

The Early Bird



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

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From the Headteacher.....

Dear parents/carers,

The Spring time season has arrived and we were overwhelmed by our Early Years parents and carers who came to school to celebrate the new life that Easter brings, with our children.

I also want to say a big thank you to our families who have donated toys to our parents and tots group. They will be well used.

I wish those who are fasting at this time to remain strong in your journey and also those on a Lenten journey.

May you find the joy of Easter this holiday and I look forward to another hardworking term ahead.

Mrs SM Bowyer

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Every Tuesday : 8.45 am - 10 am :
Parents / Carers' Club

Every Wednesday 8.45am - 10am :
Mums / Dads & Tots group—£1 per session

Easter Holiday Dates

Last Day of Term : Friday 31st March

Easter Holiday : Monday 3rd April -
Friday 14th April

School Re-Opens : Monday 17th April

May bank holiday—1st May school closed

Thursday 4th May Polling Day—
school closed to pupils. School work will be provided.

King's Coronation— 8th May school closed



Dedication - Courage - Joy

French Day

Last Friday we had a French day. The children wore blue, white and red. They learnt all about the way of life in France, from food to speaking the language.



LKS2 French cafe





24/03/23
French food tasting!

Y1-2

On the menu:

- Croissants
- Brioche
- Crepes
- Croissants



Easter Celebrations



Last Friday Harry & Oli from ODM came to visit us, to show us the after school clubs that we will be offering.

Information has gone out in relation to the clubs that they will offer.



Family Learning

Yesterday we had a family learning workshop. The children, and parents, had great fun making puppets.



St. John's CE (A) Primary School Term Dates 2023-2024



Inset Days x 5

Autumn Term 2023	
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 4 th September
School open to pupils	Tuesday 5 th September
School closes end of day	Friday 27 th October
Half term	Monday 30 th October to Friday 3 rd November
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 6 th November
School opens to pupils	Tuesday 7 th November
School closes end of day	Friday 22 nd December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 25 th December to Friday 5 th January

Spring Term 2024	
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 8 th January
School open to pupils	Tuesday 9 th January
School closes end of day	Friday 9 th February
Half term	Monday 12 th February to Friday 16 th February
School opens to staff and pupils	Monday 19 th February
School closes end of day	Friday 22 nd March
Easter Holiday	Monday 25 th March to Friday 5 th April (Easter Sunday - 31 st March)

Summer Term 2024	
School open to staff and pupils	Monday 8 th April
Possible school closure to pupils for polling station. Work to be provided remotely for pupils (TBC)	<i>Possible date Thursday 2nd May (To be Confirmed)</i>
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 6 th May
School closes end of day	Friday 24 th May
Half term	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 3 rd June
School open to staff and pupils	Tuesday 4 th June
School closes end of day for pupils	Friday 19 th July
Staff inset (converted to twilights)	Monday 22 nd July
Summer Holiday	Tuesday 23 rd July to Friday 30 th August



STOKE FOOTBALL COACHING CLUB

Newcastle Academy

Gallowstree Lane, ST5 2QS

Friday Evenings (21/04/23 – 21/07/23)

(For all abilities, girls and boys aged 4 - 12).

Dear Parents,

Due to the great success of our football coaching club we are delighted to offer new dates. The course will start on **Friday 21st April** and will run for 12 weeks.

Taking part in our sessions can be the perfect stepping stone towards the development of your child's self-esteem whilst developing technique, fitness and strength.

Summary of the new course:

- All children are catered for, regardless of their ability.
- The soccer course features fun skills practice, match play, team building games, penalty shoot out competitions and small tournaments.
- All children are guaranteed to receive at least one ***trophy and certificate!***
- ***Special Prizes include goalkeeper gloves and a premier league match ball***
- The course is tightly structured with players fully supervised at all times (parents are welcome to stay and watch if they wish).
- The children will be coached by **semi-professional** footballers and **F.A Level 2 Coaches**, all of which are **fully DBS Enhanced checked**.

Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1	5:00pm till 6:00pm
Group 2: School Years 2 & 3	6:00pm till 7:00pm
Group 3: School Years, 4,5 & 6	7:00pm till 8:00pm

The cost of the club is £6.00 per session which needs to be paid every four weeks online or at our course to secure your child's space for those sessions. (£24).

If you would like to book your child a place on the weekly course please contact us on
07530 868 512



Facebook Page: @teachingsportscoaching

Email: info@teach-sports.co.uk

Website: www.Teach-Sports.co.uk



Parent/Carers Tuesday Morning Club

We have started a Tuesday morning club.

Any parent/carers are warmly invited to come along.

It starts at 8.45am and finishes at 10am.

It is a time of chatting, laughing, drinking tea or coffee, eating biscuits, colouring - or even having a place to share a worry or two, if it helps. It's for you to have a bit of 'me time' with others who can help if needs be.



Mums/Dads & Tots Group

On Wednesday we hold a Parents & Tots group in the Hub. Pre-school children play with the toys and parents can sit and have a talk with other parents, or play with the children. Feel free to come along each Wednesday 8.45am—10am. It is **£1 a session**, and a drink and toast is included.



Mums/Dads and Tots Group

Come and join us every Wednesday
8.45am to 10am

Group for preschool children

£1 per session



Time for
adults to talk

Tea & toast



Time for children to
play and make
friends



LYME RACING CLUB—ST. JOHN'S

Hello,

My name is Sue and I am membership secretary of a local cycling club.

Myself and the coaches at Lyme Racing Club are proud to have **teamed up with St John's CE (A) School and wish to extend an invitation** to any pupils with an interest in cycling to come along to our Friday evening Roller Racing sessions. Currently these are held in the school hall every Friday evening, 6.30pm start, Each session costs just £3 to non members. You will need to bring your child's own bicycle and a drink for them. All our coaches are British Cycling accredited and look forward to seeing some new faces wishing to try out our sessions. Come Springtime we will be transferring our sessions outside (across the road in Lyme Valley) where we will be able to teach cycling skills to the youngsters whilst having lots of fun on their bikes in a safe, traffic free environment.

Contact details are:-

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my no. 07986958858

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/LymeRacingClub/>

<https://www.cyclinguk.org/local-groups/lyme-racing-club>



Information

Everyone is responsible for safeguarding children

Most children enjoy safe and happy childhood experiences within their own family, but unfortunately for some this is not the case. During difficult family times everyone has a responsibility to protect children from future harm - good child-care begins even before a child is born!

Stoke-on-Trent Children's Advice and Duty Service (CHAD):

If you have concerns about a child you can phone 01782 235100 (option 2) and speak to a social worker for advice Monday - Friday 8.30am - 6pm

Out of Office Hours - 01782 234234

For more information please go on Stoke-on-Trent website where you will find plenty of advice and information.



Information

Lunch Box Ideas

Healthy and happy

According to [NHS choices](#) a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods like bread, rice, potatoes or pasta
- Protein foods like meat, fish, eggs or beans
- A dairy item, like cheese or yogurt
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

At St. John's we ask that children do not bring in fizzy pop, sweets or energy drinks.

Please note that the playground equipment should not be used by your children before the start of the school day and at the end of the school day. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Reminder—The one way system around school is still in use for reception to year 6, when bringing your children in the morning and picking them up after school.



Drop off Zone

Please do not park in the drop off zone AM and PM.

This is for dropping the children off each morning.

Social Media Apps

We have had information from another school saying there is a Facebook game that encourages self-harm. Due to the age at which a child can have a Facebook account none of our children should be on Facebook, but we do know some of them *do* go on Facebook. Please monitor what your children are doing online!

Here are some of the main Social Media apps with their age rating and main features:

Facebook **Age rating:** 13+

Main features: newsfeed to share text, photos & videos, instant messaging, marketplace, friends, likes and comments.

Instagram **Age rating:** 13+

Main features: photo & video sharing, livestreaming, stories, DMs, hashtags

Snapchat **Age rating:** 13+

Main features: photo & video messaging, snaps, location sharing

Tiktok **Age rating:** 13+

Main features: making & sharing short videos, lip-syncing.

Twitter **Age rating:** 13+

Main features: tweets (text with restricted character count), photo and video sharing, hashtags.

For more information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media>



Letter from our Education Welfare Service



Hello,

VIP Education is an Independent Education Welfare Support Service that is now working with your school to support Attendance, Punctuality and Welfare needs.

Our Staff have a wealth of experience supporting pupils and families. Regular visits and communication will take place at your child's school to monitor every child's school attendance.

If you feel you require support, you can ask your school to contact us.

Regular absences from school can affect:

- Attainment levels - the quality of schoolwork, qualifications gained
- School routine - disrupting your child's learning and that of the other pupils
- The chances of children and young people being involved in anti-social behaviour
- A child or young person's general wellbeing and long-term life opportunities

Improving regular attendance at school is therefore a key priority, both locally and nationally.

We are aware that children can miss school due to unavoidable illness. Please ensure that you communicate the reasons for your child's absences on the first day of absence. If there are long-term attendance difficulties, then please discuss this with us so that we may support.

Attendance is an important part of your Child's Education; they cannot learn if not in school.

Attendance = Attainment Everyday Counts!

You are legally responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day and on time.

Persistent lateness can add up to many days' absence.

Please also be aware that if your child is late to school, after the register has closed, then this will be classed as an absence and further action could be taken against you

6-8 **BEAVERS**

8 - 10½ **cubs**

10½ - 14 **SCOUTS**

14+ **Volunteer**

Join us.

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Scouts are do-ers and give-it-a-go-ers. Yes, we go camping, hiking, swimming, abseiling, cycling and canoeing. But we also get to hang out with our friends every week – having fun, playing games, working in a team and taking on new challenges.

Join us.

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HAPPY Easter...

May the renewal of life
at Easter bring new
blessings of love, hope,
peace, good health &
happiness to you and
your loved ones..

Embrace the

renewal of Life



With Positive
Soul Sensations

B. B.