

Diary Dates:

Parent Information Zoom Meetings:

Monday 21st
September

Year 1: 4:00 pm

Year 2: 4:20 pm

(Zoom links can be found on the school website)

Autumn Half-Term

Monday 26th
October - Friday
30th October

INSET Day

Monday 2nd
November

Last day of Autumn term

Friday 18th
December

Our Attendance Award for the w/c 7th September went to:

Silver Birch Tree Class - 99.2%

Well done to **Silver Birch Tree Class** for their high attendance.

GOLDEN CUPS awarded to:

ROWAN, PALM & OAK TREE CLASSES



Rights Respecting Article for w/c 21st September

Article 19
(Protection from all forms of violence)

Governments must do all they can to protect children from all forms of violence.

The British Value for the week is:
Rule of Law

Word of the week:
Tenacity

Definition: The determination to continue what you are doing.

**Autumn 1 Newsletter 1
Friday 18th September 2020**

Message from the Headteacher

Dear SJB Parents and Carers,

It has been so lovely to see the children back in school and to have seen so many of you at the school gates. Whilst stringent measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of the school and it's community, the children have once again impressed us with their tenacity and ability to adapt to change. As some of you will know from the Parent Information evenings we have been running, children are working within new group bubbles and do not mix with other groups of children during the school day. Relationships within these group bubbles have strengthened as a result as the children are spending all play time and lunch times within their bubbles and eating their lunch together in the dinner hall. We are excited to see the progress the children will make this year. We do not believe that we are in a generation of lost schooling, as we know that you worked so hard with your children during lockdown. We are continually adapting our teaching to ensure that gaps are closed quickly and are aspirational in fully expecting children to meet expectations for their current year group by the end of the year. You will have the chance to meet with your child's teacher remotely, one-to-one and we encourage you to share with your teacher what worked well for your child during the last term.

Have a lovely weekend.
Toni Mason

St John the Baptist Belief of the Week for w/c 21st September 2020

Respect

Look after the school and our belongings so we have a pleasant place to work.

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
Matthew 22:39



Contact details update

As we are at the beginning of the new academic year, please could you ensure all your contact details for your child are up to date. If there are any changes to your address or phone numbers or anyone you would like to add as an emergency contact for your child, please ask the school office to fill in a form.

ParentPay & Marvellous Me



All pupils have a ParentPay account that is used to pay for breakfast club, after school

care and trips and a Marvellous Me for teachers to communicate with parents. Please ensure you have activated your child's accounts. If you need assistance, contact the office.

Extended Day Provision

Currently we have very limited spaces for breakfast club and after school care. Breakfast club is £2 per day and after school care is £3 until 4:30 pm or £6 until 5:30 pm. If you need either of these provisions, an application form is available from the office and must be

completed.

School Streets

A reminder to all our families that the road outside the school (Cron dall Street) is still under the School Streets programme. This means non-resident vehicles are not permitted to come down the road during drop off and pick up times (between 8:30 - 9:15 am and 3:15 - 4:00 pm).

Social distancing measures



All parents, carers and visitors to the school are

reminded to adhere to social distancing rules while on school premises and outside the school gates. We ask parents and carers who are collecting and dropping off children to wear a face covering where possible. Currently we are not permitting parents to enter the school office. If you need the school office, please ring the bell and a member of the office will come to the door to you. Thank you.



Jeans for Genes Day



Today we celebrated Jeans for Genes Day in school where pupils and staff were asked to wear jeans and donate £1 towards helping children with genetic disorders. Year 5 will be wearing their jeans on Monday as they had PE today. Thank you for your donations. We managed to raise

£168.00. If you would like more information about how your donations help, please visit <https://www.jeansforgenesday.org/our-work> for more information.

