

**Can you believe we are almost half way through the school year already?**

## **Safeguarding**

Please DO NOT allow your children to walk through the school carpark. Make sure you keep to footpaths and do not cut through the main carpark gate. A reminder also that children are not supervised in the yard before 8.50am. The doors for breakfast club close at 8.30am and children arriving after this time must be supervised by a parent until collected from the yard by their class teacher. We are more than happy for children to use the play equipment in the main yard, but cannot supervise them doing so – parents please keep an eye on your own children and do not let them play with the tyres.

The parking control van will regularly patrol the area before and after school, so please remember to park safely and respectfully when you drop off and pick up your children. There are several carparks within a one minute walk of school - please use them to keep the children safe (and avoid a hefty fine!)

## **Contact numbers**

If you change your mobile number, PLEASE let the office know straight away. It is important that we always have a couple of numbers so we can contact you quickly in case of emergency. If you are not sure if we have your most recent number, please contact Mrs Marshall so she can check.

## **Assertive Mentoring meetings**

You will be invited to meet with your child's class teacher after half term. Details and appointments will follow soon.

## **Reading at home**

Huge thanks to all the parents who read regularly at home with your children and record them reading on Seesaw. Children make much faster progress when they practise their reading outside of school and we rely on your support to make it happen. If you have problems getting online, please do just let us know – we can help by loaning a device or maybe even supporting with basic wifi access.

## **Attendance and punctuality**

The gates into school are locked promptly at 9am. After this time, children must be brought to the office where their time of arrival and reason for being late is recorded. Repeated late arrival to school may trigger the involvement of the school's attendance officer, Mrs Harrison.

A number of children are regularly collected late at the end of the school day or after clubs. This is recorded and will be followed up, if necessary, by Mrs Harrison/Mrs Lishman or Mrs Caffrey.

## **Uniform**

Our uniform policy can be found on the website

[http://www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk/website/school\\_uniform/92756](http://www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk/website/school_uniform/92756) Children should be wearing black or grey trousers or a skirt, NOT jeans or non-uniform dresses. Please let us know if you need support with uniform because we can help.

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. False nails are not appropriate for children (for safety reasons) and we will ask that they are removed.

## **Packed lunches**

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.** A balanced lunch might include a sandwich or wrap, vegetable sticks, yoghurt, piece of fruit and a chocolate biscuit.

Spring Term

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Easter holiday - break up **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, return Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Training day Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

Summer Term

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Bank holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Half term holiday - break up Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, return Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**Training day Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Remember, all term and holiday dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25 are on the school website <http://www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk/website/2023-24/668530>

Please do not book holidays outside of the scheduled holiday dates.