



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.

Head Teacher's Address

Dear Parents/Carers:

We are at the end of week two of the second half of the summer term. The next five weeks will, without a shadow of a doubt, be very busy here in school as we draw the year to a close. However, at the start of the week, we took time to be still, to reflect and remember those affected by the Grenfell Tower disaster. We joined with many across the country in prayer and remembrance of those affected. In the aftermath of the tragic incident, we drew strength from the Lord's Prayer; *our father, who art in Heaven*

LOST PROPERTY

At this time of year, the mountain of lost property seems to get bigger by the day as children remove their jumpers and coats and leave them in the playgrounds. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name. When washing school uniform please can, you check the labels to see if your child has brought their own clothing home and not someone else's. Please also check the lost property box for lost items after school in the playground. Thank you.

Coping in the hot weather

At last! Summer is here and it is important we remember to keep hydrated especially during the day.

Children must come to school with their drinking water bottles. Please refer to the attached Key Public Health advice on page 3 for further guidance.

No sweet & Gum policy

A number of children have been seen to be coming to school with packets of sweets / gums in their bags and pockets.

This contradicts our aim to encourage healthy eating. Please ensure your child does not attend school with these items.

RAMADAN

We wish our families a peaceful Ramadan. If your child is fasting, we are requesting that you give written permission to school. Thank you for your support.

UNIFORMS

We say thank you to all for your continued support, and it is delightful to see most of our pupils dressed in their full school uniform! Please be mindful that school shoes are very much part of the school uniform and that **BLACK TRAINERS** do not qualify as school shoes. If for any reason your child is not able to wear a full school uniform on a day, please inform the school office in advance

SCHOOL STARTS at 8:55am

Good attendance and punctuality underpin good education: if children are not at school or miss parts of lessons they cannot successfully access the curriculum offered. Establishing good time-keeping habits early in life is also good preparation for secondary school and for adult life when individuals are increasingly responsible for their own timekeeping.

We will continue to focus on punctuality this term from Nursery to Year 6, as there are a number of children who are arriving to school after 8:55am. In order for our children to reach their full potential, it is important that they attend school every day and are punctual no matter their age.

School procedures will support the borough's policy on attendance and we will continue to work closely with families and the Education Welfare Officer to promote good attendance and punctuality.

Thank you for your support in these matters and I trust you will help ensure we all continue to provide a safe environment for your child's education by acting upon the guidelines detailed above

SPELLING B

The annual spelling B competition will be held on Thursday 22nd June at 2pm.

Parents to encourage children to learn their spellings.



Next academic calendar.

We have had to make some changes to 2017/18 academic calendar to support planning for teaching and learning.

Please see attached the updated copy. Thank you for your cooperation.

FUNDRAISING:

Please support year 5 and 6 with their fundraising activities this term. They will have a mufti day every Friday parents are asked to please contribute a £1

TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

What can I do at home with my child?

1. Read with your child EVERY day, even if it is only for 5 minutes.
2. Create a quiet, special place in your home for your child to read. Keep books and other reading materials where your child can easily reach them.
3. Help your child see that reading is important. Set a good example for your child by reading books, newspapers and magazines.
4. Limit the amount and type of television you and your child watch. Better yet, turn off the television and spend more time cuddling and reading books with your child.
5. Make reading a part of your everyday life – signs and print in the world around us.
6. Encourage your child to read by showing an interest in what they are reading and what they have to say. Discuss the book your child is reading with them.
7. PRAISE your child for their reading and celebrate their reading successes.

Useful WEBSITES to help you help your child with their reading:

www.wordsforlife.co.uk, www.booktrust.co.uk, www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.ruthmiskinliteracy.com, www.phonicsplay.co.uk, www.ictgames.co.uk

www.phonics.lgfl.org.uk



SUMMER FAYRE RAFFLE:

1st Prize: 64G IPAD

2nd Prize: 32G IPAD

Every child will be taking home an envelope containing a book of 5 tickets priced at £1 each. Please return the stub part of the tickets (side with the contact details) along with the correct money in the envelope provided. Please return any unsold tickets.

If you would like to hire a table for the Summer Fayre please contact the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Brixton Beach Welcome Party (ST John`s Angell Town new to Reception Class September 2017) Thursday 29th June (2pm)

Brixton Beach Welcome Party (ST John`s Angell Town: new & current children staying in Nursery September 2017) Thursday 6th July (2pm)

Summer Fayre Saturday 8th July
St Johns Primary Got Talent Friday 7th July 2017

Year 6 Graduation Thursday 13th July (6pm to 8pm)
Inclusion Quality Mark assessment

Trip to Broadstairs Friday 14th July (Reception & Nursery

Year 6 Prom classes) Wednesday 19th July (5:30 to 7pm)

School Leavers Thursday 20th July 9:30am

Last day of term Thursday 20th July

Box 1 Key Public Health Advice

- Cool yourself down:
 - Have plenty of cold drinks, and avoid excess alcohol, caffeine and hot drinks ■ Eat cold foods, particularly salads and fruit with a high water content ■ Take a cool shower, bath or body wash
 - Sprinkle water over the skin or clothing, or keep a damp cloth on the back of your neck
 - Stay out of the heat:
 - Keep out of the sun between 11am and 3pm
 - If you have to go out in the heat, walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a hat and light scarf.
 - Avoid extreme physical exertion
 - Wear light, loose-fitting cotton clothes
 - Keep your environment cool. Keeping your living space cool is especially important for infants, the elderly or those with chronic health conditions or who can't look after themselves
 - Place a thermometer in your main living room and bedroom to keep a check on the temperature
 - Keep windows that are exposed to the sun closed during the day, and open windows at night when the temperature has dropped
 - Close curtains that receive morning or afternoon sun, however, care should be taken with metal blinds and dark curtains, as these can absorb heat – consider replacing or putting reflective material in-between them and the window space
 - Turn off non-essential lights and electrical equipment – they generate heat ■ Keep indoor plants and bowls of water in the house as evaporation helps cool the air ■ If possible, move into a cooler room, especially for sleeping
 - Electric fans may provide some relief, if temperatures are below 35°C (Longer-term)
 - Consider putting up external shading outside windows
 - Use pale, reflective external paints
 - Have your loft and cavity walls insulated – this keeps the heat in when it is cold and out when it is hot
 - Grow trees and leafy plants near windows to act as natural air-conditioners
 - Look out for others: Keep an eye on isolated, elderly, ill or very young people and make sure they are able to keep cool
 - Ensure that babies, children or elderly people are not left alone in stationary cars
 - Check on elderly or sick neighbours, family or friends every day during a heat-wave
 - Be alert and call a doctor or social services if someone is unwell or further help is needed
- If you have a health problem:
- Keep medicines below 25°C or in the refrigerator (read the storage instructions on the packaging)
 - Seek medical advice if you are suffering from a chronic medical condition or taking multiple medications

Family Support

We have been fortunate to have links with an organisation called '**Options for Change**' who will be available to see parents every Friday from 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Please read the information below and contact the school office if you would like to meet the **Options for Change** representative.

We support families with casework and advocacy support. Our Casework and advocacy interventions includes dealing with access to education, youth justice, housing, accommodated children issues, police, courts and the general social welfare of young people and their families.