

The Early Bird



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From the headteacher....

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an incredibly busy term for all, and I would like to thank the team in school as we still continue with Covid and sickness. Also to you, as parent/carers for your support during this time. An extra appreciation to our Year 5D, 5-6C and year 1D parent/carers who have supported at home during bubble closures. We thank you for your support in keeping everyone as safe as possible. You really are rallying around, in what is still a pandemic.



Sadly Covid has put a change to our plans for your parent/carer nativity visit. However we will not let that fully stop us, and nativities and carols will be uploaded to Google Classrooms. Please ensure this is kept within your own families to view.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Stirk, our year 4 teacher, and wish her well in her new adventures and also spending more time with her family. We will miss her calm manner and approach to things. She will be very much missed.

If not isolating please ensure your child is in school next week. We will still be working hard and also enjoying some well deserved Christmas activities.

We are very proud of our children and we wish them a very Merry Christmas and we can't wait to see the amazing work they will produce in 2022!

Best wishes,

Mrs SM Bowyer

Head Teacher



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Dates for your diary

Santa Dash—DATE CHANGE - now Monday 13th December

Nativity and Carols have now going to be virtual due to increased Covid rates in our community.

Upper Key stage 2 will still make a visit to Church on Tuesday 14th Dec in the morning.

KS1 will also be making a visit to Church on Wednesday 15th Dec to learn about Christingle.

Wednesday 15th December— Pupil Christmas Dinner (Christmas jumper day)

Thursday 16th December —Class parties

Friday 17th December - Christmas movie

Last date of term

Friday 17th December 3pm

Monday 20th Dec Time4Sport

Christmas Sports Camp

Pupils return date

Wednesday 5th January 2022!

Class Prayer Y2J

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us trees and please help us to take care of them.

Sorry for not always respecting trees and nature.

Siheli Year 2J





Attendance

Attendance Policy Reminder

To report your child's absence please **inform us by 9am**. This can be done by phoning 01782 238889 and leave a message.

If your child is absent by registration and we have not heard from you, we will call you. If contact is not made by 11.00am a member of our safeguarding team will make a home visit.

- ◆ As stated in last term newsletters, if your child has leave of absence a fine will be given. This has now started.
- ◆ An Application for Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstances During Term Time form needs to be completed at least a week in advance and handed to the office.
- ◆ If your child is off for more than 3 days we need to see medical evidence. If this is not seen absence will be unauthorised.
- ◆ Attendance and punctuality is monitored very closely, and if we notice that your child's attendance has dropped, you will be invited in for an attendance meeting.

COVID 19 Updates

What to do if...


A member of my household has tested positive - your child/ren must still attend school.

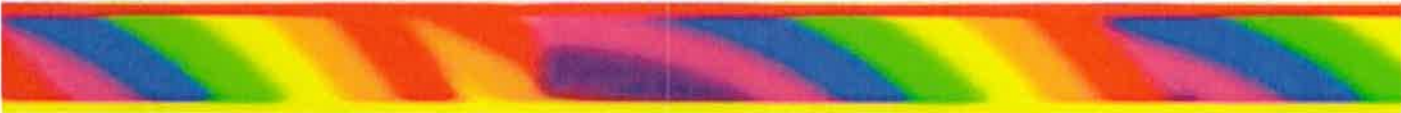
My child has symptoms - DO NOT send them to school until they have received a negative Lateral Flow Test result. Call school to let us know.

My child has a positive Lateral Flow Test - book a PCR test to confirm the result. Keep them at home until you receive the result.

My child has a negative PCR result - send your child into school.

My child has a positive PCR result - they must isolate for 10 days; any other siblings can come into school, unless they also have symptoms.





Ask your children about our new school rules!

Clue:5

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Families ...we need your help!

Let your roots grow down...

In the hall we have a new display evolving. It relates to our school Bible quote:

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Colossians 2:7



For Christians, our roots go to the Word of God that we find in the Bible, and also in our prayers with him. For others our roots are within other faiths. Or for some our roots are not in a faith but firmly rooted in family. Wherever your roots are we would love to have a photograph of your family with a little description explaining where your roots are. We would love to hear from our families of different faiths and non-faiths to show the great wealth of culture and roots we have at St. John's. If you are happy to take a picture of where or how you pray, or how you strengthen your roots as a family, we would really like to know about this.





Tree Planting



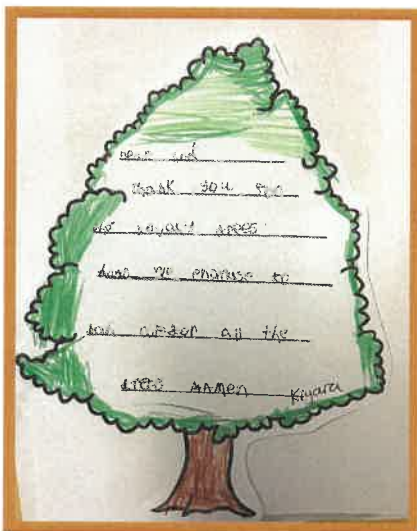
On Monday 29th November we had a very atmospheric Tree Ceremony in the snow. The school council chose a very suitable spot for our Queen's Platinum Jubilee tree. A picture has been added to her green canopy website and our new tree now makes up a huge canopy of trees across the country. The children were joined by Councillor Barnes and also our very supportive governors, Mrs Jones and Mrs Podsiadlo. The children spent the rest of the day learning about trees and painting trees. It was a very therapeutic day! Also a thank you to our parent/carers and children for the amazing effort put into the tree canopy colours that were worn on the day!
Very autumnal!



Year 6 read, analysed and then wrote poems about trees.



Year 1 wrote a prayer to thank God for trees and created a piece of tree art using our fingers.



#HAPPYHOLIDAYS ☺



THE PERFECT PLACE FOR YOUR CHILD TO STAY SAFE, HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS, GET ACTIVE & EAT HEALTHY DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

We at St John's CE (A) Primary School would like to invite your child to the Time 4 Sport Kids Camp taking place at school during the Christmas holidays. This camp is funded by the Hubb Foundation.

Activities includes:

- 🏆 Multi-Sports
- 🍱 Healthy Lunches
- 🎮 Christmas Games
- ❤️ Health & Wellbeing Activities
- 🎨 Enrichment Activities
- 🍽️ Hot Healthy Meal Each Day

Session times are 8.30am-12.30pm and 11.30am-3.30pm. Note children can only attend 1 x 4-hour session.

Date: December 20th.

☐ Limited spaces BOOK today ☐

Booking link: 8.30am-12.30pm. <https://time-4-sport.class4kids.co.uk/camp/118>

Booking link: 11.30am-3.30pm <https://time-4-sport.class4kids.co.uk/camp/119>

Kind Regards





Wayne Glover

Time 4 Sport

Providing a fitter, healthier & happier future!

Michelin Sports Centre

Parents and Carers



**Stoke-on-Trent
SEND Information, Advice and
Support Service**

We provide free, accurate, impartial, confidential, information, advice and support relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) for children/parents and young people aged 0-25 yrs.

Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability? Do you live in Stoke on Trent and would you like to know more about Annual Reviews of Education, Health and Care Plans?

Then book on to our **FREE** training below!

Sessions will be delivered via Zoom from 10am until 12 noon.

Annual Reviews

Tuesday 8th February 2022
Tuesday 1st March 2022
Tuesday 29th March 2022

Booking a place is required

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Content of an EHCP
Friday 12th November 2021
Tuesday 7th December 2021
Friday 14th January 2021

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Christmas Opening Hours - Newcastle Store

Saturday 18th December	9am - 5pm
Sunday 19th - Tuesday 30th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 29th December	10am - 4pm
Thursday 30th December	10am - 4pm
Friday 31st December	10am - 2pm
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd January	CLOSED
Monday 3rd January	Reopens as Normal

***Please note that any web sales made after the 16th December will
NOT be processed until Wednesday 29th December.***

