# St. John's C of E Primary School

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Children in Years 1-6

**Re: Introducing the New Academic Year**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following feedback from last year, we thought it would be useful to let you know the essential information to help you and your child in the first few days in a new year group next academic year. We have also listed the dates for the Welcome Meetings so that you can get these in your diaries in good time, these meetings are useful to meet the team and gain a more in depth understanding of how the year group works. INSET days are also listed for next year at the end of the letter. If you have any questions then please do get in touch.

**LRR: Year 1/2**

Drop off and pick up: **Hawks and Kestrels** can be dropped off and collected from the **classroom side door** every day (under the canopy just off the ramp). You will see the class teachers smiling face waving at you in the morning. **Falcons, Owls and Harriers** are collected from the **playground** and are to line up when the bell rings. Again, the class teacher will be there to meet you. The children will have a morning task to do when they arrive - just like they have in early years.

Bags and coat pegs: All children should bring their book bags/coats/P.E. kits etc. and hang these on their pegs which are outside the classroom. Only **one key ring** on the book bags please. **No pencil cases please.** Each child will need a drink bottle and P.E. kit in school that is named!

Independence: As the children move into Y1 it is important to try and develop as much independence as possible. It is really important that you say goodbye at the door, the children take responsibility to hang up their own bags, remember their reading book and change it if necessary.

Over the summer: Please, please, please keep reading and doing small activities over the summer holidays e.g. counting on or counting back. 6 weeks is a long time to be away from learning and it is really important to keep these key skills ticking over! Maybe your child would even like to send a postcard to their new class…
Finally, if you have any other questions do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or myself, via email or catch us at the end of the day.

Welcome Meeting: 2:30pm Thursday 6th September in LRR Hall, entrance via the office

**WR: Year 3/4**

Welcome to Year 3/4! We are really looking forward to welcoming the children into the year group and have spent lots of time over the course of term 6 getting to know them.

I know that the change in year group and curriculum can fill parents with a slight feeling of anxiety and apprehension so I am going to attempt to explain a few 'daily routine' questions that might put your minds at rest.

Drop off and pick up:

All classes apart from Carnival will go into their classrooms from under the canopy, Carnival go into their classroom via the steps by the sports pitches.

For the first week however we will ask the children to line up in the playground in their classes, similar to Y2. We will also dismiss them from our classrooms to check they have found you. After the first week the children can just come into their class when the bell rings. For pick up from week 2 onwards it would be good for you to arrange a place that you will meet your child in the playground. We explain very clearly and remind the children that if their adult isn't there to come straight back to class.

Bags and coat pegs: All children should bring their book bags/coats/P.E. kits etc. and hang these on their pegs which are in the classroom. Only **one key ring** on the book bags please. **No pencil cases please.** Each child will need a drink bottle and P.E kit in school that is named! The children will have PE on their first day back so please make sure a kit is in school.

Over the summer: Please, please, please keep reading and doing small activities over the summer holidays e.g. using the maths packs on the website, Mathletics. 6 weeks is a long time to be away from learning and it is really important to keep these key skills ticking over! Maybe your child would even like to send a postcard to their new class…

Welcome Meeting: 2:45pm Friday 7th September in WR Hall, entrance via the office

**WR: Year 5/6**

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Children in Y5/6 are allowed to walk to and from school as long as the permission letter (on the website) has been signed and handed into the office. Children in Muller, Campbell, Brunel and Guppy should enter through the main door off the playground up the steps; children in Cabot should use the side door by the decking. At the end of the day, children will make their own way back out onto the playground to either walk home or be collected - it is useful to have a regular place to meet. Please remind your child that if they are not collected they should head back in to the classroom or up to the office.

Packed Lunches:

Each class will have a cloakroom next to their class to hang bags, coats, PE kits etc. Packed lunches should be kept in their bags until lunch time.

PE:

All children will have PE on a Thursday afternoon (1 extra day TBC). PE Kits should be labelled clearly with your child's name.

Welcome Meeting: 2:45pm Wednesday 5th September in WR Hall, entrance via the office.

**INSET Days 2018-19:**

Monday September 3rd 2018

Monday January 7th 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

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