

The Early Bird



Issue 2: Friday 22nd September 2023

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/carers,

Our children have been working hard using our new handwriting books across all lessons. They are taking some 'getting use to' but we are

working towards the long term benefits. Our

children are dedicated to ensure they are working towards the best presentation to show care for their work.

Some of our younger children have started their forest school sessions. Our children are taking great courage, and finding joy at the same time, in the bug hunts. We are hugely thankful to our team who are finalising their forest school training. A big 'nearly there...you can do it' to Miss Pickerill, Miss Simpson, Mrs Clarke and Miss Crupton who are completing their last assessment soon.

We have a few illnesses in the community

including tummy bugs and covid. Please remind each other about good hygiene, including washing hands and using tissues and covering mouths when sneezing.

Enjoy your week as the summer and autumn weather begin to merge. A raincoat/coat may be needed for school now, as we aim to still get out in the light rain for break times.

Best wishes

Mrs SM Bowyer

Dates for your Diary

• Friday 29th September 9am—World's

Biggest Coffee Morning for

Macmillan Cancer Support—everyone welcome

• Monday 16th October and Tuesday 17th October - Parents' Evening

• October 2nd to 27th October we will be collecting food items for our local foodbank.

• Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd

November - Half Term (School closed)

• Monday 6th November - INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

• Special school event - Thursday 26th

October. More details to follow

Trip Payments on Parent Pay

HELP US TO HELP YOU!

We appreciate that sometimes trips and other items have payment deadlines before

parents' pay days

SO

if you need a little more time, please come and ask at the office, and we'll do our best to help so your child doesn't miss out.

Nursery Prayer

We thank you for the world,

For the trees and lovely flowers

Amen

Dedication - Courage - Joy

Macmillan Cancer Support

On Friday 29th September we will be hosting a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan cancer support.

- ♦ £21 helps run the online community forum for 1 hour.
- ♦ £181 provides emotional support to one person living with cancer for around 8 weeks
- ♦ £247 pays for a Macmillan nurse for one day, helping people living with cancer and their families receive medical and emotional support.

We would like to raise as much money as we can. If you would like to donate cakes they will be very much appreciated. If you would like to bake cakes, can they be sent in on the morning of the coffee morning. ***Everyone is invited and it will be lovely to see you there***





Exciting School Event...

We are planning an exciting community event on Thursday 26th October - more details to follow...

If any of our parents/carers work for a company that could support us in any way, either through sponsorship or donations (e.g. refreshments that could be sold) we would love to hear from you.

We would also like prizes for a tombola that we will be running at this event. Please send these into the office.

Thank you

Please call into the school office or email us -
office@stjohnscea.org.uk

St. John's Harvest

During the month of October we will be collecting items for the Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank.

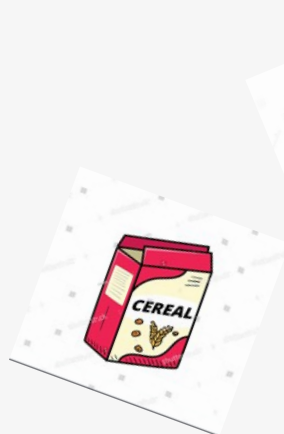
Information from the foodbank

In 2022/23, food banks in the Trussell Trust's network provided 2,986,203 three-day emergency food supplies and support to UK people in crisis. Of these, 1,139,553 were distributed for children. As a network, we want to see more people helped out of crisis and fewer people needing foodbanks in the future. That's why The Trussell Trust and local foodbanks are working together to develop new ways to help people out of crisis through programmes like [More Than Food](#).

OVER 24,000 PEOPLE IN STOKE-ON-TRENT HAVE BEEN GIVEN FOOD.

Items needed— they have plenty of baked beans

- TINNED DESSERTS
- SWEET EXTRA EG CHOCOLATE, SWEETS
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TEA BAGS
- CEREAL
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED TOMATO
- JAR PASTA SAUCE
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED MEAT
- RICE PUDDING
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED SPONGE PUDDING
- BISCUITS
- TEA BAGS
- UHT FRUIT JUICE
- UHT MILK
- SAVOURY TREATS
- SQUASH
- COFFEE
- PLASTIC BAGS



Chess Club

I started playing chess when I was 11 at Ball Green Primary School and went on to Ball Green Secondary and have played for various clubs before I had to give it up due to my Mum dying and Dad becoming ill about 23 years ago.

During that time I have played to a high standard and beat then the highest strength player in the local league, it was his only loss that season and ruined his hope of becoming a Feda Master. More recently I drew with the current British Senior Chess Champion, Grandmaster Keith Arkell at the British Championships.

I have run a junior chess club before, improving children to a good and high standard which in turn have got many children Staffordshire junior titles ranging from under 9's and upwards

I have been attending to several schools in my lunchtime and after school before my break including Grove Academy in Northwood (Grove Primary as it was then) St Augustine's Catholic Primary Academy in Meir and St Marks Primary in Shelton

I am an English Chess Federation Registered Coach and have 4 juniors on my individual training book. I have an Enhanced DBS certificate as I also spend time volunteering for Rudyard Sailability which helps the disabled people including disabled school groups.

Potteries Junior Chess Club information.

The Potteries Junior Chess Club started on Saturday 10th September 2022 at The Gables, 450 Trentham Road, Stoke-on-Trent and will run from 10:00am until 1:00pm.

The Membership Fee is £1.50 per session or £5 per month.

Enhanced DBS Certified Coaches
Group Training
Individual Training
Competitions
Tournaments
Private Training (For a very modest fee)
Simultaneous Displays



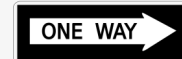
Soft Drinks and snacks available at all times

Parents, Guardians or a responsible adult must accompany their child at all times. Why not make a day of it after the Chess enjoy a meal at the venue, I can recommend their meals. They are very nice.

Information for our new parent/carers

We use a one way system when you bring your child and when collecting them at the end of the day.

You walk around the building, following the path and once you have dropped off your child you continue to walk to the other gate. Staff are on both gates to guide you if needed. This is both morning and afternoon.



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.

All pupils riding to school on scooters and bikes, please dismount before entering the school gates and push bikes and scooters into our sheds. This includes balance bikes.

No thank you



Yes please



Can you please make sure your child is walking before school and at the end of the day. We have speedy pupils that run up and down the path and this can cause an accident, especially if we have pre-school children walking with their parents coming to collect their siblings. Please do not let your children go before you because we have had incidents when parents lose their child because they have run ahead.

We thank you for your co-operation in these matters



Important information

Please read

Attendance and lates are monitored each week. If your child's attendance falls you will receive letters. The procedure for attendance is;

- If attendance falls—letter 1
- No improvement— letter 2
- Still no improvement—medical evidence required (no absence will be authorised unless we see evidence eg appointment card, prescription, medication)
- If we see no improvement you will be invited to an attendance clinic with our Education Welfare Officer & school
- Falling attendance could lead to a penalty notice warning letter which could result in a fine.
- You can also receive letters and an invite to meet with our education welfare officer if your child is continually late.



What you need to do if your child is ill

- ♦ If your child will not be attending school due to illness, please leave a message by 9am
- ♦ Phone 01782 238889 and choose option 1. This enables you to leave a message.
- ♦ Please leave a clear message giving child's name, class, the reason why they will not be attending and how long you think they will be absent for. ***If we do not hear why your child is absent the safeguarding team will do a door knock before 12pm.***



Information



Ballet

Children's Ballet School

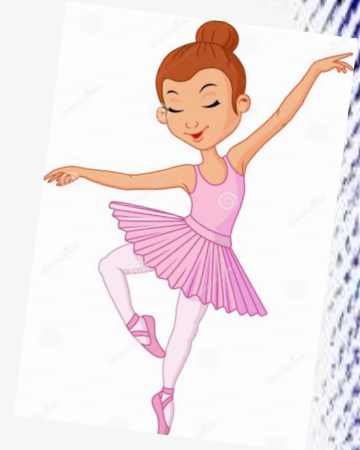
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choice of
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BBQ Chicken Pizza
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Cheese & Sweetcorn Pizza

served with
Waffle Potatoes
Baked Beans
Side Salad

Doughnut or Fruit

and Drink

Available on
Thursday 5th October

Filled Jacket Potatoes
are available as an
alternative main course

