

St. John's CE Infant and Nursery School Newsletter



Autumn term – Issue 3

24.09.21

Message from Mrs Leggett

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been full of excitement and activity. The week began with lots of excited Year 1 children telling me about a spaceship landing in the playground, which explained the strange bits I had found that morning when walking in the playground before school.

The excitement continued with our charity bake sale to raise money for support packs for local refugees. Thank you to our volunteers who helped run the event and to the families who provided and bought cakes.

On Wednesday Coach Matt put us all through our paces in a high energy workout which was fun but tiring. We hope the children were inspired to become more active and healthier. Next week's Bike Breakfast will be a great opportunity to be active. I hope lots of you will be able to join in the fun.

Thank you to all the families who have completed the Pupil Premium funding application online or returned the form directly to school. If you have not yet completed the form you still have time. The eligibility criteria is outlined on the Hertfordshire County Council Website and the link to complete the application form is via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals link. Alternatively, please return the forms to school by Monday 27th September.

Next Wednesday evening is our virtual PFA AGM. I hope lots of you will join us and find out about the great work our PFA has done for the school and how you can support us by joining.

Have a restful weekend

School Value

This half term our school value is Friendship



Friendship

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

★ Stars of the Week ★

Acorns	Liana & Calvin
Beech	Nancy B & Owen B
Sycamore	Caitlin & Ryley
Maple	Leo & Ilyana
Lilac	Sara & Penelope
Willow	Rebecca & Subhadra
Magnolia	Louie & Olivia S

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you!

Attendance this week

Sycamore	96.1
Beech	95.6
Lilac	94.6
Maple	93.5
Magnolia	95.6
Willow	97.1

Updating our records

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

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

Biddie O'Connor

Last week we reintroduced the out-going Chair of Governors, Nicola Mullett (who will remain as Vice Chair) and this week we want to introduce our new Chair of Governors, Biddie O'Connor.

I live in St Albans and am now retired from a career in education which has spanned forty years and included two headships. I joined the Governing Body of St John's in 2018 and have worked on the Development and Personnel Committees. I have recently been appointed as a Trustee of the Poppy Academy. I always find all the staff and pupils at St John's so welcoming and friendly; it is a privilege to work with them. As well as enjoying governorship I am relishing having more time to spend on cooking, gardening, reading, art (of all sorts), walking and seeing family and friends.



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

On Wednesday Coach Matt put the children and staff through their paces with an energetic work out. The children were smiling, huffing and puffing.

The aim of the day was to raise awareness of its importance of being active in helping us lead a healthier lifestyle.



Money raised for Sebby's Charity

A huge thank you to everyone at St John's and Fair Field who together have raised **£558** for Sebby's Charity. The money raised will help buy packs of essentials for the refugee families who are in our local area.

Poppy Learning I Project

The first project is due on 21st October. We look forward to sharing some of the PLIPs with you in the newsletter.



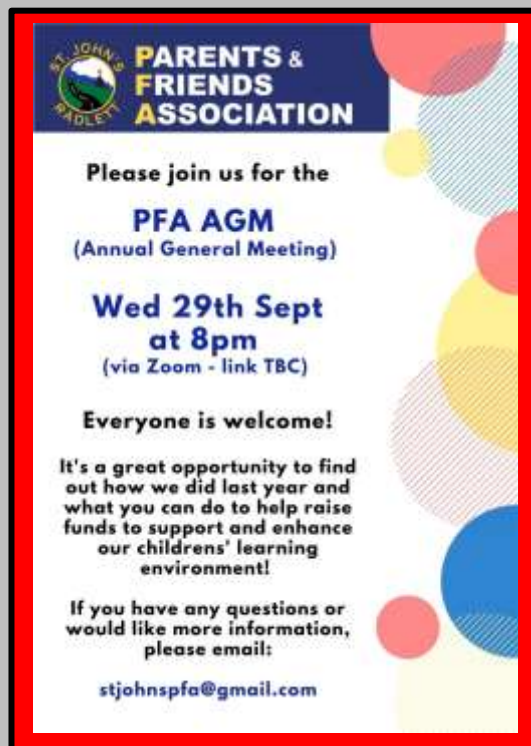
PLIP Autumn 1

THE 4 Areas

- Inspire
- Investigate
- Imagine
- Identify
- Illustrate
- Invent

IDENTIFY

Who is your role model?



ST. JOHN'S RADLETT 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



Cow book

Our Cow book celebrates extra special work achieved in school.

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

Ayse – Magnolia Class

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.

Bike Breakfast

Next week we are participating in Bike to School Week. On Thursday 30th September, we will be hosting a Bike Breakfast at 8:30am. You will have received a letter today which gives you full details of the event.

- Ride or scoot to school,
- Arrive through the side entrance,
- Breakfast of fruit, croissants, and juices will be provided in the playground,
- Breakfast will start at 8.30am and will run until the beginning of the school day,
- Parents/carers must stay with their children until they are in their classrooms,
- Helmets must be worn with bikes – please ensure they are labelled
- Bikes and scooters can be left at school for the day at a designated area for each year group.

Please note that breakfast is provided for free.



Conversation starters

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

*How can we keep ourselves healthy?
If you could have one magic power what would it be?*



Spaceship landing in the playground

Year One have been investigating an amazing incident!!!! Mrs Thompson and Miss Field showed them some CCTV footage of a spaceship landing on our playground!!! They then went outside to investigate and found space dust, space rocks, tiles from the spaceship and lots of other strange and interesting things!!! They also found a present, a book from Beegu (we think!). They can't wait to investigate more and find out what happened.



Diary Dates

New dates are indicated in red

Date	Event	Year Group
29.09.21	PFA meeting via Zoom	All
30.09.21	Bike Breakfast	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