

# St. John's C of E Primary School, Shildon

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## Newsletter 1: Summer Term 2022

1.7.22

First of all, apologies for not getting a Newsletter out to you sooner. We have been extremely busy this term with assessments and many other in-school activities.

### Assessments and Reporting

Throughout this term, children have been completing assessments. These have included: Year 1 Phonics, Year 2 SATS, Y4 Multiplication Tables Check and Y6 SATS. The pupils' attitude and application to these tasks was outstanding. This week has been our school based assessment week.

The results of these assessments will be reported to you as part of your child's annual report, which will be with you early next week. If there is anything you wish to discuss in more detail, then please do not hesitate to get in touch and make an appointment.

### Curriculum News

**Jubilee Celebrations:** A huge thank you to all who attended the class presentations, we hope you enjoyed them! Also, your support for the 'dressing up' day was as fantastic as ever, well done! We were fortunate that the rain stayed off for the picnic.

### Sedgefield Athletics Festival and County Durham Final:

This term a team of 15 pupils chosen from Y5 and Y6 entered the district competition. The attitude and skills of the whole team were highly commended however two of the pupils qualified for the County Finals.

At the finals, Callum H came 1<sup>st</sup> in Shot Put and Keaton W came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Howler Throw. Congratulations to both children.

**Sports Week: Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> July.** As part of the PE curriculum all classes will participate in different activities during this week, competing against each other and gathering points for their house teams. We are still not returning to a traditional Sports Day at present.

**Reading at home:** Thank you to all parents who continue to support their children at home with reading. We continue to see the difference this makes by the attitude and progress in school. If at any time you are struggling with this with your child, please let us know and we can explore ways to help.

**Trips & Visits:** Following the last two years of interruption, trips and visits are finally up and running again! This is something we are extremely excited about. Some trips have already taken place: R to Blue Reef Aquarium, Y4 to Arbeia Roman Fort and Y6 to Durham Cathedral. We still have more to look forward to before the end of term, Y6 will be visiting The Forbidden Corner and Loud Noises (a brass band) will be visiting school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. These are just some of the things we are doing to further enrich our curriculum, with lot more to follow next year!

**Robinwood:** In September (26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>) our current Y5 pupils will be attending a residential trip to Robinwood Activity Centre, Alston. This is a once in a lifetime experience for pupils in primary school. There will be a meeting next Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm to share information with Y5 parents.

### Reclaimed Food Stall

This continues to take place every Friday at the front of school. We have now raised over £500 from your donations!

### Breakfast Club

We are delighted to be working alongside the Greggs Foundation to secure funding for our school breakfast club. Breakfast club is now fully operational every morning from 7.45am. Unfortunately, due to staffing we can not allow children into school any earlier than this time. If you require a place please contact Mrs. Pallister.

*'Achieving Our Potential as God's Children'*



## Facebook

Thank you to all the parents who completed our survey, it was great to have so many responses. It was extremely clear that the majority of parents would like a school Facebook page. Therefore, this is something we will be going ahead with before the end of term. Pupils who do not have permission to have photographs on website, twitter etc. will not be featuring on Facebook unless consent is given. Further information to follow.

## Parent Information

School Organisation: Teachers and Teaching Assistants 2022-23

Nursery: Mrs. Forrest with Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Norman

Reception: Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Hogarth

Year 1: Miss. Ramage with Miss. French and Mrs. Kirkbride.

Year 2: Miss. Bramley and Mrs. Laverick

Year 3: Miss. Clarey with Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Eltringham

Year 4: Mr. Kay and Mrs. Scott

Year 5: Mrs. Barker and Miss. Turnbull

Year 6: Mr. Ward and Mrs. Allen

On **Friday 8th July** there will be a transition session in school, where the children will be working in their 'new' class.

A specific letter has been sent out to all Nursery children who are starting school in September. A special letter has also gone out to those from other Nurseries

### Staff News:

From this list you will see there are a couple of changes.

Congratulations to Mrs. Rosenbrier who is expecting her first baby in September and will be on maternity leave next year.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss. Clarey back to school following her maternity leave.

Mrs. Whensley will be officially retiring after 22 years working at St. John's and an even longer association with the school as a parent and Governor. However... we are very fortunate that she has agreed to help us out with some important tasks in school, so you will still see her around at times.

## Important Dates

WB: 4<sup>th</sup> July – Reports to Parents

WB: 11<sup>th</sup> July Sports Week

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leaver's Service (Church) 9.30am

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> – Support Plan Meetings

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Leaver's Party

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Trip – The Forbidden Corner

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Leaver's Assembly (School)  
9.00am

## Year 6 Transition Dates

- 6<sup>th</sup> July – Greenfield
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July - St John's
- 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July – King James
- 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July - Bishop Barrington

## Term Dates

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – School closes for Summer

~~Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 – School closes for Summer~~

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September School re-opens:  
Autumn Term 2022-23