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



# News letter

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022: Follow us on Twitter: @stjohnstmichael

## Message from the Head:

What a busy start to the term! It has been great to drop into lessons to see our pupils hard at work and focussed on their learning.

I am pleased to see how our new iPads are already impacting on learning. If your child is in Key Stage 2, you should have received a letter about your child's iPad. Please return the signed letter to school ASAP. Thank you.

We hope you all agree how smart our children look in their new uniform! I know some of you are still waiting for school coats. They should arrive this week. Thank you for your patience with this.

Our school kitchen has been inspected by the Environmental Health this week, and I am pleased to confirm that we have maintained our 5-star rating. If you would like your child to have hot school meal for lunch, please speak to Mrs Earnshaw in the office.



## Reading Records:

We have moved to a digital reading record platform this year for parents to record their child's home reading. You should have received 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 child's 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

## Key Dates

- 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
- Bring a Bottle Non-Uniform Day: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct
- Parent Open Morning/ Coffee Morning: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov
- 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

## Displays:

We have made some changes to enhance our school learning environments. All classroom displays are now backed in hessian, with purple borders to create a calm learning environment so that children do not become cognitively overloaded and distracted from learning in class.





## Collective Worship:

This term, our ethos value and collective worship theme is:

### Generosity

With this in mind, we will be collecting tinned items and dry goods for Harvest all next week. All items collected will go to our local food bank, The Light House Project, to help our local community.

Thank you in advance for your generous contributions.

## Reminder:

Please do not bring dogs on to the school property. If you have a dog with you, please ensure you do not bring it beyond the school gates.

Parents are not permitted to drive their cars on to the school car park.

Thank you.

## Parking:

For safety reasons, please avoid parking outside the school gates and congesting the area.

Please do not block access to the garages at the top of Moss Side Street. Thank you for your support with this.

## Resurfacing:

### Resident Request:

Please do not park on Edgemoor car park between the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October, as it is being resurfaced with tarmac by the council.

Thank you.

## Our Queen:

Following the very sad passing of Her Majesty The Queen, our pupils had the opportunity to reflect and pray for her during our collective worship.

We remembered her for the incredible service that she provided our country, and we remembered our wonderful Platinum Jubilee celebrations just a few months ago.

Our pupils are excited to have a king for the first time in our living history and we wish King Charles III all the best for his future as our king.



## Non-Uniform Day:

On the last day of the half term, **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**, we will be having a non-uniform day for our pupils. We ask that pupils bring a bottle in for non-uniform. The bottles will be collected for our Christmas Fair bottle tombola. Please feel free to send any bottles, from a bottle of water to a bottle of wine. All bottled items welcome.

As always, thank you for your support!

## PTA- Parent Teacher Association:

A number of parents have indicated that they would like to be involved in a PTA to support our school. The PTA will work closely with the school leadership team to organise events and fundraising opportunities such as the Christmas Fair. This would provide an opportunity for parents to make new friends and come together once a term for a coffee meeting to plan events for the term ahead.

If you would be interested in joining our PTA working group, please email Mr Rooney. Thank you.

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## Parent Governor:

In the newsletter at the end of last term, we advertised for a parent governor to join our governing board. Only one parent responded to that request, so I pleased to confirm that Zoe Robinson is now our new parent governor.

Thank you Zoe for stepping forward and giving up your time to support our school.

## Parent Workshops:

Thank you to our Reception and Year 1 parents for attending our Read Write Inc Parent Workshops. We hope you found them useful. If you would like any further information or advice on how to support your child at home, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

## Punctuality:

Please can we ask that children arrive at school on time. Learning starts at 8.45am. Thank you.

## Lunchtime Assistant:

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Assistant at school. If anyone would be interested in this role, please email Mr Rooney for an application form.

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## Parent Open Morning/ Coffee Morning:

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, between 9am and 11am, we are inviting parents and grandparents into school to enjoy a coffee and a cake. Parents will then be invited to spend time in classes, to learn alongside pupils and support your child in class. We are looking forward to sharing how our pupils learn in school with you.

