

# 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 19: Friday 14th July 2023

## From the Headteacher.....

Dear parents/carers,

We were overwhelmed by the St. John's community on Monday. We were worried the rain may put a stop to some of the activities at the school fayre, but how wrong we were. It was a super atmosphere and we were so grateful for all the donations, and hard work put in by the team to prepare and get the stalls ready. The tombola was as popular as always and Mr Buckley was certainly a good sport in the rain on the 'soak a teacher' stall!

We had a visit from Mrs Johnstone from the Orchard Trust who spoke to our subject leaders. They have worked hard to demonstrate the skills our children work on through their time at St. John's. It was beautiful to see how one skill can be taken and this progresses through the year groups. For example we looked at some beautiful line drawing in art and map work in geography. Well done to our teachers and children for their dedication. I can't wait to see how our children's skills develop further next year.

We had a wonderful time last night with our year 6 leavers show and awards but we can dedicate the last newsletter next week to them ; )

I hope you all enjoy your last week in your current classes. Have a good weekend and see you on Monday.

Mrs SM Bowyer Headteacher

## Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th July 3.15—4.30

Open parents evening for any parent who have any questions in relation to their children's report. No time slots will be allocated for this.

Mr Groom will also be available to talk to any Year 5 parents who have further questions in relation to next years Standon Bowers residential trip.

**School closes Friday  
21st July at 3pm**

**Our final newsletter will be on  
Friday 21st July where more dates  
for the new school year will be  
added.**

School open to pupils Tuesday 5th

## Prayer Reception

Dear God, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our thanks for the good things you have done, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask that you bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**

## Summer Fayre

Thank you to all who attended our Summer Fayre. Even though the weather was against us, we still had a lovely time. It was great to see how many of you came to support us.

We raised £858.02 Thank you so much







## Smart Uniform

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Dear Parent,

The Pre-loved Uniform Scheme is an initiative by [smart](#) school uniform to assist local families that need help providing school uniform for their children. In the current financial climate of rising living costs, [smart](#) school uniform understands this situation and has created this FREE service to help the local community.

This scheme is completely free of charge and requires individuals to simply contact [smart](#) school uniform and state their clothing requirements. When the items become available, the parent or carer will be contacted with a suitable collection time.

Please email your requirements to

[shop@smartuniform.co.uk](mailto:shop@smartuniform.co.uk)

Please state

School Name

Items required and quantity

Currently we hold a large stock of

Plain Shirts and trousers for both boys and girls

Logoed items too





## INFO FOR PARENTS/CARERS

⚡📅TIME4SPORT SUMMER HOLIDAY HUBB CAMPS AT ST JOHN'S CE(A) PRIMARY SCHOOL⚡📅



⚡📅TIME4SPORT SUMMER HOLIDAY HUBB CAMPS! ⚡📅

📍St John's CE(A) Primary School

📅 WEEK 1: Mon 31 Jul - Thu 3 Aug

WEEK 2: Mon 7 Aug - Thu 10 Aug

WEEK 3: Mon 14 Aug - Thu 17 Aug

🕒 8.30am – 12.30pm

👥 Open to children aged 5-12 who qualify for **benefit related free school meals**

🍽️ Activities include: Multi-Sports, Art/Crafts, Enrichment Activities, Health & Wellbeing Support and a FREE healthy lunch each day

📢 We do have limited capacity, so we suggest booking early to avoid disappointment! For full information and to book follow the link below!

📄 Limited spaces book your FREE place today!

[time-4-sport.class4kids.co.uk/camp/328](https://time-4-sport.class4kids.co.uk/camp/328)

We can't wait to see you there! Time4Sport☺

[#happyholidays](#)

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## MIDLAND SOCCER COACHING SUMMER CAMP 2023



**NORTHWOOD STADIUM  
KEELINGS ROAD, STOKE ST1 6PB  
MONDAY 31st JULY - FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2023**

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that following the outstanding success of weekly coaching sessions, we are organising a **Summer Soccer Camp** to be held week commencing **31st July 2023**.

Children on the course will be coached by **DBS** checked and **FA QUALIFIED COACHES** who will develop self-confidence and esteem whilst having fun throughout the week.

The course is held over **5 days** (10am-3pm) outdoors with drop-offs from 9.30am. Children should bring a packed lunch along with plenty of non-fizzy drinks.

Parents are welcome to stay and spectate if they wish to. However, we do encourage parents to attend the presentation on **Friday at 2pm** to watch the children receive their trophies.

The cost of the Camp is **£75.00** (£50 for additional siblings), which covers all coaching, referees, trophies, certificates and many other awards. Daily rates start from **£20.00** per day. Please note that we have a **48 hour cancellation policy** (call 07749 164 777).

**ALL CHILDREN RECEIVE AT LEAST ONE ENGRAVED TROPHY AND CERTIFICATE.**

To reserve your child's place please complete and return the form to the address below.

Name(s) ..... Age(s).....

Any Medical Condition(s).....

Email Address:.....

Tel.No .....  
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I enclose a cheque (payable to Midland Soccer Coaching)/cash for £..... I give my permission for my child(ren) to attend Stoke Soccer Camp and understand the organiser/coaches cannot be held responsible for loss, damage or personal injury.

Signed: ..... Parent/Guardian

**Return To: Midland Soccer Coaching, 63 Bakers Lane, Sutton Coldfield, B74 2AX.**

**Dave Loughran (Course Co-ordinator) - 07749 164 777**

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## Measles Information



The MMR vaccine is free and a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, mumps and rubella.

- 2 doses of the MMR vaccine provide the best protection against measles, mumps and rubella. The MMR vaccine is given to babies and young children as part of the NHS vaccination schedule. 1<sup>st</sup> dose given at 1 year and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose given at 3 years and 4 months.
- It's important to catch up on any missed vaccines. You can still ask your GP surgery for the MMR vaccine if your child has missed either of these 2 doses.

### Measles

- Measles is highly contagious and can lead to complications such as ear infections, pneumonia, and inflammation of the brain which require hospitalisation and on rare occasions can lead to long term disability or death.
- Spending 15 minutes or more in direct contact with someone infected with measles is enough to catch the infection. People whose immunity is compromised, pregnant women and unvaccinated children are at increased risk of severe disease.
- Measles symptoms to be aware of include:
  - high fever
  - sore, red, watery eyes
  - coughing
  - aching and feeling generally unwell
  - a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms.
- Anyone with symptoms that could be measles is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the surgery or A&E. This is because measles spreads very quickly and easily and so it is important to try and prevent the illness spreading further.
- People who have symptoms should also especially try to stay away from areas where you could come into contact with vulnerable people such as schools, nurseries or care homes.
- Measles usually starts to get better in about a week.
- Stay off nursery, school, or work for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.





# We'll be **FLYING HIGH** this August!



Tuesday to Saturday, 11am to 3pm:  
**Self-led easy crafts**  
(No charge, donations welcome)



Fridays at 11am:  
**Sensory story & cake!**  
(£2 per adult. Children free)

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2-4pm:

**Messy Church!**



A free family event, includes crafts & games, story & songs, and a summer tea!



The Story of **Primitive Methodism**





# ***Comic Con***

***Hanley***



***FREE  
Entry Event!***

***15th-16th July***

***The Potteries Centre, Quadrant Rd  
Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 1RZ***

***Star Wars, Superhero & other Characters, Photo Opp's,  
Stalls, Cosplay Competitions & more.....***