



St. John's CE Primary School

Spring Newsletter



Greetings from St. John's ☺

Vision and Values

Our Vision:

To develop within ourselves an understanding of what is right and fair, and to have the strength to face challenges and do the right thing. To be people of hope.

To celebrate individuality, and to respect ourselves, others and the world in which we live. To be the best we can be.

Our Motto:

Shine like the star you are.

Our Values (SHINE):

Strength: have the strength to stand up for what is right. Be a courageous advocate.

Hope: to be people of hope. Have hope when times are dark and difficult. Keep positive and be resilient – there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Individuality: embrace and celebrate our differences. God made us all unique and this is a very special thing.

Nurture: cherish, care for, encourage and protect everything in God's world - including yourself.

Excel: fulfil your God given potential; be the best you can be. Shine like the star you are.

Attendance:

We would like to say thank you to you for the testing and action you've taken to help us stop the spread of Covid. Inevitably, Covid has affected us, but we have managed to control the cases with your help, so thank you. Covid has had a severe impact on our attendance which is unavoidable, but the focus now is getting pupils back on track by ensuring they're in school at all possible times.

In line with our attendance policy, our target for attendance is 96% or above. We appreciate that illness can't be avoided but we would like to ask for your help to get us back on target.

We are working with Staffordshire County Council's Education Welfare Service who is regularly reviewing our attendance figures. Please note that there is a statutory duty for the Education Welfare team to contact you in certain cases of absence:

- 20 or more unauthorised sessions (a session = a half day) in a 12 week period.
- 10 or more occasions of being late – being late will affect attendance figures.

Please refer to our Attendance Policy for full details: <https://www.st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk/policies/>

How you can help:

- If your child is well enough to attend school (and has no temperature), please send them in. We will always call you if your child is feeling unwell whilst at school – please see the latest Covid guidance below.
- If possible, book appointments for out of school hours.

- Always try and book your holidays in holiday time rather than term time.

How we can help:

- We will monitor attendance regularly and let you know if your child's attendance falls below our target of 96%.
- We will be introducing weekly attendance rewards.

We know that you will continue to send your children to school where you can, but if you're struggling with anything, please call as there are lots of things we can do to help.

Covid Update:

The latest Government guidance states that children and young people who are unwell enough to attend school and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

St. John's SHINE values in action:

Class Dojos:

Our 'Class Dojo' rewards are given to pupils for displaying our school values (Strength / Hope / Individuality / Nurture / Excel). Our newly formed 'Dojo Committee' manage the Dojo shop which opens at lunch times. The committee is made up of Year 5 pupils who work with the St. John's School Council so that our rewards system can be as tailored as possible to pupil requests.

Excel:

A huge well done to Freddie in Year 3 who has been signed to play football for Port Vale Football Club. What an exciting opportunity – well done!

Well done to Charlie who has, at the age of just 6, been awarded with the Chief Scout's Bronze Award – this is the highest award a Beaver can achieve and he still has over a year to be a beaver. We are super proud of him.

Nurture:

A huge thank you who contributed to our foodbank donation for Lent. Our donations were taken to St. John's Church during our Easter service and will be taken to a local foodbank.



Children's Mental Health Week 7-13th February



Our 'guess the name of the bear' during Children's Mental Health Week 'Growing Together' raised over £50 for North Staffs Mind – thank you to everyone who had a go.

During the past couple of months, a member of our Y6 class has been encouraging other children across school to post their used crisp packets

into our special collection point.

The crisps packets are collected for Macclesfield Crisp Blankets, which is an established campaign that collects used crisp packets that are then turned into 'bivvie bags' to keep dry bedding in during the day, then at night they can be used as sleeping bags as they are waterproof and insulated. They are given out to rough sleepers in need. It takes around 150 bags to make one blanket!

What an effort and what a star! Thank-you for being a role model for our school value of 'Nurture'! If you have any crisp packets, be sure to pass them on via our collection point in the school hall.



PTA:

School Disco:

We had our first disco in a good while this week and wow what a turn out! It was so lovely to see such a huge buzz of excitement and some great moves. A big thank you to the PTA for organising and everyone who came and helped out.

Donations:

Another huge thank you to the PTA for their donations towards our new Class Dojo Rewards and to each class to support the curriculum.


Early Years Forest School:

And another huge thank you to the PTA for managing to secure a range of gardening equipment through their 'Environgrant' application for our newly renovated Early Years Forest School area: compost bins, wildflower seeds and digging equipment is certainly going to keep our Forest School specialist, Mrs Williams, busy for a while!

Summer After School Sports Club

Our next BeeActive sports club 'Sports Explorers' will be for **Years 1 and 2**. If you would like your child to participate in the above sessions, you can book now by visiting: <http://www.beeactive.co.uk> or call us during office hours on 01782 205 915. Places are strictly limited and will be secured on a first come, first served basis.

BEE ACTIVE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Book now for Summer Term Bee Active After School Clubs!

We are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in extra curricular Bee Active clubs at St John's Wetley Rocks.

We welcome children of all abilities and guarantee that your child will have a blast in every session.

Year 1 & 2 Sports Explorers
Tuesdays (15:30 - 16:30)
Start: 26/04/22 End: 24/05/22
£3.50 per session
Maximum: 20 Children

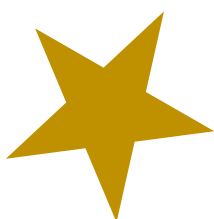
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Pupils will need to bring their PE kit into school and will get changed at the end of the day before the session. Please note that ALL sessions will be delivered outside so pupils will need appropriate clothes for that day's weather. All of the Bee Active coaches are DBS checked, insured and first aid trained.

We value the importance of your child's health, our services will help to encourage your children to lead active and healthy lives.

Kind Regards,
The Bee Active Team



What we've been up to:



Our Y6 Librarians created a 'Lucky Dip' box where children can pick a book from the box at random.

Early Years enjoy Pancake Day outside by the fire.

Year 5 have a visitor!

Years 5 and 6 watch Oliver at Queen Elizabeth Grammar school in Ashbourne.



And much more!
Keep up to date with our news and what's going on in classes with our school Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnswetleyrocks>

Please contact us if you'd like to add something to our newsletter.

Have a fabulous Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on **Tuesday 26th April.**



SHINE like the star you are.
Very best wishes.
Mrs Stone and the St. John's team

