



St John's Angell Town News

17th November 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

NURSERY 30HOUR ENTITLEMENT RENEWAL

For parents who are currently entitled to 30 hours childcare provision, as part of government policy, parents must renew their entitlement every 3 months. If your entitlement has expired, please ensure you log into your account via www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk

Failure to do so will result in your child's 30 hours provision being reduced to 15 hours. Please see Ms Belinda Essel, Admin Officer, with your renewal code by 30th November 2017.

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you for all the kind donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Many children bought the poppy 'slapbands' as well as keyrings. We will notify you of how much we collected shortly.

PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS

The deadline to place orders for your child's school photo is Monday 20th November 2017. Orders made in cash to the office must be made with the exact monies. The office will not issue change. Orders can also be placed on the Kittle website www.kittleorders.com. You will need your child's photo I.D. and password which can be found on your child's photo proof.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

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. Ms Belinda Essel, will be offering drop in session every Thursday at 11am for those parents who require help with their applications.

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).

DATES FOR DIARY



DECEMBER 2017

- 1st - Shoe Box Appeal
- 5th - Reception Class Eye Tests
- 7th - NSPCC 'Speak Out' Assembly & Workshops
- 8th - Year 3 Christmas Trail
Xmas Fayre
- 11th - Project Homework to be handed in to class teachers
- 12th - Christmas Dinner
- 15th Homework Celebration Assembly
- w/c 18th - Individual Class Parties
- 19th - Whole School Christmas Performance
- 21st - Whole School Pantomime
- 22nd - Christmas Mass
- End of Term - School Ends at 1pm

JANUARY 2018

- 8th - STAFF INSET (School closed to pupils)
- 9th - Pupils return to school
- 10th - Parents Evening

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.

DIGITAL PARENTING (e-safety)

As a parent or carer it can be difficult to monitor what your child is up to online. Most parents and carers trust their children online, but it can be easy for a child to stumble across things that might upset or disturb them.

Filtering and moderation packages are a good way to stop the majority of inappropriate and harmful content coming into your home. They are a tool to help you set and change online boundaries in line with your child's development.

Please visit our school website www.st-johns.lambeth.sch.uk where you can find a document called 'DIGITAL PARENTING'. It is full of information and tips on how to keep your child safe and happy online.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

We will be holding our Christmas fair on **Friday 8th December** after school

Everyone is welcome, both friends and family.

Flyers will be distributed soon.

RECEPTION CLASS EYE TESTS

Eyelook is the vision screening and treatment program for children within Lambeth.

All reception year children will receive a vision test. If a vision problem is found, they will be treated in one of our local clinics.

Screening is scheduled to take place on 5th December 2017.

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.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our School Christmas Lunch will be taking place on Tuesday 12th December 2017. Menus will be available shortly from Caterlink. Pupils who are already registered for a school meal will automatically have a Christmas meal ordered for them. Parents of pupils who are provided with a packed lunch will have the opportunity to order a Christmas meal for at a cost of £2.35. Order forms will issued early next week, please ensure they are returned by Thursday 24th November 2017. It's always a fun lunchtime with carols, crackers and a yummy Christmas roast so we hope lots of children will join us!

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

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.

This year, St John's Angell Town School will be taking part in the Shoebox Appeal on 1st December 2017. Letters to follow. Please help carry on the St. John's tradition of giving at Christmas by supporting our shoebox appeal and changing lives all over the world.



SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please note school will end on Friday 22nd December 2017 for Christmas Break. Pupils return on Tuesday 9th January 2018 due to staff INSET on Monday 8th January 2018