September 2023

**Hello and welcome back!**

We hope you have all had a great summer holiday and its lovely to see the children back in school looking so smart in their uniforms. We particularly welcome our new reception children and any new children and staff who have joined us this September, We hope you are ready for an exciting year ahead!

**Keep in touch!**

At school, we use lots of different ways to keep you informed about what is going on. Make sure the office has an up to date mobile number for you so you can receive Parentapp messages. You can find out information via our facebook page, via the website ([www.stjohnsblackpool.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsblackpool.co.uk)). And Key stage1 and Reception also use Tapestry.

**PE Kit**

All children need a named PE kit in school. A PE kit is a white t-shirt, blue or black shorts and pumps. Please make sure your child’s kit is named and kept in school in an appropriate bag. PE takes place on the following days –

Reception – Wednesday and ***Friday***

Year 1 – Monday and **Thursday**

Year 2 – ***Tuesday*** and Friday

Year 3 – Thursday and ***Friday***

Year 4 – ***Wednesday***and Thursday

Year 5 – Swimming kit on Tuesday and PE ***Friday***

Year 6 – ***Wednesday*** and Friday

Outdoor PE is in bold. Children may bring trainers and black joggers on those days.

**School Values**

Last year, we spent a lot of time deciding on our school values and how we wanted to support each other in school. After consultations with staff, children, parents and governors we are ready to share them. Please see the back of this newsletter.

The Safeguarding team in school are Mrs Galloway, Mrs Taylor, Miss Johnston and Mr Giles. If you have any concerns please speak to one of them.

If you are worried about your child’s learning, our SENCO is Mr Corser and our Assistant SENCO is Miss Shorrock. Please speak to them if you are concerned.

**Autumn 1 Learning Questions**

Reception – What is different about Autumn?

Year 1 – What is special about our school and locality?

Year 2 – How does the work of Mary Anning teach us about dinosaurs?

Year 3 – What makes Lancashire unique?

Year 4 – What makes Lancashire attractive to tourist?

Year 5 – What did the Anglo Saxons believe and how did this change?

Year 6 – What was life like for children living in Victorian Britain?