



## St John's Angell Town News

15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Website: [www.st-johns.lambeth.sch.uk](http://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:

I would like to use this opportunity to welcome you all, especially our children back to the new academic year.

Special thank you to all the parents who participated in the school IQM (Inclusion Quality Mark) and contributed to us being recommended as a Centre of Excellence.

This year, we will be focusing on improving reading. I urge parents to read with your child every day.

We also, welcome parents who are available to come to school to read with the children on Thursdays at 3pm.

Thank you.

### After School Clubs

School is delighted to inform parents that after school clubs have re-started running until end of October term 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

Clubs include football, ICT, and reading, among others at a cost of £30 per club. Payment must be done in advance.

Places are limited. Please see the office if you are interested.

Thank you.

### LOST PROPERTY

Please ensure that all clothing is labelled with your child's name. Also check labels when washing school uniform to ensure your child has brought their own clothing home and not someone else's.

The lost property box will be at the playground after school. Please check for missing items. Thank you.

### 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. Just you will help ensure we all continue to provide a safe environment for your child's education by acting upon the guidelines detailed above

### Important Dates for your Diary

- Meet & greet the teacher - Thursday 21 Sept. 2017 (Pupils have sent home details as there are various sessions)
- Year 6 School Journey - 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September
- After School Clubs - 11<sup>th</sup> Sept - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017
- End of term 1 - 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- Deadline for Secondary School Application - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017.
- Deadline for Primary School Application - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### UNIFORMS

We say thank you to all for your continued support, and it is delightful to see most of our pupils are 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 Meals

As of 20<sup>th</sup> October, school office will no longer be accepting cash payments. All transaction must be done online via [WWW.SIMSAGORA.COM](http://WWW.SIMSAGORA.COM). Please see office if you have not as yet registered for your child's unique code.

Also note that, if you were previously eligible for free school meals for your child, please check with the office that your free school meal entitlement has not expired to avoid being charged for meals.

### Free School Meals!!!

If your child was entitled to free schools during the last academic year, please contact the office to complete a renewal form as your entitlement might have run out to avoid being charged for meals.

## 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:

v [www.wordsforlife.co.uk](http://www.wordsforlife.co.uk), [www.booktrust.co.uk](http://www.booktrust.co.uk), [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

v [www.ruthmiskinliteracy.com](http://www.ruthmiskinliteracy.com), [www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk), [www.ictgames.co.uk](http://www.ictgames.co.uk)

v [www.phonics.lgfl.org.uk](http://www.phonics.lgfl.org.uk)

