

22nd September 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a dramatic change in weather this week with lots of wet playtimes! As always, the children managed this situation really well, especially our new year 3 pupils! Please ensure that your child now comes to school with a hooded coat as the season begins to change! We have many unnamed and unclaimed coats, jumpers and cardigans of varying sizes left over from last year if any one would like some spares. Please ask at the school office if you feel that you could make use of them.

In this week's newsletter, we have information regarding recruitment of Foundation Governors for our school. Please read carefully and consider whether this is something that you or someone you know may wish to consider.

On Monday 2nd October 9.15-10.15, there will be a coffee morning for our **year 3** parents. This has been arranged by our Pastoral Support Worker Tina in conjunction with the Mental Health Support team. Please see the attached newsletter for further details. If you would like to attend, please inform the school office in person or email.

schooloffice@stjohns-juniors.wirral.sch.uk

Finally, as you are aware, the area around school is very busy during pick up and drop off times. Please be considerate when parking and if at all possible, park away from school. In the interests of health and safety, please use the footpaths to access school **at all times of day.**

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs Mullins

Key Information

Friday 6th October

5J Class Assembly

WC Monday 9th October

Swimming Year 5

Tuesday 10th October

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

Wednesday 11th October

Parents' Evening 3.30pm-6.00pm

WC Monday 16th October

Swimming Year 5

Friday 20th October

6O Class Assembly

Friday 20th October

School Closes

Monday 30th October

School Opens

Friday 3rd November

5V Class Assembly

Friday 3rd November

Open Classroom from 2.30pm

Celebrate Topic 1

Monday 6th November

Topic 2 Begins

Friday 10th November

Remembrance Assembly

Friday 17th November

4T Class Assembly

Friday 24th November

4A Class Assembly

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December

Christmas Showcase-All Years

Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: 93.3%
3PE: 93.9%
4A: 99.1%
4T: 96.6%
5J: 91.9%
5V: 96.8%
6T: 94.7%
6O: 97.8%

St John's Junior Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

18th September—22nd September

99.1%

Congratulations to 4A

Attendance - Every day matters

If your child is absent due to sickness. Please inform us on the first day and keep us updated each day of absence via phoning the school office or Parentmail.



Times Table Rock Stars!

School Averages:



Average Speed:
4.31s

Active Pupils:
48%

Average Minutes:
16s

School Accuracy:
93%

Coins earned by each class

3PA: 1119	3PE: 1352
4A: 2069	4T: 995
5J: 1226	5V: 1136
6T: 882	6O: 1374

Congratulations to:

St Anne's class in Lower Key Stage 2 & St Oscar Romero in Upper Key Stage 2 on earning the most coins this week!

Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the following children, who have all achieved certificates this week for using their Thinking & Learning Powers!

3PA: Gracie F & Charlotte B

3PE: Mason L & Cora T

4A: Mikkel M & Jude T

4T: Ollie B & Emily S

5J: Maggie D & Oliver H

5V: Caelan H & Ella D

6O: Patsy R & James C

Myles C & Bella C

6T: Stephanie S & Poppy J

Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel

Mathew 20:1-16

"Why be envious because I am generous?"

Thought for the week

How envious of others are we? How generous are we?

Mass Times

Mass times at St John's Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9.30/11.00am.

Children's liturgy is always available at Sunday 9.30am Mass

Wednesday Word

Each week Wednesday Word is uploaded onto the school website to help you to reflect on this week's Gospel

Please follow this link <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/parish-newsletter-1>

Foundation Governor

The Governors at St John's Catholic Junior School are currently recruiting Foundation Governors.

The role would suit someone with an interest in serving our community and supporting the needs of our school children.

The role of a School Governing Body is:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and direction of the school
- Holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

It is a great opportunity to develop a range of skills in areas such as chairing, setting strategy and financial management as well as contributing to your local community. Access to a range of training is available as well as induction and mentoring. Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop, therefore candidates are required to be a practising Catholic. Anyone interested should send an email with an overview of their experience and skills for the attention of Gillian Dyche and Tony Rutherford (Co Chairs) to schooloffice@stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk

An informal chat can also be arranged if preferred by sending an email to this address.

#Wake up Wednesday

The world's most popular instant messaging service, WhatsApp has been appearing in the headlines even more often than usual recently over its opposition to aspects of the UK government's Online Safety Bill.

Encrypting messages to protect users' privacy has undeniable merit, but it *also* poses obvious risks – especially to young people. Updated to reflect the newest version of WhatsApp, today's **#WakeUpWednesday** guide brings trusted adults the latest essential info.



School lunches

Next week, we will be following **WEEK 1** menu. Please visit: <https://www.stjohns-junior.wirral.sch.uk/school-meals> for more details.

Please ensure that you top up your accounts for the week ahead to avoid a build up of outstanding monies. As stated on our website, if your child has an outstanding dinner debt, they must bring a packed lunch until the debt is cleared. If you are struggling or need support from school, please email the school office.

Holidays during term time

The school cannot authorise an absence for a holiday during term time . Taking holidays during term times means that pupils miss important school time, both educationally and for other school activities. Children often find it difficult to catch up with school work when they return.

You may be issued with a Education Penalty Notice if you take your child on holiday during term time without authorisation from the school.

The Authority issues Education Penalty Notices by post. Payment of an Education Penalty Notice is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid after this time, but within 28 days. Education Penalty Notices are issued separately to each parent in respect of each child. A possible exception to this would be where parents are separated, and one parent has taken a child on unauthorised leave of absence without the knowledge / consent of the other parent.

Congratulations

To Caleb W in 3PE who won player of the match, playing mid-field for Willaston.

Sam C in 5V who has started a trial at Everton under 10's Development Group football.

Shamelia B in 6O who has been chosen to represent Wirral playing football on a national level.

