

ST JOHN'S

Newsletter



Hello Steve!

In my last newsletter I told you our cook, Liz, was retiring after 11 years at St John's. We welcomed our new chef, Steve, a couple of weeks ago and have been enjoying his food a lot. Welcome to the St John's family!



We need your help!

A group of staff and friends of St John's are walking/running 12 miles from school to Whitley Bay on Sunday 13th April, to raise money for our school caravan's running costs.

The caravan is available for St John's families to book for just £70 - this covers the cost of cleaning, gas and electricity. So many of you have enjoyed a lovely holiday there and we need that to continue for as long as possible. It's such a special place!

All other costs associated with the caravan (about £5000 a year) are paid by school, so we need to raise as much money as we can!

If you can help, we have a page for donations <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/walk4stjohns> or you can send in cash or fundraise yourself via the sponsor form we sent home this week.

Many thanks for your continued support!



Summer trips

We have so much happening in Summer Term - please check out our website calendar regularly for updates. Here are a few things to look forward to:

April 30th - Reception to Whitehouse Farm
May 1st - Year 6 to Theatre Royal
May 12th - 14th - Year 5 to Ford Castle
May 22nd - 23rd - 3 x Y6 sailing trip
May 22nd - Year 3 Scotswood Gardens
May 22nd - Year 5 Helix visit
June 17th - Reception beach trip (weather dependent)
June 23rd - 26th - Year 6 to Mallorca
July 1st - Year 5 to Beamish



Important reminders

Lateness: School starts promptly at 8.55 and ends at 3.25. We record minutes late after registration closes and where persistent lateness is an issue, we expect that children make up their 'lost learning' time at breaktime, catching up on what was missed. Please get your child to school on time - or even better, for Breakfast Club from 8am.

Haircuts: a reminder that brightly dyed hair and shaved patterns are not encouraged as part of our Home-School Agreement.

Easter disco - tickets are still available for the disco on Weds 16th April and cost £1.

Easter raffle tickets are still available to purchase.

Our website is regularly updated. Check out our Class Blogs to see what your child has been learning in school and see the calendar for what's happening.



Read More

www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk



Courses for adults



Slow Cooker Course

Six parents attended the slow cooker course. They came along every Tuesday morning for four weeks and with the help of Kate and Natalie from C.H.E.F.F. (Cooking, Healthy Eating, Fitness and Fun) prepared a delicious meal which they later collected to share with their family. At the end of the four weeks they got to take the slow cooker home!

I am hoping to arrange an Air Fryer course soon so watch this space!

E-safety

Thank you to those parents who attended the e-safety workshop on the 20th March. The feedback was very positive with parents reporting that the session was useful and informative. Information on parental controls, useful websites and how to report a concern has been shared on Class Dojo.

Family Learning

Parents of pupils from Nursery to Year 3 were invited to attend Family Learning sessions this academic year. There is a Coffee Afternoon arranged for 9th April at 2pm for any adults who have attended at least one session. Please come along and give some feedback on the sessions, those that attend will get a £10 supermarket voucher. I hope to see you there!

Attendance

Attendance has dropped down to 96.1% for the year so far, due to lots of genuine illness. Remember, if your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they need to stay off school for 48 hours afterwards.

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 and looking for a last minute bargain. Please see our website for term dates as we do not authorise leave of absence during term time. Any unauthorised absence of 5 or more days will likely result in a fixed penalty notice of up to £160 per child (issued to each parent.)

Term Dates and Holidays

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

May Half Term Holiday

Break up Friday 23rd May

Return Monday 9th June

Remember, our half term holiday is longer than most other schools because we have a shorter Easter!

