

# The Early Bird

Issue 10 Friday 9th February 2024



Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7

From the Headteacher.....

Dear parents and Cares,

We are very proud of our Year 6 children who took on the many challenges during their residential visit to Standon Bowers. Many of our children summed up the spirit of St. John's and took a step out of their comfort zone and drew on the school values of Dedication, Courage and Joy. We are also very grateful to the team who managed to make this happen for the children. Some of the team are still recovering!

Internet Safety week has been very informative for our parents and children. If you do need any support with internet safety then do not hesitate to ask.

Another productive parents evening this week. We are very grateful for the number of families who contributed to this, especially after a very busy day or just before the start of a night shift. We are proud of what our families and the outcomes we all want for our children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

May I wish you all a very restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all again nice and early on Monday 19th February.

Mrs SM Bowyer Headteacher

Father, please pour out Your blessings upon our whole school community so that everyone grows in the knowledge of Your truth, love, wisdom and peace. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**

## **Dates for you Diary**

**Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February**—Half term

**Monday 19th February**—school open to staff & pupils

**Thursday 7th March - World Book Day.** We will *not* be dressing up this year but parents or carers will have an opportunity to join school at 2.30pm to share a book with their child. Bring a rug to snuggle up with a book.

**Monday 11th March 10.30am**—Miss Miah and Year 4 class lead worship—5 Pillars of Islam. Class parents and carers welcome to attend.

**Friday 22nd March 9.15am** - Nursery and Reception classes lead worship with Miss Cruyton, Mrs Hawkes and Miss

Holland and the EYFS team. Class parents and carers are welcome to attend.

**Friday 22nd March** - Last day. School closes at 3pm

**Monday 25th March to Friday 5th April**—Easter Holiday

**Monday 8th April**—school Open to staff & pupils







*Children in Year 6 have recently visited Standon Bowers for their residential. The children all had a great time taking part in a huge variety of activities and made the St. John's team very proud to be there with them!*

*Well done Year 6!*





## **We are recruiting...**

We are currently recruiting for 3 positions in school:

### **School Office:**

We are seeking to appoint a committed and highly focused individual, who will play a key role in our school office, supporting our ethos to ensure families, visitors and children are welcomed at St. John's.

35 hours per week Monday – Friday 8.00am to 3.30pm

Standard Term time is 39.2 working weeks (38 weeks plus 6 inset days)

**39.2 working weeks (term time only) Actual Salary £19,125 - £20,559**

**Closing Date—20th February 2024**

### **Teaching and Learning Assistants**

#### **1 Permanent and 1 Temporary**

We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic and experienced Teaching and Learning Assistants to start as soon as possible. One post will be permanent and the other will be to cover a maternity leave, but with the view to extend this post if the budget allows us into the next academic year.

32.5 hours per week Monday – Friday (6.5 hours per day)

**39.2 working weeks (term time only) Actual Salary £17,759- £18,665**

**Closing Date—21st February 2024**

**Full details are available on  
[www.wmjobs.co.uk](http://www.wmjobs.co.uk)  
or speak to the school office.**





## Cloakrooms

As you will be aware our cloakroom space is limited. Children need to bring the following items with them each day:

- Coat
- Book Bag with reading book/homework
- Water bottle
- Lunchbox (if they have a packed lunch)

The cloakrooms are designed for the storage of coats during the school day, with other items such as bookbags and water bottles taken through to class. Large backpacks cannot be accommodated as they make it difficult for the children to access their coats from the pegs.

Please help us by not sending your child to school with large backpacks.







We are excited to be able to offer our first Junior Police Cadets Program beginning after half term in conjunction with Staffordshire Police. This program will initially be offered to a small group of Year 5 and 6 children. We hope to be able to offer this opportunity to more of our pupils in the future.

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## Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2023 took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2023, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Inspiring change?**

**Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online**'. All of our classes have completed work on online safety this week in addition to the normal online safety curriculum. We were also really pleased to see so many of our parents sign up for the free online safety training that took place on Thursday - we hope that you found it useful!

You will find links to parent guides to online safety on the next page of the newsletter as well as our school online safety tips.

## Parent Guides to Online Safety



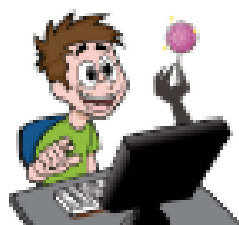
A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



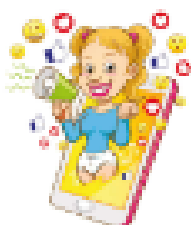
A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



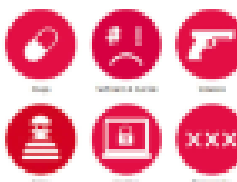
A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



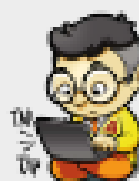
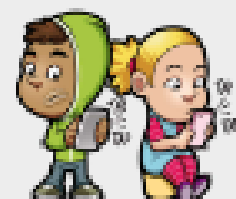
A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: [info@skipssafety.com](mailto:info@skipssafety.com) Tel: +44 121 227 1941

**Skips**

[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

Developed in partnership with





## Online Safety Tips



Don't share personal information.



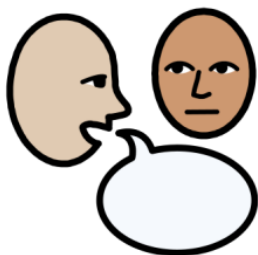
Do not meet up with online strangers.



Do not accept message requests from people you don't know.



Don't believe everything you see or read online.



Tell an adult if you feel upset or scared by something online.



### Polite Reminder

Can we please remind parent/carers that if your child is absent from school you call 01782 238889, choose option 1 and leave a message. We ask that you do not email, phone to speak to the office staff or come to the office window. Sometimes these messages do not get to the relevant person in time.

You need to leave a clear message with your child's name, class and the reason for their absence before 9am.

Children can come into school if they have a cold, slight temperature or headache. If you give them calpol before they come, we can keep an eye on them. If we feel they are ill we will phone for you to come and collect them.

If we do not hear from you our safeguarding team will come and do a door knock.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**





# ACL

Adult and Community Learning courses

#GetStokeLearning

Ages  
19+

## Introduction to Children and Young People's Mental Health

Are you interested in increasing your knowledge of children's mental health?

Mental health is a growing concern, especially with children and young people. Recognising signs and symptoms of this early can help a child. (Young Minds 2020)

We'd like you to join us for an overview of what signs and symptoms to look for, how to support a child and sources of information to help a child.

**If you would like a place on this course please speak**

**to the office or Mrs Keay**

**21/02/2024 to 20/03/2024**

**Wednesday's at 9:00 - 11:30**

**No children to attend the sessions -  
including babies and toddlers.**

**Please ensure you are available to attend each session.**

**Please bring proof of residency if not a British citizen.**



Venue—Oakhill Primary School. To book a place please contact the school office 01782 235238 and leave your details. We would love you to join us



**Please contact Oakhill Primary school directly if you  
would like a place on this course.**





time4sport

# FEBRUARY HALF TERM KIDS' CAMPS



## DATES:

Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb

See each camp for venue-specific dates



## TIMES:

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

With wraparound til 5.30pm available at some venues



## VENUES

Ellison Primary Academy, ST5 0BL

Manor Hill First School, ST15 0HY

Priory CE Academy, ST4 8EX

Seabridge Primary School, ST5 3PJ

Springcroft Primary School, ST11 9JS

The Willows Primary School, ST4 7JY

Stay healthy



Make new friends!



Learn new skills



Have FUN!

TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[www.time4sportuk.com](http://www.time4sportuk.com)

01782 409 677



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