



Monday 14th September 2020

Welcome to our first newsletter of this academic year and what a start we have had! It has been a joy to see children return to school and engage immediately in their learning again. As a staff, we are very excited to get to know them all over again.



### Whole school news

We have now completed our first week in school - following our new systems and processes with regards to picking up and dropping off at staggered times. We have carefully analysed how this works and think we can make it even smoother, some changes will be made ready for Monday 21st September.

As I am sure you are aware, from today, the government has changed the rules for gatherings so that no more than 6 people can meet. With this in mind, we are asking that **only one adult** comes to school to drop off or collect their child(ren) due to how busy it can be around school.

### In and around school

#### *What a start for Reception!*

I want to begin by saying how well our new children in Reception are settling in. All the adults in Reception have been blown away by the children's confidence and the way they have followed the rules, worked really well together with a friendly and positive attitude. Everyone is excited to have them back for lunchtimes this week!



#### *Wild in Forest School!*

Mrs Henson has had a wonderful week in Forest School! The children have spent the week exploring, questioning and making learning. *'It has been a joy seeing all their smiles again.'*



The start of a school year doesn't just bring new children in Reception but also throughout the school! Mr Nay has been incredibly impressed with how the children at St John's have welcomed our new starters into their classrooms and into our school community. It has shown what we knew already - that we have such kind and caring children here.

Some of our teachers are continuing to teach 'live lessons' for those in our school community who are staying at home following a trip abroad! It's been another new experience for us and one which means we are able to keep those children at home up to date with what's going on in their classrooms! Well done to all the staff for taking on another change and as usual making it work well.



Fabulous artwork!

The children in Year 5 have really enjoyed looking at famous artwork which represents belonging. They thrived when creating their own pieces - we clearly have some very creative and artistic children in our school!



Miss Moles wanted to share that Year 4 has had an exciting start to their year as they have been considering which learning powers they could use to help them build their own Viking Longship during STEM - and they all floated!!



### Some very welcome BABY NEWS!!

We are over the moon to share with you some baby news from three of our staff.



Firstly, Mrs Joubert had her baby boy in July this year. Miss Mason had her baby girl, Olivia, in August and Mrs Trolove's baby is only just a week old and is also a baby girl called Zara!

Enjoy these cute pictures of the baby girls!



And finally...a message from our Chair of Governors

*It was so uplifting to read the 'scoop' this week. The children and staff at St John's have returned to school with such enthusiasm and joy in these difficult times for everyone. However the care, belonging, hope and courage has never changed and this is so apparent in the wonderful inspiring work taking place.*

*A heartfelt thank you from all the governors to the staff for their hard work and dedication to make the transition back to school as smooth as possible. Also a big thank you to all the parents who have supported the school during these difficult times and Continue to do so, a huge thank you.*

*Last but not least congratulations to the staff who have had babies . Wishing you and your families well.*

*I would also like to welcome the new members of staff to St John's on behalf of all of the governors. We wish them every success and hope that they are feeling part of the community that is St John's.*

*Looking forward to the next 'Scoop'.*

*Helen Koenig  
Chair of Governors.*



We are all now looking forward and have hope that this week is as wonderful in school as last week - seeing the children's joy of learning and engaging in school again has inspired us all to continue to do the very best we can, day in day out.

We feel whole again now that we are all back together again.  
Have a blessed week

Mrs Harwood and all at St John's.