Tuesday 1st October 2019 (10.00a.m.). We would be grateful for any help you might be able to offer in terms of walking the children to the church. If you, or if a grandparent, would like to join us for the service and can help supervise the children in their walk to the church then please can you leave your name with Mrs Clark in the school office. You will need to be available between 9.30a.m. and 11.30a.m. Thank you.

PTA

Date for your diary Thursday 24th October 2019 - School Disco is back!!

PTA are arranging the first 'fun'draising event this year so come along and have some fun helping them raise money for the children and the school. Fancy dress welcome but optional. Disco will be from 5pm - 6pm for the for Infants and 6.30 - 7.30 for juniors on the last day of term. Look out for the posters with more information closer to the time.

Dates

You will find the dates for terms 1 & 2 on the back. This is currently a work in progress and will be updated with any new dates for the diary in the next newsletter. We are working on producing a whole year diary so that you have plenty of notice of upcoming events. Thank you for your patience while we are creating this.

You will notice that as we are currently redesigning a new theme based curriculum there isn't a curriculum event for parent's to attend this term. Once the curriculum has been finalised we will share the information with you. In the meantime the teachers would like to invite you to a 'New Class Information' afternoon. Each information afternoon will run in your child's classroom from 2.45-3.15. The class teacher will share with you the topic for this term as well as useful information regarding routines and year group expectations. Please find the dates for each meeting in the diary dates.

There is also a new open afternoon running from 2.45 pm to 3.15pm on Friday 18th October. The school will be open to all parents and carers to come and look around all the classrooms and shared areas to see some of the fantastic work that we do.

In the next edition of the newsletter we will share achievements from children in celebration assembly as well as some lovely photos as a taster of some of the great work the children have been up to this term.

StJohn's School Diary Dates

September 2019

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

	Term 1
September 2019	
Monday 2 nd	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3 rd	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4 th	School reopens Term 1
Monday 16 th	Afterschool club starts
Tuesday 17 th	Y3 Bible Presentation 10am St Johns Church
Thursday 19 th	Book Fair Starts (3.15pm in hall)
Wednesday 25 th	2020 YR Open Morning 11.15am
Monday 30 th	YR New Class Information Afternoon
October	
Tuesday 1 st	Harvest Service 10am St Johns Church (Y1-Y6) All parents invited Y1 New Class Information Afternoon
Wednesday 2 nd	Y2 New Class Information Afternoon
Thursday 3 rd	School Census Day 2020 YR Open Morning 11.15am Y3 New Class Information Afternoon
Friday 4 th	Y4P New Class Information Afternoon
Monday 7 th	Y4SJ New Class Information Afternoon
Tuesday 8 th	Y5 New Class Information Afternoon
Wednesday 9 th	YR Harvest Celebration 2.45pm (at school) YR parents invited Y6 New Class Information Afternoon
Monday 14 th	School Photographer
Friday 18 th	Open Afternoon 2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 24 th	PTA School Disco End of Term 1
Friday 25 th	INSET DAY
November	Term 2
Monday 4 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th	School reopens Term 2
Monday 11 th	PTA Bags2school
Thursday 14 th	2020 YR Open Morning 11.15am
Monday 18 th	Flu Nasal Spray AM (all children)
Tuesday 26 th	Y6 Lifeskills Bristol (9am-12.30pm)
December	
Friday 6 th	Junior Carol Concert St Johns Church
Wednesday 11 th	Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 17 th	Christingle St Johns Church 10am
Thursday 19 th	PANTO 1pm
Friday 20 th	End of term 2