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Children in Years EYFS-Y5

Re: Introducing the New Academic Year

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 are a useful way to meet the team, gain a more in depth understanding of how the year group works and to ask any questions. But first, a summer holiday to do list:

- 1) [Get the right uniform](#) – see the policy at the end of this letter to ensure your child has the correct uniform and to avoid unnecessary cost
- 2) [Name everything](#) – use a permanent marker or get some name tags (use [this link](#) & the school ID: 21484) to ensure we can return lost items to the rightful owner.
- 3) [Get the dates](#) – put the [term dates and INSET days](#) (also listed below) in your calendar/diary to ensure your child is in school every day.
- 4) [Sort online safety](#) – we continue to have occasions when children have seen content online out of school that is not age appropriate – once seen it cannot be unseen so sort this before you regret it. Please use this [guide](#).
- 5) [Learning](#) – plan your time so your child can do a little now and then to keep their learning going. This could be enjoying reading together, sending a postcard or picture to your teacher/class, practising some times tables or having educationally fun days out. You could get involved in the [Summer Reading Challenge](#). Anything is better than nothing, just keep it fun.

LRR: Year 1&2

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children into Y1&2 in September. Below we have outlined a few aspects you need to know before the first day back to school.

Drop off and pick up: **Falcons, Owls and Harriers** will be dropped off and picked up from the top playground. Teachers will be on the door from 8.50am and children are welcome to make their way to the classroom if they wish. Please do not come into the building before teachers are on the door. The bell will go at 9am to indicate that all children need to make their way to their classroom. Children will be collected at 3.30pm from the main playground. **Hawks and Kestrels** will exit and enter their classrooms via the side doors (under the canopy by the slope). Again, teachers will be on the door from 8.50am and children are welcome to enter the classroom at this time. If they would like to play before school they are welcome to go to the main playground and the bell will go at 9am to indicate that all children need to make their way to their classroom. If children are playing before or after school they should be under the supervision of a parent/carer.

Bags and coat pegs: All children should bring their book bags/coats etc. and hang these on their pegs which are outside the classroom. Only **one key ring** on the book bags and **no pencil cases or rucksacks please**. Each child will need a drink bottle, preferably at least semi-transparent so they can tell when it's full, and to wear their P.E. kit to school on P.E days. These will be confirmed before the first week back. Please make sure everything is clearly 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, with the children taking 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 [Miss Ricketts](#), via email or catch us at the end of the day.

Welcome Meeting: 2:30pm Thursday 7th 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 already spent some time over the course of term 6 getting to know them.

I know that the change in year group, curriculum and, for Year 3 site, can fill parents/carers 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 mind 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 we will keep the systems similar to Year 2, the children will line up in the playground in their classes when the bell goes in the morning and at the end of the day will be dismissed from their classroom to ensure they have found you.

From the second week, the children can just come into their class in the morning when the bell rings; we will continue to dismiss the children by bringing them out and handing them over to you as happens in Y2.

Bags and coat pegs: All children should bring their book bags/coats etc. and hang these on their pegs which are in the classroom or adjoined cloakroom. Only **one key ring** on the book bags and **no pencil cases please**. Each child will need a drink bottle, preferably at least semi-transparent so they can tell when it's full, and will need to wear their P.E kit on PE days. This will be a Tuesday and one other day which will be confirmed before the first week. Please make sure all clothes and other items are named.

Over the summer: Please, please, please keep reading and doing small activities over the summer holidays e.g. Mathletics, Spelling Shed. 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: 2:30pm Wednesday 6th September in WR Hall, entrance via the office.

Finally, if you have any other questions do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or [Miss Dixey](#), via email or catch us at the end of the day.

WR: Year 5&6

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children into Y5&6 and have lots of exciting things planned for the year! Please see below for some important information to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Drop Off and Pick Up:

Children in Y5&6 are allowed to walk to and from school without an adult as long as you have given permission - the office will send all year 5&6 parents/carers a form via ParentMail to be completed over the summer. The form will also allow you to request that your child is permitted to bring in a mobile phone. Children can only use these to message/call you when they arrive safely at school (not for sharing online content etc.) and should then be turned off, handed to the teacher once in the class and will be kept in a class safe for the day. Children are not allowed to use their phones once they have arrived on the school premises. For children going into Year 5 we have attached some guidance on establishing ground rules for mobile phone use; this may also be useful if your child is entering Year 6.

On arrival, children in Muller, Guppy and Brunel should enter through the main door off the playground up the steps; children in Cabot should use the side door directly into the classroom by the top of the slide; children in Campbell should use the side door via the cloakroom on the top playground. 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 make their way back into the classroom or up to the office.

Packed Lunches:

Each class will have a cloakroom next to/in their class to hang bags, coats, PE kits etc. Please try to avoid large bags as we have limited space to store these. Packed lunches will be placed in a class crate and taken to the hall at lunchtime. In addition to this, children should bring in their own water bottle, preferably at least semi-transparent so they can tell when it's full, which they will keep in classrooms, also in crates for the duration of the day.

PE:

All children will need to arrive in school wearing their PE Kit on the days they have PE lessons. These will be Thursdays and 1 extra day to be confirmed. Please ensure your child's PE Kit and uniform are in line with the school policy (see details below) and labelled clearly with your child's name.

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, Spelling Shed, Mathletics and times table practice or Times Table Rockstars. Six 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: 2:30pm Tuesday 5th September in WR Hall, entrance via the office.

Finally, if you have any other questions do not hesitate to contact either your child's class teacher or [Mr Allcock](#), via email or catch us at the end of the day.

INSET Days 20-23:

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

Uniform:

Over the summer, I am sure many of you will be purchasing new school uniform for those little people that just keep growing! Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform when they return to school in September. I have attached a list below and the full policy is available on the school website.

All pupils are expected to wear school uniform from the selection below.

- Light blue polo shirt (with or without the St. John's logo)
- Navy blue sweatshirt with St. John's logo on left breast, or navy blue cardigan with St. John's logo on left breast
- Grey school trousers or shorts
- Grey school skirt or pinafore dress
- Blue gingham dress or playsuit in the summer
- Navy blue, black or white Hijab or other head covering worn for religious reasons
- Grey, black or white plain socks, or navy blue tights or leggings
- Children may also wish to wear the school navy blue fleece with the St. John's logo but other coats are acceptable for outside wear
- Year 6 pupils are expected to wear the School Council hooded top

Footwear:

- As an active school, our children take part in physical exercise regularly throughout the week. Therefore, we would recommend **dark coloured** trainers are worn for everyday use.
- If shoes are worn, these should be dark and enclosed and children must ensure they have trainers available in school every day should they need to take part in active learning.

PE and Games:

- Navy blue T-shirt
- Navy blue shorts (not Bermuda, skate or ¾ length shorts)
- Plimsolls or trainers for EYFS and Year 1&2 pupils, trainers for Year 3-6 pupils

- Navy tracksuit or leggings
- Junior pupils who have swimming lessons at school will require a one-piece swimming costume, or close-fitting shorts or trunks.

Please note:

- In terms of jewellery, only ear studs are allowed for health and safety reasons. No other jewellery should be worn except for religious reasons.
- No make-up or nail varnish should be worn in school during the school day and any hair accessories should be plain and functional.
- St. John's Primary School also recommends that all children wear reflective or high visibility items when they are travelling to and from school. This is particularly important during the winter months and for those who travel by scooter or bike.

Happy Holidays:

It has been another successful year at school and the calendar seems to have been full with a wide variety of events across the year. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work, care and professionalism over the year and to you, our families, for all your support. I hope that you have a great break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th September!

Kind regards

Mr. Justin Hoye
Headteacher