

# The Early Bird

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**'I have come in order that you might have life - Life in all its fullness.' John 10:10**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another half term completed with the best children around! They have once again made us proud as we had another external visit from our *Voice 21* leader last week. They reported that they could see that our children are confident speakers. *Voice 21* is an oracy framework that has been developed through research with Cambridge University. At St. John's we believe oracy is a springboard to the rest of the curriculum, so the work that Miss Cruyton and Miss Miah are leading on is very much valued and is making a positive impact for our children.

We know there are lots of little winter bugs around, and we understand that children need to take time at home whilst they recover. We just ask that your child returns to school as quickly as possible. Next half term we will also have a focus on the start of the day as a late mark can impact on your child attendance.

This half term we say goodbye to Mr Harris as he moves on to work online tutoring and Mr Rodrigues has moved back to Goa to continue his career. They have both been a great support to the St. John's community and we wish them well in their new roles ahead.

Enjoy half term and we will see you all on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February when gates open at 8.30am.

Mrs SM Bowyer Headteacher

## FEBRUARY

**Monday 16th to Friday 20th -Half term**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>—school opens**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Y3-6 Cross Country (Race 1 - Invite only) @ St Teresa's**



## MARCH

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>—Y3-6 Cross Country (Race 2 invite only) at Trentham Academy**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>—World Book Day (more information to follow)**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>—Y4-6 Let Girls Play Football Festival at The Willows Primary (open to all—get a letter from Mr Buckley**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>—Y3-6 Cross Country (Race 3 invite only) at St. Joseph's Rugby pitches next to SCFC training ground**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>—Well being coffee morning**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>—Y5-6 Boys football tournament (invite only) at Discovery Academy**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>— 2pm EYFS Mother's Day Afternoon Tea**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>—Spirituality Day (more information to follow)**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>—9am EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade—Parents welcome**

## April

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April—Easter holiday**

Prayer

Thank You, God, for time to rest and reset.

Keep us safe and happy this half-term.

Help us to return refreshed and ready to learn. Amen



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**

## Keele University Visit

UKS2 have welcomed Keele University Pharmacy students in to deliver a workshop to each class, which is all about the importance of how we use antibiotics and the guidelines around them, especially antibiotics resistance.



## Reminders

- ◆ The morning gate opens at 8:30 am and closes at 8:40 am. Any child arriving after the gate has closed will receive a late mark. Lessons start as soon as the children are in school.
- ◆ The afternoon gate will open at 3:09 pm and close at 3:15 pm. Parents and carers are asked to continue using the one-way system and not to use the exit gate around the school. *As the school day ends at 3:10 pm, please ensure you arrive on time or notify the school if you anticipate being late.*
- ◆ All absences must be reported by telephone (**please do not email**). Parents are asked to leave a message stating their child's name, class, and reason for absence. Please ensure this is done before 9:00 am.
- ◆ If your child has an appointment during the school day, parents/carers are asked to provide evidence of the appointment. If no evidence is seen the absence will be unauthorised
- ◆ Medical evidence (doctors appointment card/text, medication given) will be required if your child is absent for 3 consecutive days.
- ◆ If you have a leave of absence in term time you will receive a fine



**We thank you for your continued support in these matters**



## Wellbeing Coffee Morning

Please note that this is different from Encounter Café, but everyone is very welcome to attend.

COME ALONG FOR A POSITIVE START TO YOUR DAY!



- *Meet other parents*
- *Relaxing conversations*
- *Well-being advice and resources*

**JOIN US FOR OUR NEXT**  
**WELLBEING**  
**COFFEE**  
**MORNING**  
**THURSDAY 12TH**  
**MARCH**  
**AT ST JOHN'S SCHOOL**  
**8:30 AM- 10AM**



**JOIN US FOR A WARM DRINK, FRIENDLY CHAT, AND A FOCUS ON WELL-BEING!**  
**WE'LL SHARE IDEAS ON SUPPORTING WELL-BEING—FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN.**

 **PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR REGULAR UPDATES**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MRS RAMSDEN OR MRS HILL**



**You're Invited!**

**ENCOUNTER CAFÉ**

- **When:** Every Tuesday
- **Time:** 8.30am– 10:00am (after drop-off)

- Come along for a friendly chat, a hot drink, and a chance to:
  - Meet other parents and carers
  - Share ideas and experiences
    - Catch up on school news
    - Listen to invited speakers
  - Have fun doing Arts & Crafts

Everyone is welcome – even if you can only stay for a short while. Younger children are also welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!



**T4S After-School Clubs & Wraparound  
Monday – Friday, available until 6pm**

Children attending these clubs will develop skills in a range of fun and progressive sports and games, improving their agility, balance, co-ordination, and speed! They will also have opportunities to build confidence, make new friends, and strengthen their social skills through teamwork and group activities.

Taking part in a T4S after-school sports club will help your child achieve their recommended 60 minutes of exercise per day!

**Make friends**  
**Learn new skills**  
**Stay healthy and active**  
**Have fun**  
**with Time4Sport!**

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#### Session options & prices

- 3.10pm – 4.30pm | After-School Club – £4.75
- 3.10pm – 6.00pm | After-School Club & Wraparound – £10.50
- 3.10pm – 6.00pm | After-School Club & Wraparound *with snack* – £11.50

#### Weekly activities

- Monday: Dodgeball / Benchball *or* Lego
- Tuesday: Gymnastics *or* Board Games
- Wednesday: Tag Games *or* Table Sports
- Thursday: Football *or* Crafty Creations

Friday: Multi-Sports *or* Fun Friday

#### To book:

<https://enrolmy.com/time-4-sport-uk-ltd/book-now/9-Wraparound-Childcare---St-Johns-CE-A-Primary-School>

#### Tax-Free Childcare

We're pleased to accept Tax-Free Childcare and childcare vouchers for all St John's after-school provision with Time4Sport. Simply select this payment option when booking and follow the guidance provided.

**\*Please note\*** this is a new booking system. Parents will need to register their child's full details before selecting clubs.

If you have any questions or need support, please contact our Administrator, Laura, on 01782 409 677 or email [info@time4sportuk.com](mailto:info@time4sportuk.com).