



St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the start of a new academic year. As a school sincerely hope it will be a very smooth one and we can get on with the job of educating the children without any disruptions.

It was wonderful to see all of our children looking so smart in their uniforms on the first day back, thank you for your support with this - it does make a huge difference to how the children view themselves as belonging to St John's.

Extra- Curricular

Staff are currently busy organising a range of After school and lunchtime activities for the children, which we hope to begin within the next couple of weeks. Staff will be sending out details for their clubs, so please look out for those letters and sign your children up. If they want to do more than one club, then please let us know - we can arrange timetables across the year so they get those opportunities.

If we have any parents who'd be able to offer their talents to support activities, we'd love to hear from you.

Parental links

Mrs Cox and Mrs Dixon are also planning to re-introduce their Coffee morning sessions again - these were a successful way of working together to gather ideas from parents and also to update parents on school approaches to the curriculum.

We are also aiming to get an active PTA running again, this is crucial for raising funds. School budgets are increasingly tight and we do need to look at ways of generating extra income so we can provide even more for our children - look out for an exciting new addition to our school, funded by our PTA.

As a parent/carer you are automatically a member of the PTA, it is not an exclusive club. Please either come along to the first meeting or if you can't make it, sign up as a PTA supporter - the more support we have, the more the workload is shared and the more we can offer the children.



Our first PTA meeting this term is: **Tuesday 21st September 6.30pm in School Hall**

Some polite reminders:

School dinners-Please ensure if you are changing from dinners to packed lunches that you speak to Mrs Small. Meals are ordered in advance and have to be paid for - if you have not let us know, we may have to re-coup the cost from you. A quick phone call will avoid this happening.

Nut Free-We have been a nut free school for several years now as we have members of our school who have serious allergies. Please check that items in packed lunches/snacks do not have any type of nut listed as an ingredient. It is these items that could cause a problem.

Jewellery- Children should not wear jewellery of any description for school, apart from a simple watch if desired. Any children with earing that cannot yet be removed must have them covered for school and once healed, removed. This is for Health and Safety reasons.

Make up - Children should not be wearing make-up/nail varnish for school.

Home time- We have re-opened the school yard for home time collection. Could we please request that adults collecting do not stand too close to the exit gate (Reception) or door (KS2) - there are 4 classes coming out of this exit and we need space for the children to stand safely whilst staff hand them over.

Please remain behind the white playground markings and staff will send your child/ren to you.

Covid- Unfortunately there are still a large number of cases being reported in the Stockton area. If your child has any potential symptoms, please have a test done before sending them into school. If anyone in your household tests positive, the children should remain at home in isolation too. We remain vigilant in school and children are washing/sanitising their hands regularly.

Class dojo-Please sign up for this as it is a really effective way of keeping in touch with your child's teacher. Staff can also send messages directly too. If you have any concerns, please contact staff immediately as most things can be very quickly resolved.

Your sincerely,



Mrs J Rea
Headteacher

