



St John's Angell Town News

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Website: www.st-johns.lambeth.sch.uk

We are a Christian School committed to working together to be a welcoming, caring community where everyone reaches high levels of achievement, feels valued, has confidence in their abilities and acts responsibly towards others.

Uniform

Uniform helps us to encourage a sense of belonging in the pupils and make their school look smart. This has a positive effect on the pupils' behaviour and therefore their learning. We expect all our pupils to come to school in the correct uniform.

Plain black shoes or trainers (no patterns or colourful laces)

Plain grey or white socks or tights for girls (no patterned socks or tights)

Plain grey trousers for boys/girls or skirts for girls

Plain white shirts or polo shirts

Royal blue school jumper/cardigan with school logo.

All hair accessories must be of the school colours, blue, white or grey.

Jewellery and earrings (except studs) are not allowed for health and safety reasons.

To avoid uniform getting lost, please ensure that ALL items of clothing brought into school are clearly labelled with your child's name.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

I would like to encourage all parents to visit our school website regularly for updates, policies, procedures, vacancies, newsletters, etc

Martin Clark
Headteacher

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School trips this term have been very exciting including a river cruise and the thrill of being on the cable car. Equally, school journey was a great success. Thank you to all parents that have supported and made this possible.

Attendance

Well done to year groups 4, 5 and 6 for achieving above the national average attendance of 96% in term 1. Children with 100% attendance are awarded at end of term.

Shoe Box Appeal

Please ensure your child has filled their shoe boxes with the appropriate items and returned to school by Friday 16th December 2016.

Class Party

Class parties will take place week commencing 12th December. Your child's class teacher will send further details in the coming days.

Parent Courses

Thank you to those families who have taken part in this term family learning. Families have been learning about making a book using computers. Please look out for other new family learning courses planned for the new year.

Staffing

Ms. Sharon Whittingham, Early Years Educator is leaving us at the end of this term. We would like to thank Sharon for all her hard work and dedication to the Early Years' team. She has been an integral member of the staff over the years. We wish her success at her new school.

Reception Class 2016-17 Admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, your child is due to start primary school in September 2017.

The **closing date** for applying for your child's primary school place is **15th January 2017** and any applications received after this date will be treated as late.

Please note, if you have a child who is already attending our nursery at present, this **DOES NOT** mean you will get a place automatically without applying. Applications must be made online via www.lambeth.gov.uk/eadmissions. The **deadline** is 15th January 2017.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS

Pupils should not use mobile phones within the school grounds and should not bring mobile phones to school, except in exceptional circumstances about which the school has been informed. In such circumstances, the child's phone must be handed in to the class teacher or a member of staff in the admin office. It is essential that we adhere to these rules in order to protect all children and adults working within school and as always, appreciate your support in this.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any queries. The school will not be responsible for any loss or damage to mobile phones (or any other form of mobile device).

LATE COLLECTION FINE

PLEASE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN ARE COLLECTED PROMPTLY BOTH AFTER SCHOOL AND FROM AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS. DELAYS WILL RESULT IN FAMILIES INCURRING THE FULL CHARGE OF £5.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

This is an area of huge concern. As a school we are expected to achieve the national average attendance of 96%. School starts at 8:55am. The pupil gates (on Angell Road, opposite the church) are unlocked at 8:45am and children can enter the school playground. Pupils wanting to access the site prior to 8:45 will have to attend Breakfast Club at a charge of £2.00 per day. Pupil gates then closes at 9:05. Children who arrive after this time will need to enter via the main reception door (on Overton Road) and will be marked late (L). Children who arrive after 9:25 are marked as unauthorised absent (U). Children that enter via main reception will need to be signed in by their adult on the electronic sign in.

Children who arrive in late due to medical appointments, etc (accompanied by proof of appointment) will be registered accordingly. If you are aware that your child will be late/absent due to medical/dental appointments, etc please send in proof of appointment to your child's class teacher in advance.

Parents are asked to make these appointments after school so children do not miss out on lessons. If you need to remove your child from school before the end of the school day you must sign them out on the electronic sign in /out screen at the Admin Office.

Parents of Nursery pupils can use the side passage (beside the old boiler house) to access the Nursery entrance and drop off their child(ren).

Dates for Diary



December

- 13th - Nursery Nativity @2:15
- 14th - Music & Homework celebration
- 14th - Xmas dinner for staff & children
- 15th - Snow White Pantomime 9-11am
- 20th - End of term. School closes @ 1pm

January

- 3rd - SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF INSET
- 4th - Start of new term for children
- 4th & 5th - Parents Evening (3:45 -6pm). Book time with class teacher.
- 18th - Meet the SEND team

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Young People Matter (YPM) are providing afterschool provisions up to 6:00pm, Monday to Friday. Daily rates are £9.50 or £45 a week. Parents can get help with costs through tax credits. Please see office for application forms.

SCHOOL DEBT POLICY & OUTSTANDING SCHOOL DINNER MONEY BALANCES

St John's operates a **NO DEBT** policy for school meals. Please check school website to view our school meal debt policy which has been approved by school governing body. Families should be at least one week in credit at all times. For those families who have outstanding balances you will be contacted by the school to arrange payment. If debts are not cleared, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt is cleared.

PLEASE NOTE, PUPILS IN YEAR GROUPS RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 RECEIVE UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS. All other pupils will need to pay for their meals or provide a healthy packed lunch.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Antibiotics

The administration of antibiotics in school will only be permitted if the **recommended dosage is four or more times per day and if your child has received at least the first two days of the medication at home.**

A dosage of 3 times per day is usually what doctors prescribe and this can be done at home - before school, after school and at bedtime. On the rare occasions that antibiotics are to be given in school. The following precaution must be followed:

1. Your child must be feeling well and must not have a temperature.
2. Your child must have taken at least the first 2 days of the antibiotics at home.
3. Your doctor must have agreed he/she is fit and well enough to return to school.
4. The medicine must be prescribed by the doctor and be in the original pharmacy packaging.
5. You will need to sign a 'Medicines in School' form before the child returns which will detail how the medicine is stored, handled and administered.
6. Medication will have to be given during the child's lunch time - if this is not suitable then the child will need to complete their course at home.

Return to school after sickness

Standard medical advice given to schools is that parents should allow at least **24 hours after the last symptoms of vomiting or 48 hours for diarrhoea** before allowing their child to return back to school.

This allows less opportunity for cross-infection.

Thank you for your understanding.

CCTV Enforcement of School Keep Clear Markings

You will be only too aware that irresponsible parking outside school, particular on school keep clear markings, present a real danger to children on their journeys to and from school. It makes it more difficult for children to see to cross the road safely, as well as making them much less visible to passing drivers. **Therefore, Lambeth Parking Services will be using vehicles equipped with CCTV cameras and conducting regular enforcement visits to reduce illegal and dangerous parking as of w/b 19th September 2016.**

PARENTS MUST AVOID DROPPING OFF/PICKING UP PUPILS ON ANGELL ROAD TO REDUCE RISK OF INJURY TO PEDESTRIANS.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club runs every day from 07:30am - 08:45am. The children enjoy a range of breakfast cereals, fruit juices, yoghurts and toast, followed by the opportunity to play indoor/outdoor games. The cost is £2.00 per child per day. **Payments must be made on the day or in advance. Children will not be admitted without payment.**

CHARGES FOR LOST BOOKS/DAMAGED PROPERTY

St John's will seek to recover the costs incurred as a result of any item of school property being damaged, broken or lost as a result of misbehaviour, thoughtless behaviour or carelessness. Damage to books, equipment or fabric of the building is unacceptable. In the event of books being lost or damaged, parents/guardians will be asked to replace or refund the total cost of each book or make a contribution towards a replacement

Communications

Thank you to all those families who have returned their emergency contact forms. For those families who have yet to return their forms, please return them back to the class teacher or admin office as soon as possible.

It is essential that we have the most up to date contact information (addresses, mobile/home/work telephone numbers).



Unfortunately, we are experiencing technical difficulties with access to SIMS InTouch and SIMS Agora, our online communication and payment systems. We do have IT support currently working to rectify the errors. We will keep parents updated. In the meantime, all school communications will be sent home on paper until further notice. All payments (e.g. dinner, clubs, trips, etc..) must be made by cash. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

BIRTHDAYS

Nursery and Reception class children may bring a cake in to share with the class.

Birthday cakes and party bags will no longer be accepted by the school from pupils in other year groups.

School Closures

Please note school closes 1pm on 20th December 2016 for Christmas Holidays.

The new term begins 4th January, 2017.

Stay safe during the holidays & have a happy Xmas in advance.