



# St. John's CE Primary School September Newsletter



## **Greetings from St. John's.**

A huge welcome back to everyone for the start of another new term – it's so lovely to have everyone back. We hope you've had an amazing summer holiday.

## **Vision and Values**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the evaluation of our Vision and Values over the Summer term. We are very excited to reveal that we have a brand new St. John's Vision and Values, and a new behaviour and rewards system – more details to follow soon!

## **Parents' Evening**

We will be having a virtual parents' evening during the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> October. We will be in touch with information regarding booking appointments with teachers where you will be able to discuss how your child has settled back into school.

## **Harvest**

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival at St. John's Church on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September and will be collecting food donations for the Stoke on Trent food bank, so any donations would be greatly appreciated please. We are not able to invite parents to celebrate at this time unfortunately, but we are hoping this can change soon.



## **KS2 Lunch time Sports Club:**

We are super excited to welcome the 'Bee Active' sports coaches into the school this year. It's recommended that children should be doing an hour of physical activity each day between school and home, so this will help us to have fun, have new experiences and keep fit at the same time!

Years 6 and 4 will have the opportunity to join a club on Tuesdays, and Years 5 and 3 on Thursdays - pupils will need trainers in school to take part.



## **Birthday Treats**

We are happy to send out birthday treats but please send them into school to allow time for 48 hours quarantine.

## **KS2 Accelerated reader:**

KS2 have read an absolutely amazing 4,146,008 words, an increase of 1,574,733 in a week! FANTASTIC FRIDAY FACT...the total amount of words read is the equivalent of reading Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief over 47 times!

We have some amazing reading times. The word millionaires challenge of 'How High Will You Climb' will be displayed in the library. Certificates will be awarded on the last Friday of each month so you all have a week to bump up those minutes reading. All classes have improved their engaged time from last week which is fantastic, but Year 6 are in the lead with an impressive pass rate of 91.2%.



## **Holiday Activities & Food Programme Feedback**

Staffordshire County Council are collecting information about the Summer Holiday HAF programme to see if it could be improved, to ascertain what went well and most importantly to gauge the children's enjoyment of it. If you were registered for the scheme, by answering all of the questions in the survey, you will be helping to inform potential improvements for HAF.

When you have ticked all of the relevant answer boxes, you then have the option of adding further comments at the end of the form. Please note: the survey is completely anonymous and we will not record any personal details. The closing date is 14.10.21.

<https://consultation.staffordshire.gov.uk/childrens-and-families/hafparentsurvey>



### **Parking**

To ensure the safety of children walking home, please do not park in the school car park or driveway, and please be considerate to the local residents to ensure that they are not blocked in. Many thanks.

## **What we've been up to:**

We're hoping to start inviting our families back into school in the not too distant future, but for now, keep up to date with our news and what's going on in classes with our school Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnswetleyrocks>



## **Governor's Challenge**

We were very impressed with the entries to our Summer Governor Challenge where pupils had to design their ideal school. A huge well done to our prize winners and a huge thank you to our Governors for supporting the challenge.

## In Other News:

### A Mountainous Achievement!

A huge well done to Harry Simpson who climbed to the top of Ben Nevis over the Summer holidays for his dad's birthday – what a fantastic achievement. Well done Harry!

### Reading Success

We have a famous pupil in our midst! Luca has his very own spot in the next edition of 'Werrington Life' focusing on his enthusiasm for completing this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Fantastic job Luca!



### Rev Steve Charity Bikeride

Reverend Steve is once again off on another adventure and for another great cause:

<https://www.facebook.com/DocBikeUK>

*"I am once again taking to the saddle (with padded shorts) to raise funds for a charity. This year it will be 'DocBikes Staffordshire Luke's Legacy'. Luke was a young Policeman who tragically lost his life in a motorcycle accident 2 years ago. Luke worked out of Hanley Police Station. I will Cycle Coast to Coast across Scotland and wild camp along the Great Glen Way from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September."*

If you'd like to donate to Steve's charity adventure, please use the following link: [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StephenParker4...](https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StephenParker4...)

Take care everyone and we're looking forward to seeing you soon.

**Very best wishes.  
Mrs Stone and the St. John's team**