

#### **Dear Parents**

A very warm welcome back to school to all our children and parents, I do hope you have had a super and restful summer holiday. I would like to welcome our Reception Class children and parents to our St John's School Family and those children who have started at St John's this academic year.

I would also like to welcome Miss Soames, our new Year 1 Teacher, Miss Garnett our new Year 4 Teacher, Miss Wilding and Miss Pipe our new After School Club Assistants. Mrs Garland will be teaching Year 1 on Wednesdays and Mrs Bull will be teaching Year 4 on Wednesdays. We are also so pleased to welcome back Mrs Pipe to the Office.

I look forward to meeting you all at school events and worship this term, the first worship assembly is on Friday 15th September at 9.10am (meet the new year 6) and the Harvest assembly is on Friday 29th September at 9.10am. All are very welcome.

On Monday 11th September we will be having Welcome Meetings for each year group. The meetings will start at 4-5pm in your child's classroom. Before the meetings we would like to invite you at 3.45pm to the hall where Rev Mark Prentice will be giving a talk on our school vision 'Loved by God, Learning with Jesus and Living by the Spirit', We hope that as many of you as possible can attend.

Our worship value for this half term is '**Thankfulness**'. The children will be reflecting on how Jesus himself showed gratitude and thankfulness. We will be thinking about our provisions and how God provides for us.

The Parent Prayer group will continue on Thursday mornings straight after drop off. We hope more of you can get involved.

Today you will receive a 'Digging Deeper' document, which will inform you of what the children are learning this term.

Please, if you are concerned about anything, you can get in contact with me through the office email. I am always more than happy to hear from you.

I pray this term that we can support one another with patience, kindness and grace.

Best wishes,

Mrs Betts

## Parent Governor Nominations

The Governing body has a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join the team. If you are interested in the role please call in to the school office for a nomination form.

Governors have many responsibilities. It does take a degree of commitment but as with most things, the more you put in, the more you get out! The whole Governing Body of St John's usually meets twice per term: once to consider business brought to us by the Local Education Authority and once to cover matters more specifically about our own school.

Parent Governor Nominations should be received by

Friday 22nd September 2023

Please call into the school office for more information and a nomination form . We look forward to hearing from you.

# OPEN MORNINGS Thursday 28th September 2023 & Thursday 30th November 2023 9.30 am Tour followed by Head teacher's talk

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS DUE TO START SCHOOL IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2024?

You are warmly invited to one of our open mornings on Thursday 28th September and Thursday 30th November 2023.

You will have the opportunity to look around our school guided by our Year 6 pupils. Our Headteacher will be available to answer any questions you may have about the applications and admissions procedures.

Our School Prospectus and Admissions Policy is available to view online on our school website @ www.st-johns.suffolk.sch.uk.

Midday Supervisor Needed

We need an extra lunchtime supervisor! The hours are 11.30am—1pm or 12—1.30pm <u>Could this be you? Or a Grandparent?</u> <u>Do you know someone who would be suitable?</u> Please contact the school office ASAP on 727554

### Dates for Diaries 2023

### All parents and other family members are welcome to attend whole school worship assemblies on Friday mornings.

Week beginning 11 September all lunchtime and afterschool clubs begin EXCEPT CHOIR which starts on 18 September.

15 September—	Meeting the Year 6 team—whole school worship assembly 9.10am
18 September -	KS2 Choir begins after school, finishes 4.00pm
22 September -	PTA AGM—9.00am main hall
28 September -	Open Morning for prospective new parents 9.30am
29 September -	Whole school worship Harvest assembly led by Year 3 9.10am,
28 September -	SEN Passport meetings 3.30pm
4 October -	Individual school photos
5 October -	Year 4—Concert Ipswich School
6 October -	Whole school worship KS1 Sharing assembly 9.10am
9 October -	Year 5—Creativity Day St Albans High School
13 October -	Whole school worship Prayer Space assembly 9.10am
16 October -	Year 2—Fire of London Workshop
19 & 20 October	Wellbeing Days
20 October -	Whole school worship Year 6 assembly 9.10am
23-27 October -	HALF TERM
30 October -	PD Day
31 October -	Children back to school

