

St. John's CE Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



Autumn term – Issue 2

17.09.21

Message from Mrs Leggett

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome our new Nursery children this week. The Nursery team are very proud of how well they are settling. I look forward to watching them grow over the next year.

This week you will have received a letter explaining that some children are eligible for extra funding called Pupil Premium, this is spent directly on improving their education and well-being. This funding needs to be applied for. Thank you to all the families who have completed the application online or returned the form directly to school. We would really appreciate it if you could complete the online application or return the fully completed form to us by Monday 20th September 2020. The eligibility criteria is outlined on the Hertfordshire County Council Website and the link to complete the application form via the www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals link. Alternatively please return the forms to school.

I have seen some very smart children this week in the correct uniform however, we are still seeing some children come to school in trainers on their non PE days, and wearing the incorrect PE kit. School uniform plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging. Please let us know if you need support in providing the correct uniform.

There was a ripple of excitement this week when I introduced our new whole Trust learning project to Years 1 & 2. I look forward to seeing what the children produce.

Have a lovely weekend

School Value

This half term our school value is Friendship



Friendship

The only way to have a friend
is to be one.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

★ Stars of the Week ★

Beech	Callum & Leo
Sycamore	Nevaeh & Alaana
Maple	Grace & Otto
Lilac	Mateo & Ralphie
Willow	Luke S-C & Tippi
Magnolia	Max & Dolcie-Ann

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you!

Attendance this week

Sycamore	95.4%
Beech	96.7%
Lilac	98.6%
Maple	93.2%
Magnolia	90.4%
Willow	100%

Updating our records

Please let the school office know if you have changed any of your contact details over the summer holiday.

Do we have your current telephone number, address, emergency contact number?

Please briefly inform the class teacher or assistant if someone different is collecting your child after school, otherwise please telephone the office.

Meet Our Governors

Here at St John's we have, like all schools, a Board of Governors. There are eight of us from outside the school (and three from within) and we are volunteers drawn from the local community who have a wide range of backgrounds and skills which we bring to the running and development of the school.

Over the next few weeks we hope to introduce (or re-introduce) ourselves so that you can put faces to names. We're going to start with a name and face which will be very familiar to many of you - Nicola Mullett.

My connection to St. John's goes back 12 years when my eldest daughter joined Nursery with Miss Cook. My children are now all at secondary school but I'm staying put! Since I started as a parent governor in 2014 my proudest achievement (shared with the incredible leadership team here) has been to join St. John's with Fair Field in the Poppy Academy Trust. In my working life I'm a company director at a Media Technology and Events business where I head up strategic planning and finance. At home my family, friends, cats, fish and new chickens keep me busy.



We would like to thank Nicola so much for all that she has done over her time as a Governor at St John's and particularly as Chair of Governors when she worked so hard to establish the Poppy Academy Trust. We are delighted that she remains as Vice Chair of the Governors' Board at St John's as well as Vice Chair of Trustees at the Poppy Academy. Her expertise, knowledge, calmness, and sense of fun are hugely appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS

We really appreciate any time you can spare, whether it's to listen to children read, mount work for display, accompany trips, man the library or anything else you feel you would like to contribute to the children's learning experience. All volunteers will require a DBS check
If you would like to volunteer, please speak to Mrs Leggett and let her know your interests

National Fitness day

Wednesday 22 September is National Fitness Day. The aim of the day is to encourage the nation to celebrate the fun of fitness and physical activity across the UK.

The theme this year is 'Fitness Unites Us'

We will be taking part in a whole trust fitness session on Wednesday morning which will be run by Coach Matt from Fair Field. All the children need come to school in PE kit on that day.



Bake sale

Don't forget to get baking this weekend or pick up some cakes to bring into school on Monday for our bake sale. The sale will take place in the playground after school.

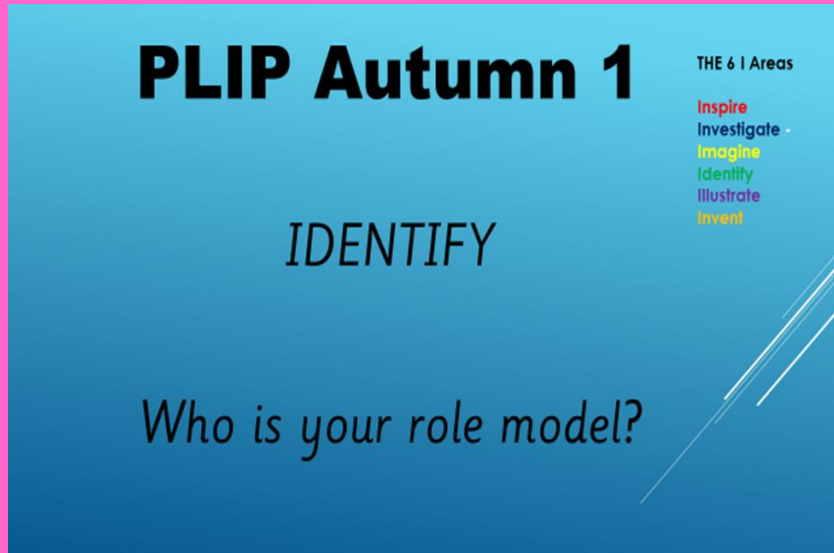
The money we raise will support the charity Sebby's Corner who support refugee families in our local area.

They provide welcome packs. An adult pack cost is £12 and contains items such as: deodorant, soap, razors, toothpaste and toothbrushes. A child's pack cost is £20 and contains items such as: body wash, sponge, bubble bath, underwear, water bottles, pencils, toys and books.

Please ensure there are **no nuts** in any of the cakes due to allergies we have within our school community. If you are unable to make the bake sale but would still like to contribute, you can make a donation via school Gateway.

Introducing our Poppy Learning I Project

Today you will have received a letter telling you all about our new addition to the children's learning. We hope that the projects will spark the children's creativity and allow them the opportunity to learn and present in their preferred way. The first project is due on 21st October. We look forward to sharing some of the PLIPs with you in the newsletter.



Cow book



Our Cow book celebrates extra special work achieved in school.

Well done to all these children for their fantastic work this week.

Sara - Lilac

Uniform Reminders

- Hair bows and bands should be grey, white or blue and bows should be no bigger than 5cms.
- Patterns are not permitted to be shaved into short hair.
- Children should not wear nail polish for school.
- PE Kit should be navy track suit bottoms, black shorts and a plain white t shirt.
- Earrings should only be plain studs.
- School shoes (NOT trainers) are to be worn on days when your child is not doing PE.



Contact with the school

If you need to contact either Mrs Leggett or Mrs Aharon please do it via admin@stjohnsradlett.herts.sch.uk. The school admin address is checked daily and we will try to get back to you if a response is needed within 24 hours.

If you would like to speak with your child's class teacher please make an appointment at the end of the day as they will have more to speak with you.

Conversation starters

Here are a few ideas of conversation starters that you can use to talk with your child about their week at school.

*Who is your role model?
If you could be anywhere right now where would you be?
What's your favourite game to play?*



PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Please join us for the
PFA AGM
(Annual General Meeting)

Wed 29th Sept
at 8pm
(via Zoom - link TBC)

Everyone is welcome!

It's a great opportunity to find out how we did last year and what you can do to help raise funds to support and enhance our childrens' learning environment!

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email:

stjohnspfa@gmail.com



Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
20.09.21	Bake Sale	All
22.09.21	National Fitness Day – Whole trust exercise session	All
29.09.21	PFA meeting via Zoom	All
05.10.21	Harvest Festival	All
20.10.21	Parents Evening	All
21.10.21		
25.10.21	Half Term	All
03.11.21	Individual School Photos	All
22.11.21	Friendship Week	All
03.12.21	Occasional Day (school closed)	All
10.12.21	Reception Nativity (9:30 & 1:45)	Reception
16.12.21	Panto	Reception, 1 & 2
21.12.21	Last day of term	All