



St John's News

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100%

Attendance

National Target for Attendance	Percentage Attendance For the Period 03.09.24 - 07.03.24	
96%	Robins	92.1
	Herons	94.0
	Kestrels	94.0
	Kingfishers	91.7
	Falcons	96.1
	Owls	96.7
	SCHOOL TOTAL	94.3

Attendance has dipped below the National Target overall so this needs to improve. Please keep school updated about any illness and absences – thank you.

Owls remain at the top of the leader board with 96.7%, closely followed by Falcons with 96.1%, both classes above the National Target, so – WELL DONE!

Don't forget our great incentives for good attendance such as, our monthly raffle for each child who maintains 100% attendance throughout the month. Their names go into a draw to win a prize from the Attendance Treasure Chest! Plus our weekly Bird Token award for each class with 96% attendance or above – all the tokens will go into a draw at the end of each term for a chance to win a non-uniform day and a VIP Afternoon Tea! Any class achieving 100% weekly attendance will be awarded 2 Bird Tokens, thus improving their chances of winning the VIP tea.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Remember, our school day **starts PROMPTLY at 8.55 a.m.** so all children need to be in school already at this time, not just arriving. Be in line for 5 to 9! Thank you to all parents who do get their children here on time.



SCHOOL VALUE

Our school value for this half term is 'Justice'

"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you: therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are those that wait for him!" *Isaiah 30:18*



LET'S GO SING

We're off to the long awaited 'Let's Go Sing' concert in Blackpool on Friday. The children are so excited and it should be a wonderful experience for them.

CAREERS WEEK – FEBRUARY 24TH – 28TH

What a fabulous week this was, we had so many visitors and people in to chat to the children about their jobs. We had ex-pupils and family members, which was fabulous for everyone. I hope the children came home buzzing about the different jobs there are out there for them! This gives a little insight into the world of work and what they may want to be when they grow up! Let's think big, little ones, you can be who you want to be!

I must give a BIG shout out to everyone who came in to talk to the children, and to Warburtons, who gave us some bread to taste and the school Governor who came in to talk to the children about their role.

CLASS WORSHIP EVENTS

We have two Worships coming up, led by two different classes. Parents of the children in those classes are invited to attend:

Mother's Day Worship - led by Falcon Class on Friday 28th March, starting at 9.10 a.m.

Easter Worship - led by Heron Class on Friday 4th April, starting at 9.10 a.m.

We look forward to seeing those parents that are invited.

Staff Member Needed

We are on the lookout for a new lunchtime supervisor – are you that person? Please ask at reception for a job description and an application form. All applications are to be in to Miss Parker by 28th March 2025.

Online Safety

Keep an eye on the school Facebook page as Miss Parker shares a weekly fact sheet about keeping safe online.

More and more children are on line from a much younger age, we must make sure we are equipping them with the information that they need to keep themselves safe from harm. **YOU** must check their devices, check what they are typing/saying to each other, check who they have as 'friends', as remember, not everyone online is who they pretend to be! You are their parent first and sometimes you need to say no and check their usage.

If you are worried about something, please don't hesitate to talk to your class teacher or to Miss Parker. My golden rule to my child and the children of St John's is "if you wouldn't say this to Miss Parker, then don't write it!"

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Mrs Sarah Smith

You may well have noticed a little, (or not so little bump!), in Mrs. Smith's tummy! We all wish her well as she starts her maternity leave next week. We will miss you and we can't wait to meet little baby Smith when they arrive. We warmly welcome Mrs. F Bennett who is coming to take over Mrs. Smith's role in class. The children have met her and she can't wait to join us.

AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

We are currently in the process of starting up our own after school provision at school! What an exciting time! We are hoping to have this up and running in some capacity at Easter and fully operational for September. Watch this space! We will send out more information at a later date.

Parents' Evening

Please ensure that you have booked your slot for parents' evening. This will be held in the hall for all pupils and staff next Wednesday, 19th March. Please ask Mrs. Vooght in the office for a letter if yours has been misplaced, or ring for an appointment.

PARENT GOVERNOR

We recently sent out some forms to appoint a new Parent Governor. Sadly, no-one applied this time so we need to send them out again. It isn't much commitment, usually two meetings per term between 6 – 8.00 p.m. at the latest. The role is a rewarding one, which gives you an insight and a say into what goes on in the school. We hope that someone will consider this role when we send the paperwork out again this week. If more than one person applies, there will be a ballot.

FRIENDS EASTER EGG BINGO!

The Friends Committee are busy preparing for our evening of Bingo on Thursday 3rd April. If you are out buying Easter Eggs, please pop an extra one in the trolley to bring into school on Friday 28th March in preparation for the Bingo Night. Tickets will be on sale soon for this eggciting event! 😊

Smoking Near School

Please can I ask that you don't smoke around the school so that children aren't exposed to second hand smoke as they enter school? I appreciate that this doesn't happen in school grounds and thank you for that, but if you can refrain around the entrances too, it would be much appreciated. Thank you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 13th Mar: Science Day.

Fri 14th Mar: Let's Go Sing Concert at the Winter Gardens, Blackpool.

Tue 18th Mar: Dance Competition at Burnley Mechanics.

Wed 19th Mar: Parents' Evening.

Fri 21st Mar: World Poetry Day.

Tue 25th Mar: Glow Dodgeball event (selected children).

Fri 28th Mar: Non-Uniform Day - please bring in an Easter Egg or Easter related chocolate for the Easter Egg Bingo evening.

Fri 28th Mar: Mother's Day Worship led by Falcon Class.

Fri 28th Mar: Job application deadline for lunch time supervisor.

Thurs 3rd Apr: EID Party.

Thurs 3rd Apr: Easter Egg Bingo.

Fri 4th Apr: Heron Class leading Easter Worship.

Fri 4th Apr: End of Term - School closes for Easter.

Tues 22nd Apr: INSET Day.

Wed 23rd Apr: School re-opens.

Please keep an eye on these dates as they are added to and changed sometimes at short notice. We do our best to keep you informed so please make sure your mobile number and email address is up to date on our records so that we can text/email you.