

ST JOHN'S

Newsletter



Goodbye Liz

Our lovely cook Liz is retiring at February half term, after working here for more than ten years! We'd like to thank her for providing such hearty meals, prepared with love and served with a smile, and for keeping tummies full all these years. We will miss her and wish her all the very best in her retirement.

We will welcome our new chef, Ms Patterson, in mid-February.



We'll miss you Liz

Keeping in touch

Class Dojo and Seesaw are the two main ways that we send out messages to parents. Without the apps, you are likely to miss a lot of important information. Once you have downloaded the app, your child's teacher will give you a code to connect with the class. **IMPORTANT:** please make sure your notifications are turned ON otherwise you won't be aware messages have been sent. You can use the apps to message the school office, your child's teacher or me for free.

This is a quick and easy way to ask us a question and we're usually pretty fast in replying. Forms for booking clubs, enrichment places and the caravan are all sent out electronically on Classdojo too, so please don't miss out!



Reception Forest School

After School Clubs

We have a range of clubs that run from 3.25- 4.25 Monday to Thursday and are **FREE** to attend. This term's clubs include golf, football, Lego and gymnastics.

Please speak to Mr Walker for more information.

School Caravan

We're very excited to say that we have upgraded our school holiday home to a 3 bedroom caravan that sleeps 8 people.

Dates are now available to book for 2025, via the link on Class Dojo or on the school website. All you pay is £70 to cover the cost of cleaning and the utility charges (gas/electricity/water).

The caravan can be booked by any family with a child in St John's Primary.

<https://forms.office.com/e/pqEHJFUQpP>



Our new caravan

Important reminders

Remember, for safety reasons, hooped earrings are not allowed in school AT ALL and we will ask children to remove them if they are worn. The only jewellery allowed are stud earrings and watches (not smart watches.)False nails are not appropriate for children (for safety reasons) and we will ask that they are removed.

Packed lunches should contain no more than two snacks and water only to drink. Snacks include crisps, biscuits, yoghurts or a pastry. Chocolate bars or sweets are not allowed. Any extra snacks or juice will be sent home with children.

Parents are welcome to attend our Friday class assemblies. Watch out on Class Dojo for an invitation from your child's teacher.

Term dates can be found on the school website for this year and next year. Please check before booking a holiday!

The Class Blogs page on the website is a great way to keep up with what your child has been learning in school. Please check them out each week - there are loads of lovely photos on there too.



What a smile!



Super happy Year 1

Read More www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk

Courses for adults

Parents and carers of Nursery and Reception children, we have Family Learning sessions starting on Monday 27th January 1pm-3pm. The sessions will run every Monday for 4 weeks ending on Monday 17th February.

This is a lovely opportunity to meet other parents and also work with your children. Places are limited so if you are interested, please sign up asap.

All Parents/Carers: would you like a FREE slow cooker?

All you have to do is attend a cooking session every week for 4 weeks in the Bungalow on a Wednesday morning 9am-10am starting on the 29th January. You must attend all 4 sessions to receive the slow cooker.

The sessions will be led by Kate or Natalie from C.H.E.F.F. All ingredients will be provided and at the end of the day you will collect a nutritious meal for your family.

There are only 6 places available.

If you are interested in either course contact Susan Lishman on 07815968699 asap.

Attendance

Attendance is looking so much better so far this term, thank you. Can we please remind you that if your child has an appointment, it is good for school to know in advance and for your child/children to attend school before and after (where possible.)

Some of you may be thinking about summer holidays now that Christmas is over - Please see our website for term dates as we do not authorise leave of absence during term time.

Term Dates and Holidays

Spring Term: Monday 6th January - Wednesday 16th April

February Half Term Holiday

Break up Friday 21st February
Return Monday 3rd March

Easter Holidays

Break up Wednesday 16th April
Return Monday 28th April

Summer Term: Monday 28th April - Friday 18th July

May Half Term Holiday

Break up Friday 23rd May
Return Monday 9th June



We just love to learn.