

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

Issue 14: Friday 12th May 2023

From the Headteacher.....

Dear parents/carers,

Firstly a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils who have worked hard with the year 5 and 6 team in school, to prepare for the SATs. Our children used every second they had in the test to gain the best outcome for themselves. We are very proud.

We have also had a lovely start to spring in the last couple of weeks. Our chicks hatching in school have been beneficial to our learning (staff and pupils!) and also the joy that they have brought to us.

The Coronation events also brought out green fingers as we planted the wild flower seeds to

support King Charles III in his cause to support the future of our environment. We hope that the insects like them when they grow.

Please use the 'Drop off' as in our expectations. This to keep **everyone** safe. Please be fair to our community and follow the rules even when a staff member is not there. We entrust you with this.

Thoughts with our year 6 pupils who are attending their residential....and parents and carers enjoy your week without them too ;)

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

Half term - 29th May—2nd June

School opens Monday 5th June

Class Led Worships. Class parents/ carers invited to attend:

Monday 5th June - 10.30am
Miss Wardle and year 3/4.

Monday 19th June - 10.30am Miss Riley and year 1.

Monday 10th July - 10.30am Year 1/2 Miss Stephenson.

Prayer Year 3

Dear God,

Thank you for the birds and trees that you gave to us.

Thank you for the wonderful lives that we live.

Thank you for the yummy food we eat,

And thank you for giving the Year 6's dedication and courage this week.

Amen



Dedication - Courage - Joy

Prayers for the World



Lord, we know that people are hurting deeply in Sudan and our thoughts are with them. You know the hearts of all involved, and we pray that you will heal their hurts - bringing about peace and reconciliation. Loving Father,
we pray for the

people of Sudan who have already seen so much devastation in their country. We pray for any of our St. John's family that have family over in Sudan. Give them peace and we ask that they know that their loved ones are safe. Amen

Heavenly Father, hear our prayers for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Lord we ask for peace for those who need peace, reconciliation for those who need reconciliation and comfort for all who don't know what tomorrow will bring. Lord may your Kingdom come, and Your will be done. Amen

Information



Drop off Zone

It has been brought to my attention that the drop off zone is not being properly used. The drop off zone can be used in the morning for dropping the children off, and **not to** park there, it is inconveniencing parents/carers and causes a queue. We also ask that you do not drop your children off by the barrier. At the end of the day please park on the top yard and not use the drop off zone at all.

Potters 'Arf Marathon



Mike Gallagher (one of our parents) will be running the Potters
Arf

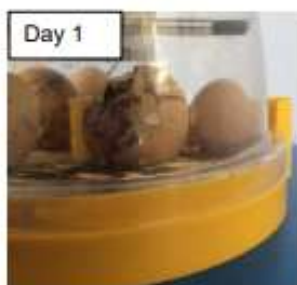
Marathon on the 11th June 2023 to raise money for the Shine
charity

Just Giving Link

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michael-gallagher27?
utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=michael-
gallagher27&utm_campaign=pfp-
share&utm_term=70b265459b55446798309b48bf3e3a8e](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/michael-gallagher27?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=michael-gallagher27&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=70b265459b55446798309b48bf3e3a8e)

Early Years

Early years have had a busy week looking after our chicks!



Meet the chicks



In Nursery we all held the chicks and named them after the Royal family. We named the 7th chick Rocky, as he was a fighter and needed a little help to help him hatch.



King's Coronation

Year 1 were busy making flags and crowns





Coronation activities



Nursery planted flowers
and wrote a Prayer for
King Charles.



Kaelan

A massive well done to Kaelan who entered an Easter drawing competition at the Royal Stoke Hospital. There was a total of 100 children that entered and Kaelan won first prize. I'm sure you agree that he is a fantastic artist. Unfortunately, the coloured drawing would not scan clearly, but you can see how good the drawing is even in black & white.

St. John's have our very own Leonardo da Vinci!



PIZZA Special



Pizza Slice
choice of
Pepperoni Pizza
BBQ Chicken Pizza
Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Cheese & Sweetcorn Pizza

served with
Waffle Fries
Baked Beans
Side Salad

Available on
Thursday 18th May

Ice Lolly or Fruit

Filled Jacket Potatoes
are available as an
alternative main course

Choice of Drink



Summer Holiday Activities/Places to go

During the parent/carers club on Tuesday, we began to talk about places to go with activities for children.

During the next few weeks if you have any suggestions, please let Mrs Ramsden know and a list will be put in the newsletter ready for the summer holiday, that will give you ideas and places to go

Activity centres

Play centres



zoos

Farms



Parks



LYME RACING CLUB—ST. JOHN'S and LYME VALLEY PARK

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:-

[email sue.lymeracing@gmail.com](mailto:sue.lymeracing@gmail.com)

my no. 07986958858

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

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

Last week, after a hard working roller session, the children took part in an Easter Egg Hunt around the grounds of St. John's CE(A) Primary School. We will soon be moving over to Lyme Valley Park in a couple of weeks for outdoor cycling. We hope to see your there!



Information

Can we please ask parents & carers to drive carefully, and slowly when coming into the school grounds. We have had a number of complaints about cars speeding. We would not like any accidents involving other cars or children. Thank you



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.

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.



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. 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



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

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.

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