



# St. John's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 1 Friday 10th September 2021

**Our Mission Statement:** "Through Jesus Christ, all our children learn to love and love to learn. The family of St. John's love learning and are life-long learners. Through Jesus Christ everyone knows how to show love to others and God, remembering kindness comes first.

### WELCOME BACK!

We are all delighted to welcome you all back to school this week. The children have settled in very quickly and have shown a great attitude towards their new learning already. A special welcome to our new pupils who started in St Therese. We also extend a warm welcome to all our new children and their families who have joined St John's this year.

A big thank you from me, to all the parents and grandparents who have said 'hello,' and introduced themselves and wished me good luck on my first week. St John's is a very warm and welcoming school and I could not be prouder to be the Headteacher.



**On Wednesday 22nd September parents and carers are warmly invited to come into school between 2.00-2.50 to visit their child's new classroom/s. This will be an informal opportunity to meet the teachers and have a look at the classroom environment. The teachers will have a short presentation displayed on their interactive boards to tell you some key information that will help the year get off to a smooth start. The teachers will also have a hand-out for you to take away with some reminders and top tips for the year. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school.**

### UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform at the beginning of term.

A reminder that:

- Socks should be plain grey or white
- Hair that is longer than shoulder length should be tied back
- Earrings must only be gold or silver small studs please
- Children should bring a coat with them every day in case the weather turns.

Please do ensure that **all** items of clothing and equipment are clearly and permanently labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier to reunite lost items with their owners!

Children are permitted to wear their Summer uniform up to the October half term holiday, weather permitting!

A reminder that children are not allowed to wear jewellery, nail varnish, transfers/tattoos or hair gel.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are excited to be able to offer after school clubs again. We will be sending more information about what is on offer next week with most clubs scheduled to commence the week beginning 20th September.

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to hear children read in school. If this is something that is of interest to you or you would like further information, please fill in the web form attached to show your interested and the class teachers will get back to you. Please note that all volunteers will need to acquire DBS clearance and do an LFT test before they come in. Please complete the form under the forms and documents tile if you are interested in volunteering.



**SAVE THE DATE:  
MACMILLAN CANCER CARE  
COFFEE MORNING**

We will be holding a coffee morning to support this cause on the morning of **Friday 24th September 2021 (9.00-10.00am)**



Do drop in for coffee, cake and a chat! I would love to meet as many parents as possible. If you would like to donate a cake or biscuits for this event, please fill in the web form attached using this link.

<https://stjohnshorsham.schoolzineplus.co.uk/form/312>

**COVID PRECAUTIONS**

In order to mitigate against the risk of Covid19, we are keeping the school well ventilated, washing hands regularly and using hand gels, wiping down tables and high use touch points regularly and reminding children to 'catch it, bin it, kill it. Please can I ask, that if your child shows any of the 3 official Covid19 symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough or
- a loss of taste or smell or a change in them



you take it seriously and order a PCR test for them.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please do not send children with these symptoms into school. This will help us to keep children and staff safe as we navigate this tricky period of time.

**NUT FREE SCHOOL**

We have a number of children in school who have allergies to wheat, gluten, dairy, eggs, almonds, hazelnuts, peanuts and a variety of fruits. We ask that children not to share food when in school.

As some of our children are severely allergic to nuts we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please be mindful of this when preparing any lunchboxes. If children have peanut butter for breakfast can we ask that you wipe their faces before coming into school.

If your child has any allergies please do ensure that you have told school about it.

**ABSENCE REPORTING**

If your child is unable to attend school, please ensure that you inform the school office as early as possible on the first morning that they are away. The best way to do this is to ring school and leave a message on the absence line or email: [office@stjohnshorsham.school](mailto:office@stjohnshorsham.school)

**HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME**

Please find below a reminder of the term dates for this year. **Please remember that term time holiday is not permitted.**

**KEY DATES 2021/22**

22.09.21– Open classroom, meet the teacher  
24.09.21- Macmillan coffee morning  
30.09.21– Individual school photos  
6.10.21- Harvest festival  
13.10.21– Mrs Farr induction Mass (all parents and children most welcome)  
19.10.21– Parents evening 3.30-6.30  
21.10.21– Parents evening 4.00-7.00

With any of the above dates we will send reminders and more information closer to relevant dates.



**KUMUSTA!**

This half-term our focus language is Tagalog, from the Philippines, as we have many Tagalog speakers in our school. Our children will all be learning a few words of Tagalog in class, and a little about the Philippine culture. If any children from the Philippines would like to bring in any flags, souvenirs, traditional clothes, photos etc to show in class, please email the office or tell Mrs Curtis. We would love to learn more about the language and culture of the Philippines! Thank you. Mrs Curtis

## MEET THE NEW STAFF



**Miss Miles**

St Therese Class Teacher



**Mr Higginson**

St Genevieve Class Teacher



**Miss Marett**

St Nicholas Class Teacher



**Mrs Lepsza- Grochulska ( Mrs LG)**

St Francis Learning Assistant



**Mrs Weeks**

St Ava Learning Assistant



**Mrs Muller**

School Business Manager



**Mrs Farr**

Headteacher



I am sure you will join me in welcoming all our new member of staff to St John's. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful staff.

Please remember we are always here if you need to tell us anything about your children or if you have any concerns you wish to share.

As parents and carers you are the children's primary educators and we very much want to work you to ensure the very best for the children.

### GOLDEN CERTIFICATES

Year one - Amber for having a smile on her face everyday & Dominik for settling in so well.

Year two - Cuba for being incredibly polite & helpful & Otilia for reading her favourite book in front of the whole class.

Year three - Henry for making good choices & Nancy for settling in so well.

Year four - Rainer for being a conscientious learner!

Year five - Louisa settling in so well & Mia for her kindness and consideration.

Year six - Jamela for her diligence & focus and Andre for his outstanding attitude.

Well done to all these children.

Taken from the Gospel for 12th September 2021 (Mark 8:27-35): Peter's Declaration of Faith and Jesus' Reply Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, "Who do people say I am?" And they told him. "John the Baptist;" they said, "others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets." "But you," he asked, "who do you say I am?" Peter spoke up and said to him, "You are the Christ." And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, "Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's." He called the people and his disciples to him and said, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."