



Attendance this week = 94.51%

## St John's Weekly Newsletter

### Growing Together in Love and Respect

Dear St John's families,

Happy New Year and as we approach the middle of January I am still unsure what 2022 may hold.

However, I do know it will be filled with moments of joy I will share with the children and school community.

Thank you for helping us to have the smoothest return to school we could hope for, with everything happening around us. We are continuing to work hard to take care of the education of your children whilst managing the staff absences.

With a new term comes new excitements. Our new homework and learning overviews are now up on the website and there are more details in the newsletter. I can also see that many families have also connected onto Class Dojo. I am so delighted that we can share a window into your child's day but that it also allows for translation into the language of your choice. Please see further down the newsletter for information about this.

In Love and Respect

Mrs Samantha Da Costa  
Headteacher

A huge Thank You to The Friends of St John's for your kind Christmas gifts for the St John's School staff team.



This month's value is:

# Respect

Friday, 14th January 2022

#### Key Dates

**Monday 14th- Friday 19th February**  
Half Term- School closed

**Friday 1st April 2022**  
Last Day of Term. School closes 2pm.  
No After School Club

**Monday 4th - 18th April 2022**  
Easter Holidays- School closed

**Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June**  
Half Term

**Monday 6th June 2022**  
Inset Day

**21st July 2022**  
End of Term - No After School Club

#### Reporting Absence

Please call to the school office on **01923 255 017** to know if your child is unwell and unable to attend school.

Please leave a message if your call isn't answered. Please include

- Child's full name
- Class
- Reason for absence

# Communications: Class Dojo App

Communication between our school and St John's families is a key part of school life. We have been looking at ways to provide families with a more indepth window into your child's life at school. We are excited to announce that we will soon be using an app called Class Dojo for all families from Years 1-5, Reception families will continue to use Tapestry.

## Key Information about Class Dojo

- Class Dojo is an internal social media app, only you and your class teacher can see the contents of your child's portfolio.
- The app will be used to share photographs of children's work.
- We will not be using the message function.
- We will be using the free version of the app.
- Please treat all pictures on Class Dojo containing other children as private, only share photographs that feature your child. Please do not share or post pictures of other people's children on social media etc.
- You are able to share your own pictures from home onto your child's portfolio, but please continue to use Google Classroom for all home learning and work content.



## Guide to Class Dojo

The St John's team have created a video on how to use the Class Dojo app:

[Step by step guide to Class Dojo](#)

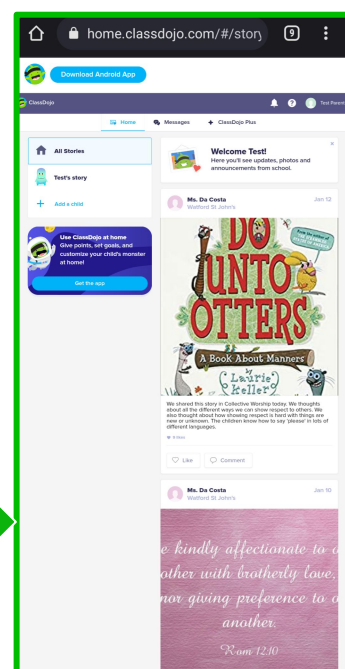
Here are useful videos: [How to log into Class Dojo](#)

[How to translate Class Dojo into another language](#)



Class Dojo  
on the  
mobile app

Class Dojo  
app on web  
browser



# Information for St John's Families

## Bag 2 School

Bag 2 School collection is a fantastic opportunity to declutter your home, reduce the amount of pre used clothes that are sent to landfill all whilst raising important funds for our school.

The Friends of St John's Church of England Primary School have arranged a [Bag2School](#) collection for **Tuesday 1st February 2022**.

Please fill bags with good quality pre owned clothing and shoes and bring your donation to school on **Tuesday 1st February 2022 before 9am**. More information about what can be donated can be found on the [Bag2School website](#)



## Home Learning

An overview of what the children will be learning at school this term can be found on the [Curriculum Information](#) page on the St John's Church of England Primary School website.

Home Learning Grids can be found on the [Communications and Homework](#) page on the St John's Church of England Primary School website.



## Parking

We are thankful to the Community Support Officers from Hertfordshire Constabulary and the Council's Parking Officers who are working with our school community to ensure that our families make safe choices when deciding where to park during drop off and pick up.

