

8th September 2023



St John's Catholic Junior School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school everybody! I hope you enjoyed a lovely summer with your children. It has been wonderful to see our pupils come into their classrooms with happy, smiling faces and starting the year so positively! A special well done to Year 3 and our new children who have made a great start. Thank you for ensuring they look so smart in their uniforms. For those of you who are new to the school, our newsletter is sent out each week with key information, diary dates and some regular features such as this week's Gospel, attendance figures and Wake Up Wednesday (an online safety article).

Staff News

St John's would like to extend a warm welcome to our new teaching assistant Mrs McParland who will be working closely within our year 4 Team. Her background brings a great set of skills, knowledge and passion to our school and both classes are excited to be working with her this year.

National Online Safety

All parents have access to this excellent resource and I strongly urge you to create an account and access the many online features, courses and guides available in order to support your child as they navigate an online world. Many parents have completed the training 'Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents and Carers of Children aged 7-11' and found it most useful! For further information about creating an account, see the attached guide online.

Key Information

Monday 11th September

Topic 1 Begins – See Website

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

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

Performance 1 9.15am

Performance 2 2.00pm

Thursday 21st December

Open Classroom from 2.30pm

Celebrate Topic 2

Thursday 21st December

School closes for children

Class Weekly Attendance:

3PA: %
3PE: %
4A: %
4T: %
5J: %
5V: %
6T: %
6O: %

St John's Junior Attendance

Every Child: Every Day!

Whole School Attendance

Each week we will report on attendance for whole school and each class. The attendance class winners receive a treat such as, extra playtime.

Children who are persistently absent or late, can soon fall behind with their learning and the likelihood of pupils achieving what they are capable of decreases.



Taking holidays in term time does affect educational progress and parents are strongly discouraged from doing so.

Times Table Rock Stars!

All children Yr 4,5,6 have access to Times Table Rock Stars and should begin accessing this daily now. Year 3 will be receiving details of their accounts shortly.



Certificate Winners

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

3PA: Oliver M & Molly G

3PE: Alfie H & Evie F

4A: Charlotte L & Samuel R

4T: Joel B & Ava C

5J: Sophia S & Mathew I

5V: Zack S & George R

6O: Isla L & Lucas T

6T: Jamie G & Malachy C

Gospel 10th September 2023

For the 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Times

Mathew 18: 15-20

“If he listens you have won your brother back...where two or three are gathered in my name I shall be with them”

Wake Up Wednesday Online Safety - Live Streaming

Around one in four social media users watch other people's content in real time on those same platforms. What's more, Ofcom estimates that 58% of children in the UK have consumed video content this way – with many also creating and broadcasting their own material online.

Live streaming, as it's known, has become immensely popular – with some streamers drawing tens of millions of followers. Among those viewers, however, lurk individuals who may pose a threat.

This **#WakeUpWednesday**, find out how you can help to protect young live streamers.

Multi Purposes Parental Consent Form

We will be sending these forms home with the children today. Please ensure all sections are completed and returned to school no later than Wednesday 13th September 2023.

Many Thanks!

Eco Schools Green Flag!

We have been successful in earning our Green Flag for another year! Below is an excerpt from the feedback we received on our application:

"It's wonderful that you have appointed such a representative Eco-Committee, this shows your school's excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. It's great to see that you had such a group of eager, enthusiastic volunteers.

It was also wonderful to see that they were supported by two staff members and that key members of the SLT were kept informed. "

Your Curriculum Link examples are imaginative, practical and fun, making environmental education accessible and engaging, well done! We're really impressed at how you've linked environmental issues to a variety of curriculum areas. We loved seeing the excellent photos of your pupil's work and displays. This is a great example of layering in sustainability and climate change into your studies. We loved reading about how you had incorporated learning about global issues not only into the Geography and Science Curriculum (most common ones) in your school, but also into other areas such as PE.

Great work!