

ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This year we will be holding an Open Classroom event on Monday 24th September from 3.15-4pm. You are welcome to come into school with your child to meet your child's class teacher and see the classroom. There will be an opportunity to ask any questions and look at books etc. To support this, we have attached an overview of some key information that we hope you will find useful.

Curriculum overview and main expectations

The topic headings for Year 5 this year are:

Term	Topic
Autumn	We Will Fight Them on the Beaches WWII
Spring 1	Inspirational Women
Spring 2	Senātus Populusque Rōmānus - The Senate and People of Rome
Summer 1	Zombie Apocalypse
Summer 2	Anglo Saxons & British Settlements

We have tried to introduce some new and exciting topics to the curriculum. A more detailed overview of the objectives covered each term will be published on the Year 5 page of the school's website at the start of the term. In addition, the Year 5 Maths and English objectives can have been attached to this email as well as being displayed on the school's website.

PE and Swimming dates and kit required

Year 5 will swim on Monday mornings for the first half of the Autumn term. PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and should be handed in on the following Wednesday. If homework is not completed, then the children will be asked to complete it during break time on the day of hand in. Homework consists of:

- Ideally children should read or be read to 5 times a week. However, we expect this to be achieved at least 3 times a week with comments recorded in the children's reading records.
- Children must learn the spellings set by their class teacher ready to be tested the following week
- Children must complete a short Maths activity (30 minutes)

Behaviour and attitudes to learning

Children at St Johns are used to discussing their rights and responsibilities within the school community and are aware of the school's ethos and values that underpin this. In addition, regular discussions about characteristics of effective learning in class and whole school assemblies encourage the children to regularly reflect on themselves as learners. Staff will look for good behaviours and attitudes to learning and praise, reward and encourage rather than focussing on negative behaviours and negative language. To encourage this at school:

- Children may get credits for good behaviour and these are put towards a House trophy awarded every week in assembly.
- Children will be rewarded with a special Gold Book certificate during the year from their class teacher- this may be used to encourage positive behaviour
- A traffic light system for behaviour will be used in each class with children starting on green at the beginning of each new session.
- Teachers will enforce sanctions/consequences for disruptive behaviour in line with the school's behaviour policy which can be found on the school's website.

School trips

Year 5's first school trip will be to Duxford Imperial War Museum on Monday 8th October 2018. This trip will cost each child £11.50.

Later in the year, the Year 5 children will be going on a residential trip to London. In previous years this has included a tour of London, a London Show, a meal out at a restaurant as well as a trip to the Harry Potter Studios. Last year's trip cost £186 However, we are awaiting confirmation of this year's price.

A further local trip may be planned however every effort will be made to keep the cost of this as low as possible.

Forest Schools

All of the children at St. Johns will have the chance to spend time in the woods (on site) learning life skills and experiencing and exploring nature. We are lucky enough to have a level 3 qualified Forest School instructor working at St. Johns ~ Ms Howes, who will work with all the children along with their class teacher. Your child will need to bring a change of clothes for their Forest School session. They will need rough clothes that they can climb trees in and get muddy in. They will also need a pair of water- proof trousers and a waterproof jacket and wellie boots as the session will run whatever the weather.

Year 5's sessions will take place on

21.9.18

5.10.18

2.11.18

Website

The class website will be updated regularly with weekly homework, letters and information as well as extra resources and web links to support the children with their learning at home. Occasionally, photographs of school events and trips will be displayed on the Year 5 class page, providing parents have given their permission.

Spellings

The children will be set 10 weekly spellings focused on the spelling pattern being taught in school that week as well as words taken from the Year 5 and 6 spelling curriculum. The Year 5 & 6 spelling list as well as copies of weekly spelling homework can be found on the Year 5 page of the school's website.

RSE

This year we will be following a new Relationships and Sex Education curriculum for RSE. More information on this curriculum and an updated policy will be made available to you shortly. Information sessions will be available for anyone that wishes to discuss this in more detail please look out for information via the school's newsletter.

Kind regards,

Mr Copping