



St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

January 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I do hope that you have all had a restful break over the Christmas period. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to see their enthusiasm for their work and kindness to their friends. So many of our children have made new year's resolutions that are focused on making the world a better place and letting the light of Jesus shine from them.

The staff and I have spoken to some children and parents regarding uniform this week. **Please can all children be in full, correct uniform for Monday. This does include school footwear.** All children must wear black school shoes, trainers are not allowed and are only to be used for PE lessons.

This week we welcome two new members of staff to St. John's, Mrs Wain and Mrs Gwilt. Mrs Wain will be working in our EYFS, supporting our Nursery children alongside Mrs Else and Mrs Holroyd. Mrs Gwilt will be working in our Year 1 class supporting the children in their learning alongside Mrs Meakin and Mrs Niewiadomski. I know you will join me in welcoming them to St. John's and I know they are looking forward to getting to know all of our children and parents.

It has been wonderful to have welcomed a number of new Nursery children this week. They have all had an excellent first week in school and have settled in exceptionally well into our Nursery class. We are very excited with how our EYFS classes have grown again! If you wish for a place in our Reception Class for September, if your child's fifth birthday is between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025, please do this directly with the local authority.

https://ems.staffordshire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal/en?_gl=1*u5vly9*_ga*NzM2Mjc5NjQ0LjE2ODk1NDE2NDQ.*_ga_L5SP43WS7L*MTcwNDkyMjE5Ni40LjEuMTcwNDkyMjE5My4wLjAuMA The closing date for this is this **Monday 15th January 2024**. Applications for a place in our school Nursery are made directly through the school.

We have our parents evening sessions next week. Please make an appointment via School Cloud. Please see the letter that has been sent out this week for all information.

Once again, I would like to welcome you back and look forward to working with you over the coming year. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Rigby

Principal

Over the Christmas holidays we heard the sad news that Father Julian's mum, Jean, passed away at the age of 95 on New Year's Day.

We pray for the repose of her soul, and also pray for Father Julian and the rest of the family at this time of loss.

Father Julian has shared the details of the funeral in the Parish Bulletin and has asked Parishioners from all of his Parishes to come to the Funeral Mass if possible, to support him, and to make it a wonderful Catholic farewell. The Requiem Mass will be at the church of Our Lady & St Werburgh, Clayton, Jean's parish church, on Friday 19th January at 11.30am.

Eternal rest,
grant unto her

O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine
upon her.

May she rest
in peace.

Amen.

Diary Dates

January

- 9th—Pupils return to school
- 11th—Young Voices
- 12th—Celebration Assembly
- 16th & 17th—Parents Evening
- 17th—Y5/Y6 Athletics Competition
- 19th—Celebration Assembly
- 22nd—Year 6 SATS Information Sessions - Y6 Classroom (Face to Face 3.30pm) (Virtual 5.00pm)
- 23rd—Year 2 SATS Information Sessions—Y2 Classroom (Face to Face 3.30pm) (Virtual 5.00pm)
- 24th—EYFS Teddy Bear Hospital onsite
- 26th - Celebration Assembly
- 29th—Year 1 Phonics Information Sessions—Year 1 Classroom (Face to Face 3.30pm) (Virtual 5.00pm)
- 30th—Year 4 Multiplications Times Table Check Information session for Parents in Year 6 Classroom (Face to Face 3.30pm) (Virtual 5.00pm)

February

- 1st – Year 4 Survival School (all day)
- 8th – Year 6 Survival School (all day)
- 9th—Last day of school
- 9th—Celebration Assembly
- 19th—School open for pupils and staff
- 23rd—Phonics Information Session for Parents 9.00 and 2.00pm—School Hall
- 26th—KS2 Maths Information Session for Parents 9.00am and 2.00pm School Hall
- 28th—First Reconciliation Service 6pm, St Josephs Church, Goldenhill

March

- 1st—Celebration Assembly
- 4th—EYFS and KS1 Maths Information Session for Parents 9.00am and 2.00pm School Hall
- 6th—Recorder Festival
- 8th—Celebration Assembly
- 11th—Confirmation Service 6pm, St Josephs Church, Goldenhill
- 15th—Celebration Assembly
- 20th Dance 24 at the Victoria Hall
- 22nd—Celebration Assembly

Y1/Y2 Survival School 11th January - 25th January

Y4 Survival School – 1st February

Year 6 Survival School – 8th February

PE kits need to be brought into school every Monday and left in lockers for the week, full uniform to be worn everyday. Please ensure your child has the correct Uniform and PE kit.

Thank you.



Last day of school

Monday 19th February

School opens to all

Friday 22nd March

Last day of school

Monday 8th April

School opens to all

Monday 6th May

May Day – School closed

Friday 24th May

Last day of school

Monday 3rd June

School opens to all

Friday 19th July

Last day of School

Monday 2nd September

INSET – School closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd September

INSET – School closed to pupils

Wednesday 4th September

School open to pupils

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Announcements

December Attendance

Nursery	98.42%
Reception	98.00%
Year 1	93.46%
Year 2	96.90%
Year 3	98.13%
Year 4	93.40%
Year 5	98.57%
Year 6	91.07%

Well done Year 5 !

CARECLUB

Please ensure you book your Child/ren's place in advance on Scopay, we have limited places and can't guarantee a space if you don't book in.

Bookings have to be made on Scopay 48 Hours in advance.

Emergency Bookings via the Office.
01782 367267



Special School Dinner

On Thursday 18th January 2024 there will be a special menu, please see details below.

American Diner Menu

Hot Dogs or Veggie Hot Dogs
Beef/Cheese Burger or Veggie Burger
Nacho Mac 'n' Cheese Bake

French Fries
Sweetcorn, Beans or Coleslaw

Desserts
American Chocolate Filled Doughnut
Fruit or yoghurt

Please ensure there is money on your child's Scopay account if they require a meal.

Thank you.

IMPORTANT

Please notify the relevant office if your address/telephone/email has changed.

ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST TELEPHONE SCHOOL ON 01782 367267 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE. BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.

While the weather is colder please ensure that all children have suitable clothing for outdoor play at break/lunch time eg coats, hats and gloves.



Well done

to our Young Voices choir who represented St John's and performed last night at the Resorts World Arena, Birmingham. They had an amazing time!!

Please be mindful of other road users, local residents and the safety of our children when parking around school. Please do not block residents driveways or park on the zig zag lines.

Thank you for your cooperation .



**Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME**

Reminders to Parents

◆ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at Supersport, Tunstall (including Ties and book bags).

◆ **School Dinners -**

Price per meal **£2.40** for Nursery.

Price per meal **£3.10** for years 3/4/5 & 6.

◆ **Breakfast Club - Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Mrs Meadowcroft**

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Scopay.

Breakfast Club per child; from 7.30am £5.00 or £20 for the whole week—**Children must be in by 8.30am**

Drop off at 8.30am cost £1.00 (Bookable via office@stjohnskidsgrove.org.uk)

◆ **After school care club—Mon-Fri 3pm-5.45pm –Snack included. Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Mrs Bennett**

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Scopay.

Care Club per child:

from 3.00pm to 4.30pm £5.00

from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50

St Margaret Ward Siblings can be dropped off from 8.10am and picked up by 3.40pm no charge.

Before or after this time charges above apply.

◆ We are a cashless school—all bookings and payments are to be made in advance via your child's Scopay account.

Late Arrivals / Early Leaving - please bring/collect your child to/from the school office. It is important that your child attends school regularly and on time in order to ensure good academic achievement. Please ensure that where possible, medical appointments are arranged outside

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money, careclub and afterschool clubs are payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Scopay account.

School Hours: EYFS/KS1 Doors open at 8.35am need to be in by 8.40am

Nursery doors open 3.00pm Reception & KS1 Collection at 3.10pm

KS2 Doors open at 8.45am need to be in by 8.50am. Collection at 3.20pm

Office Opening Hours Monday - Thursday 08.00-16.00 Friday 08.00 - 15.30



Please note Dogs should not be brought onto school premises