

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

Message from the Head

I hope you have all had a good week. We are very excited about our 'Growing together, becoming all that we are created to be' SMART week next week - I am sure everyone will thoroughly enjoy working with children and adults from different classes. Look out for the photos on Instagram! We will also have a SMART Dress Up on Friday 17th - the children can dress up in something that they would like to be in the future or the kind of person they would like to be (please do not go to any expense).

Have a lovely weekend,

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Dates for your diary	
12th October	**St John's Church Harvest Festival (10.00am)**
13th - 15th October	**SMART Week "Growing together, becoming all that we are created to be"**
17th October	**SMART week dress-up day**
27th October – 31st October	**Half Term holidays**



St John's All Stars

If you require childcare before or after school, we have St John's All Stars which opens from 7.30am and then again from 3.20pm-6.00pm Monday to Thursday and 3.20pm-4.30pm on a Friday. Children can enjoy sausage sandwich Friday on Friday mornings! Look at the school website under Parent Information or contact wraparound@st-johns.wakefield.sch.uk for further details.

Please note All Stars always runs between these times, even when we have other events happening in school

GROWING TOGETHER, BECOMING ALL THAT WE ARE CREATED TO BE

Notice Board

Snacks - Our school is part of the Free Fruit and Vegetable Scheme which provides a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for all EYFS and Key Stage 1 children. Parents may send children with a piece of fruit, vegetables, cheese (if pre-wrapped e.g. Babybell), fruit salad, dried fruit or seeds (with no added salt or sugar) to be eaten during break time. **Chocolate, sweets, crisps, cereal bars or biscuits are not allowed to be brought into school for break time. We are a nut-free school.**



Parents' Consultations - These will take place on Tuesday 21st October and Wednesday 22nd October from 3.20pm - 6.00pm. You will have received an e-mail with a link to book an appointment. We will have a pre-loved uniform stall and a book stall out on both evenings. Any monetary donations given for these will go towards our school funds.



Usborne Books - Katy Symon (Georgie's Mum) will also be selling Usborne Books again. You might want to start your Christmas shopping!

Punctuality - Doors open from 8.40am. Please ensure your child arrives by 8.50am each day. Gates will close at 8.55am - any children arriving after this time must go through the main entrance. The children will begin their One Life morning routine from this time and then begin lessons from 9am. Any child arriving after 9.05am will be marked as late.

School Lunches - Please can school lunches be selected on Arbor even if the child is having a packed lunch every day. You can select to repeat the meal orders on a weekly or half termly basis too for ease! If a child's meal is not chosen, they will automatically be given a jacket potato for that day.

Tempest Photography – Last day of orders for free delivery to school is Monday 13th. Orders online only.

SMART Week - We are very excited about SMART Week next week. The children have selected their workshops and are very much looking forward to working with children and staff from different classes. Your child will have brought a slip home if they are doing a sports activity or outdoor activity to say that they need to bring their PE kit or old clothes to wear. Some children have a slip saying that they have chosen a tie-dying activity and will need a white t-shirt for this. **Donations of £1 per child is to be made on the Arbor app under "school shop".** It's a great week. Look out for the photographs on Instagram!



Xmas4Schools - This week, the children have drawn a Christmas picture. The pictures can be made into Christmas cards, tea towels, Christmas mugs etc. Pictures will be sent home by 13th October. If you would like to order anything, the order form must be completed and handed to your child's teacher by Monday 20th October at the latest. The order form will then be sent off and you will receive a unique code via text and email for you to log on and place your order. For every order made, £1 will be donated to the school PTA funds.

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Christmas Fair- The Christmas Fair will take place on **Thursday 4th December from 3.30-5.00pm.** There will be a rainbow tombola, a raffle with some great prizes (including the M&S Luxury Hamper), Santa's Grotto, refreshments, the cake stall and lots of games! If you are able to help, please let the school office staff know or see Mrs Findlay.

We will also be having our annual bauble competition. The children will be given a bauble to decorate and then pay £1 to enter the competition to win some fantastic prizes! More details will follow.



Bottle Discos- One of the games at the Christmas Fair is the very popular 'Bottle Hoopla'. So that we have plenty of bottles for this, we are having our bottle discos in the school hall. The children can come to school in their party clothes and sensible shoes (no make-up, jewellery) on the day of the disco. The children can bring a bottle with them on the morning of their disco - this could be pop, juice, shampoo, shower gel etc. **The KS2 Bottle Disco will be on Monday 24th November at 2.30pm and the EYFS and KS1 will be Tuesday 25th November at 2.30pm.**



PTA Meeting - The next PTA Meeting will take place on Friday 7th November at 2.30pm. We will be finalising all the details of the Christmas Fair at this meeting. Please come along if you are able to.



Macmillan Coffee Morning- Thank you to everyone that came and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning. We raised £350 for Macmillan, which is amazing! We also sold £1000.22 worth of books and so we received 50% commission from Scholastic to spend on books for school. Thank you so much for your wonderful support

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Year R and Y6 - An app message was sent out advising a letter is on the school website (under "parents" tab and "letters") regarding the National Childhood Measurement Programme. The school nurse will be carrying these out on 3rd November unless you opted out.

NHS

Seasonal Flu vaccine offer – Reception to Year 6. An e-mail and an app message regarding this was sent out. The letter can also be viewed on the school website under the "parent" tab and "letters". **How to consent:** The nurses will be coming to our school on Wednesday 19th November please ensure that you have submitted a form even if you do not consent, by Monday 17th November. Please see the link below or scan the QR code for the online consent form. You will need to use the unique school code **WF108255** to complete the consent form as soon as possible. You will need to submit one form per child.

www.wakefieldschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Walking Bus - Children can be dropped off at Capri at the Vine at 8.20am and collected at 3.40pm. The children will walk to and from school accompanied by our walking bus leaders, Mrs Price and Mrs Medina. **Children must be registered with the school office to use this service.**



Collecting your child at the end of the day - Can I remind you to wait **behind the gate on the KS1 playground when collecting Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.**

<u>For KS2 children, please wait on the school drive behind the green gate</u>

Your co-operation in this matter is much appreciated.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS – KS2 Clubs continue this week. If your child is unable to stay for the club, please let the office know on the morning of the club.

Mondays: Computer, Film, Cricket and Lego
Thursdays: Netball and Forest School.
Lunchtimes; TT Rockstars and Homework



MP Sports - MP Sports is our sports provider. The after-school club continues until Monday 20th October for KS1 and until Wednesday 22nd October for KS2. Please remember to collect your child from the hall doors on the KS2 playground so please ensure you make your way around school via the gate to the left of the main office and follow the path round. You will need to wait on the KS2 playground and the MP Sports leaders will ask you to come to the door to collect your child/ren. KS1 children need to be collected by an adult after the club and KS2 children can be collected by an adult or a child of 16 or over.



St John's Wellbeing Warriors

St John's Well being Warriors did an amazing Collective Worship yesterday, introducing themselves to the rest of school and talking about 'Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day' today.







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