



St John's Angell Town News

20th October 2017

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.

PARENT SESSION - 'HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S SPEECH AND LANGUAGE AT HOME'

Tuesday 31st October 2017
9:15am - Main Hall

Patrick Williams
Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parent/Guardian

NEW INTERIM HEADTEACHER

Sadly, Mr Clark is away on sick leave for a few months. We have a new interim Headteacher Mrs Nicky Zeronian-Dalley, who will cover Mr Clark's absence. You will receive a separate letter from the Chair of Governors regarding this information.

We hope you can join us in wishing Mr Clark a speedy recovery.

STAFFING

Our Learning Support Teacher, Mrs Karen Dovey, sadly left us on Thursday 19th October 2017 to take up a new role at a new school. We would like to thank Karen Dovey for all her hard work over the years while at St John's and wish her success in her new role.

HARVEST

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your great kindness again this year during our Harvest Festival.

We collected a fantastic selection of food items which will be sent to local people in need. Well done!

'MEET THE TEACHER' - NURSERY & RECEPTION CLASSES ONLY

For Nursery and Reception Class parent, there will be a 'Meet The Teacher' evening on Thursday 2nd November 2017 between 4-6pm. Each meeting will last 15 minutes and you will have an opportunity to look at your child's work.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be at St John's on Monday 6th November 2017 to take individual pupil and sibling photos.

The background setting of the photos will be white, therefore, please ensure your child is in their full school uniform (please see list opposite), and wearing their school jumpers or blazers.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you are a parent of a child in Year 6 you will need to apply for your child's secondary school place online by 31st October 2017.

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014, your child is due to start primary school in September 2018.

The closing date for applying for your child's primary school place is 15 January 2018 and any applications received after this date will be treated as late. Please note, if you have a child who 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.

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.

BRIXTON LEARNING COLLABORATIVE SONG WRITING PROJECT

A selected number of children in year groups 3 & 4 will be taking part in a song-writing project starting Monday 30th October 2017 and every Monday for the next 5 weeks. Pupils will experience song-writing skills and record their piece.

DATES FOR DIARY



OCTOBER 2017

24th - Careers Fair
30th - Pupils return to School
BLC Song Writing Project begins
31st - Deadline for Secondary School Applications
Parent Session - 'How to Support Your Child's Speech & Language At Home'
9:15am - Main Hall

NOVEMBER 2017

2nd - Nursery & Reception Class
'Meet the Teacher'
6th - Individual Pupil Photos
10th - Remembrance Day
'Wear Red'
w/c 13th - Anti-Bullying
17th - **'Wear Something Blue'** for Anti-Bullying Week

DECEMBER 2017

1st - 'Shoe Box Appeal' Begins
5th - Reception Class Eye Tests
15th - Homework celebration
19th - Whole School Performance
21st - Pantomime
22nd - Christmas Mass
END OF TERM

OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

FREE CYCLE TRAINING COURSES IN LAMBETH

Lambeth Council with Cycle Confident are offering free cycle training courses for children from 5 years upwards in Brockwell Park and on Clapham Common during the October half term. There are 3 levels of course, from complete beginner to on-road cycling. Places are limited and bookable at <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lambeth/> or by calling Cycle Confident on 020 3031 6730.

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London October Half term 2017

Attached is a list of low cost/no cost activities for the children during the half term break.

Please look at organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS REMINDER

This term's after school clubs will end on Friday 20th October 2017

Please note, you must re-register your child for clubs. Children attending clubs this term, will not automatically roll over into the new term.

Registration letters, timetables and terms and conditions for after school clubs will be sent out on Monday 30th October 2017.

Payments must be made prior to your child attending a club. Your child will not be admitted to any club until payment is received.

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.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please can I remind parents that our Breakfast Club runs every day from 07:45am - 08:45am.

This is a reminder to parents that payment must be made on the day or in advance. Children will not be admitted without payment.

The cost is £2.00 per child per day.

PENALTY NOTICES FOR UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

The Local Authority has amended its Local Code of Conduct in respect of Penalty Notices issued for truancy to include unauthorised pupil leave of absence in term time. If a pupil accumulates 10 or more sessions of unauthorised leave of absence within the previous 6 month period of a current academic year, the school must notify the Local Authority and a Penalty Notice will be issued to each parent for each child where that applies. A penalty of £60 will apply if paid within 21 days or £120 up to 28 days. If after 28 days the penalty has not been paid, legal proceedings will be taken through the magistrates court for the unauthorised absence.

REMINDERS

Parking:

Please continue to help park responsibly along Angell Road and surrounding areas when you pick-up and drop-off children. This is much appreciated by the School and neighbouring areas too. We ask parents to respect the safety of children and do not park on double yellow lines or on pavements as this poses a serious hazard to pedestrians.

COMMUNICATIONS

Next term we will no longer be sending paper communication out. We will only send paper communication out in cases of emergency. All communication will come via **SIMS InTouch**.

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



ONLINE PAYMENTS

As of Monday 30th October 2017, we will no longer be accepting cash in the office. All payments must be made through our provider called **SIMS Agora**. If you have not registered for **SIMS Agora**, please see a member of staff from the admin team to get you registration code.

SCHOOL DEBT POLICY & OUTSTANDING SCHOOL DINNER MONEY BALANCES

St John's has adopted a **NO DEBT** policy for school meals. It is essential for all those families who have an outstanding dinner money balance to ensure any outstanding balances are cleared by **31st October 2017** and that you are at least one week in credit at all times. **If debts are not cleared by 31st October 2017, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch on 1st November 2017 until the debt is cleared.**

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please note school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2017 for Half Term. Pupils return on Monday 30th October 2017.