



Attendance this week = 94.31 %



St John's C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together in Love and Respect

Dear St John's families,

It is lovely to see the children back this week. Having Lee return to revisit the skipping with the children and hearing the teachers busy making plans for this term and especially Book Week. You can find a whole page on Book Week in this newsletter.

Thank you for everyone for supporting The Friends with the You Choose Twos day event.

With the weather we have had over the last week it made me think about storms and a quote I had seen: "I heard that we are all in the same boat, but it's not like that. We are in the same storm, but not the same boat."

When I investigated I found out this is from a longer poem by an unknown author. The part that resonated with me most was about how differently we all experience the same experience and it goes on to say: "It is very important to see beyond what is seen at first glance. Not just looking. More than looking... Seeing."

Thank you families for your continued love and support as St John's navigates our way through the storm keeping your children at the top of our list.

In Love and Respect

Mrs Samantha Da Costa
Headteacher

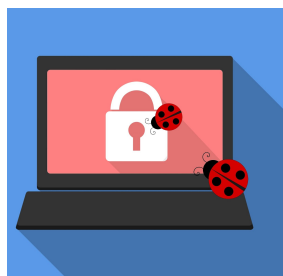
Tonight's Online Safety Webinar

Time: Feb 25, 2022 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95226086678?pwd=d1JGdk90N3Mwd2lWcng4ZnRBSGVydz09>

Meeting ID: 952 2608 6678
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Friday 25th February 2022

Key Dates 2021/22

Friday 25th February 2022, 6:30pm
Online Safety Webinar for St John's families hosted by Mr Handley and Mrs Da Costa

Tuesday 1st March 2022 2:30pm
Collective Worship for Reception families, St John's School

Wednesday 2nd March 2022 2:40pm
Ash Wednesday Collective Worship, Year 4, St John's School

St John's Parent Online Forum, 7:30pm, Google Meets
Email office@watfordstjohns.org to reserve a place at the forum.

28th February - 4th March 2022
St John's Book Week

Thursday 3rd March 2022
St John's Book Exchange

Friday 18th March 2022
Red Nose Day. Children welcome to wear red clothing.

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

Easter Eggs for all St John's Church of England Primary School children from the Friends of St John's

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

Tuesday 10th May 2022
School Class Photographs for all year groups.

30th May - 3rd June 2022
Half Term - School Closed

Book Week, 28th February - 4th March 2022

We love to celebrate books at St John's School. We are looking forward to next week, the Class Teachers have lots of exciting events planned, some classes will have author visits. We won't be dressing up as we would rather you spent the money on books and there will be plenty for the children to enjoy.



Usborne book stall outside the front school entrance on Monday 28th February from 3pm-3:45pm. The children will have a chance to look at the books on the day. Payment goes directly to the Usborne seller on the day.

Don't forget to bring in books on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for **Book Exchange** on Thursday. Any children's books that are in good condition please. The children will have an opportunity to visit the Book Exchange taking place at school on **Thursday 3rd March 2022** and select a different book to take home with them.

Goodbye to Sarah Gregory and Bailey Butler

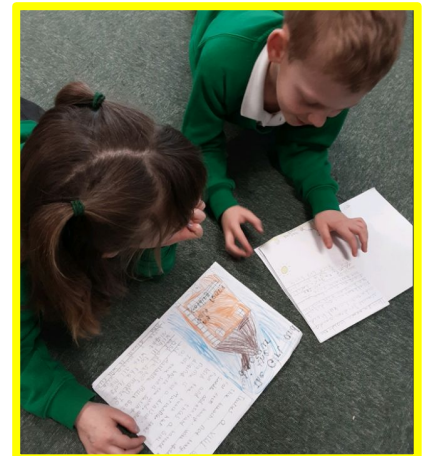
Next week, We will be saying Goodbye and Good Luck to two valued members of the St John's C of E Primary School staff family. Bailey Butler and Sarah Gregory will be leaving on Friday 4th March 2022.

Sarah Gregory has worked at our school as a Teaching Assistant since 2016. Sarah has been a familiar face in the classroom and has supported the children, families and staff with her kind patient and calm personality. We wish her all the best in the future.

Bailey Butler joined St John's as an IT apprentice and is currently providing IT support to St John's staff, children and their families. We are grateful for all that Bailey has done for our school community. We wish him the best of luck in his new role.

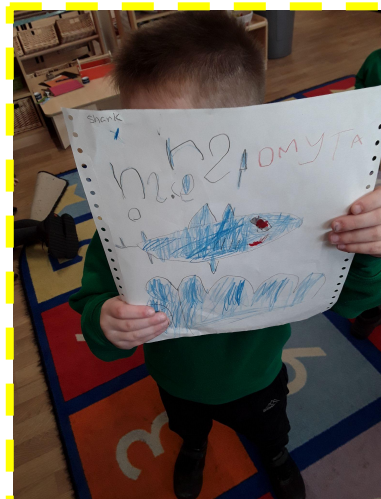


School Life at St John's School



We were delighted to see Father David who has returned from his Sabbatical.

This week, the children were busy cooking, researching, investigating, creating and skipping.



Staff Vacancies at St John's C of E Primary

The following opportunities have arisen to join the St John's C of E Primary School staff family. More information about each vacancy can be found on the My New Term website or by emailing wsjhr@watfordstjohns.org.

St John's Church of England Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and all staff are expected to share in this commitment. Applicants will undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and an application to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

IT Technician/ Website Administrator

Hours: 18 hours per week, term time only + 5 days (38 weeks in total)
Days and hours to be agreed with the successful candidate

Reporting to: Headteacher

Grade: H4, FTE £19,698 - £20,903 (Pro rata for this role approximately £8.5k - £9k).

Job Purpose: To update, maintain and implement changes to school IT systems.
To provide first line technical support to staff and pupils

Working directly with the Headteacher, you will be able to influence how technology is used within the school, share your knowledge with others and help us to create an excellent learning environment for both pupils and colleagues.

Applicants should have a good knowledge and understanding of IT systems, hardware and applications. We are Google school and the majority of our systems are cloud based, so a good working knowledge of the G suite of applications would be highly desirable. Experience in a similar role within the education sector is preferable.

There are two staff training days at the beginning of each new school year, these take place during the September Inset days when the school is closed to pupils.

Eagle Play Mentor- After School Club

Hours: Monday- Friday 15:00-17:30, Term Time only, 38 weeks in total)- Job share will be considered

Reporting to: Headteacher

Grade: H1, FTE £18,198 (pro rata)

Job Purpose: To support the St John's Church of England Primary School wraparound care provision.

An opportunity has arisen to join the St John's Church of England Primary School After School Club team. The role of the Eagle Play Mentors is to ensure that our St John's School ethos is extended to our after school care by providing a safe, supportive and stimulating environment. Working as part of a team of four, the Eagle Play Mentors provided a structured environment for the children to learn, play and develop by planning group activities and encouraging the children to be respectful of each other. All our staff work in partnership to support the best outcomes for children and this involves a flexible approach. There are two staff training days at the beginning of each new school year, these take place during the September Inset days when the school is closed to pupils.

St John's Parents' Forum, 2nd March 2022

St John's C of E Primary School Parents' Forum: The next forum will take place on Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7:30pm via Google Meets. The forum will be chaired by Mr Robin Davis, St John's Chair of Governors and Mrs Samantha Da Costa, Headteacher. The Parent Forum meeting is an opportunity for parents & carers to share ideas and views on our school with the School Leadership Team and School Governors. It is not the forum to discuss concerns or complaints involving St John's children, families or members of staff.

Please email [the St John's School office](mailto:the.stjohns.school.office@stjohns.cofeprimaryschool.co.uk) by 9am on Tuesday 1st March 2022 to reserve your place at the forum. Please use 'Parent Forum' as the subject header

Pre Owned Toys and Games Required

St John's Church of England Primary School are collecting donations of the following pre owned children's toys and games in good condition to use within the classrooms, Eagle Club and to support our children with their learning.

Donations can be brought to school from Monday 28th February- Friday 4th March 2022, there will be a donation station outside the main school entrance during drop off and pick up.

Junior Bake Off



The producers of The Great British Bake Off are looking for junior bakers.

Children from age 9-12 can apply online at www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022.

Filming would take place from July 2022.