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*'Living in the LIGHT of Christ'  
'I am the Light' John 8:12*



# Newsletter

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022: Follow us on Twitter: @stjohnstmichael

## Message from the Head:

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer break with your family and friends. Welcome to the new school year. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new Reception and Nursery pupils and parents, and indeed the families who have joined us in year groups throughout the school. Welcome to our school family!

## Safeguarding:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mr Rooney  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Camps  
Should anyone need to report any safeguarding concerns, please speak to our safeguarding team.

## Special Educational Needs:

SENDco: Mr Rooney  
Should you have any concerns regarding your child's development please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance and then Mr Rooney if you need further support or advice.

## Reading Records:

We have moved to a digital reading record platform this year, for parents to record their child's home reading. You will receive a letter with a login and information about how to download the app to record your daily reading at home.

Please listen to your child read every evening and make a note in your online reading app. Thank you.

## Holiday Dates:

School closes: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October  
School reopens: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Inset day: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

## Breakfast & Afterschool Club:

If you would like to apply for a breakfast or afterschool club place for your child, please speak to Mrs Earnshaw in our school office. To support our families, we are freezing our prices this year. Our wraparound care is available from 7.30am to 5.30pm. Children who accessed a BASC place last term are guaranteed a place this term, although you will be asked to sign a new contract. Please speak to Mrs Earnshaw if your no longer require a place.

## Accelerated Reader:

Children in Key Stage 2 will access our brand-new Accelerated Reader as part of our KS2 reading scheme this year. Reading books will be closely matched to the ability of the child and pupils will complete an online comprehension quiz once they have finished reading the book. The results of the quiz will be emailed to parents so that you can monitor your child's progress with their reading.

## School Library:

We are very pleased to let you know that we have exciting plans to update our school library. We aim to create an inviting space for our pupils, where they can change their books. This will help us to continue our mission to promote a love of reading. Our class teachers have also created reading spaces in their classrooms.

## Attendance:

Our attendance officer is Mrs Camps. Mrs Camps will monitor pupil attendance on a regular basis. Just to remind families that holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Parents can monitor their child's attendance via the Arbor App.

If your child is absent, please ensure you ring the school office before 9am to report the absence. This is a requirement for safeguarding purposes so that we know that your child is safe. Thank you.

## Key Dates

- Reception Parent Welcome Meeting: Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Sep 3.30pm
- Year 1 Parent Phonics meeting: Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Sep 3.30pm
- Tempest School Photographs: Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Oct (AM)
- Parents Evening: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Parents Evening: Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Pupil Flu Vaccinations: Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Nov
- School Christmas Fair: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov (2.30pm -4.30pm)
- EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance: Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec (2-3pm) & Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Dec (6-7pm)
- Last Day of Term: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

## Parking:

For safety reasons, please avoid parking outside the school gates and congesting the area. In our recent parent survey, a number of parents reported this as an issue. The police will be attending the site to inform parents where they should and shouldn't be parking. Thank you for your support with this.

## Homework:

Pupils will receive weekly homework. Homework will be detailed on your child's half termly class update letter. This is because each class may have slightly different homework requirements. Homework will be based on practising the skills they have been learning in class, as the more they practice the skills the more confident they will become with them.

Therefore, children should be able to access their homework independently with just a little support at home. Homework will consist of a weekly maths practice, reading practice, and spellings practise. Pupils should read daily to an adult at home and practice their Times Tables Rock Stars each day. Teachers will utilise Purple Mash, our online homework platform, as much as possible, but some paper based activities may also be used.

Please support us by ensuring your child completes their homework each week, as well as their daily activities.

### A prayer for the new school year

Loving God, let me be strong today as I meet new people in new places. Make me brave when I am worried, show me how to learn from everyone around me, and help me to do my very best. Amen.



## INSET Training:

For our September INSET training days, all our team accessed Paediatric First Aid training.

## Parents Survey:

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the Parent Survey so far. There is still time to complete the survey. If you have not already completed it we would appreciate your feedback.

We will publish the parent survey feedback once it has been fully analysed.

### Response to feedback so far:

To ensure parents have a better understanding of what our children are learning in school, we will send out a half termly letter for each class. The letters will detail what the children will be learning throughout the half term as well as providing you with information of what the children will need to support them. For example, any items they will need to bring in to school, such as cereal boxes or roll inner tubes for Art / DT, in order to avoid last minute communications. We will share more responses in the coming weeks.

