



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

16th—20th September

Fairtrade stall on KS2 playground after school.

Wednesday 18th September

Y6 Meet the teacher—3.40pm

Thursday 19th September

Y5 Meet the teacher—3.40pm

Tuesday 24th September

PAACT Autism support group parent workshop—2.30pm

Wednesday 25th September

EYFS phonics information meeting—4.40pm

Monday 7th October

Individual school photos

Thursday 10th October

World Mental Health Day

Friday 11th October

Harvest assembly

14th—18th October

Scholastic Book Fair

Tuesday 15th October

Year 5 Benin workshop experience day

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October

Parents evenings

Friday 18th October

Y5 Class Assembly—9.15am

END OF TERM

Dear St John's families,

It is lovely to be able to write to you and welcome you to the start of a new academic year for the first time! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into their new classes and also to see how well our new cohort of Reception children have settled into their classrooms with their teachers. We are thrilled to have them, and you, as part of our St John's family.

My newsletters aim to share all the amazing things that happen at St John's and keep you up to date with news and upcoming events. I get the privilege of spending every day with your fantastic children so to share glimpses of what the staff and I get to see is always a real pleasure and strengthens the partnership between home and school.

Our value of the term is 'kindness' and the children have all been given the challenge of filling their class bucket. More information can be found in the newsletter but they seem very keen to take on this challenge.

There's a lot upcoming so please check the key dates and the other information in here for what we have coming up over the next term, including meet the new teacher sessions which started this week.

As always, we have an open door policy for communication. If you have any worries or concerns, then please in the first instance, speak to your child's class teacher or the key stage lead. SLT will always be available on the gates in the morning and I'm on the playground as much as possible at the end of the day as well.

Let's look forward to an exciting first term!

Mrs Emma Jefferson

Headteacher

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Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	96%
RAS	98%
1T	98%
1HC	97%
2ST	97%
2F	97%
30S	99%
3B	97%
4T	99%
4D	98%
5N	96%
5BT	99%
6B	99%
6M	97%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



Wow what an amazing start to the year with all this green! Some fantastic attendance!!

Attendance Updates

A letter was sent out at the start of the week outlining the new attendance processes and policies we will be following in line with the Priory Academies trust.

Please note that any leave of absence needs to be requested on the form that can be found [here](#). Term time holidays will not be authorised.

We are following the new DfE national framework which sets out guidance for issuing fixed penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

The threshold is 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. The fixed penalty notice will be £80 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid within 28 days.

If another period of unauthorised absence follows and the threshold is met again with a 3 year period, the fixed penalty notice is £160 per child, per parent if paid within 28 days.

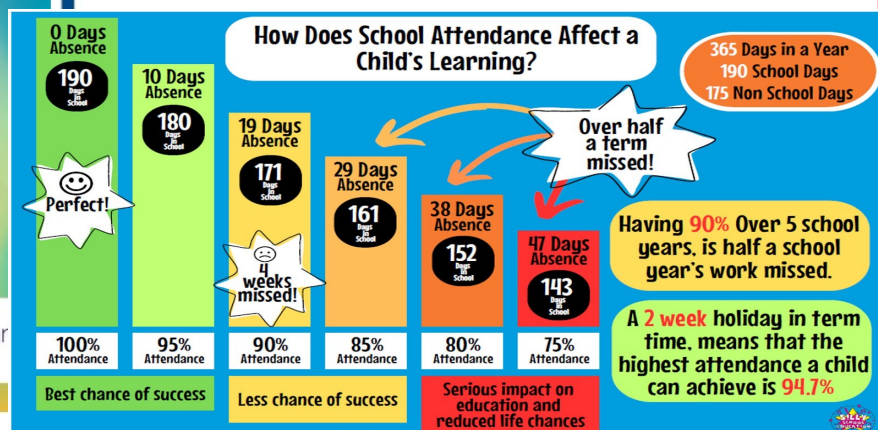
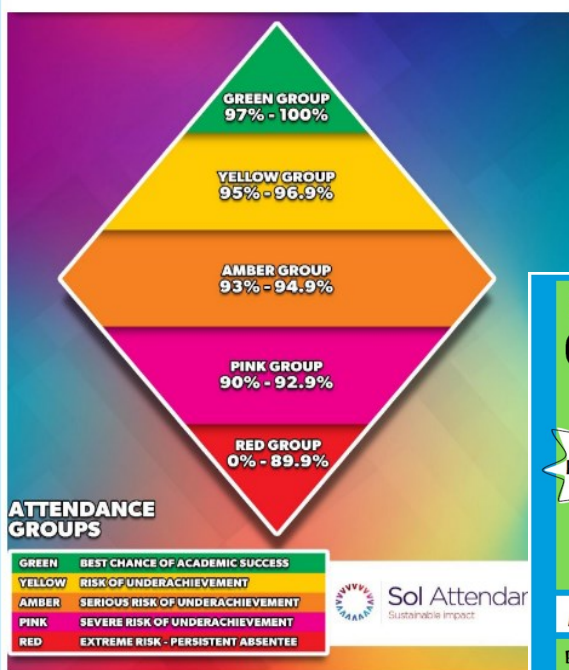
If the threshold is met for a third time within a 3 year period then other action such as prosecution or other legal interventions may be taken by the local authority.

Mrs Jefferson is the school attendance lead and can support with any attendance queries.

Our 100 club is back up and running for this term—this resets at the start of every new term to allow more possibilities for pupils to be rewarded.

Our class attendance challenge is also underway for this term. At the end of the big term, the class who has topped the weekly attendance chart the most times will be rewarded with a treat!

Attendance Ladder





Value of the term—Kindness

This week we have been exploring our value of the term 'Kindness' in our assemblies. We spoke about how we all carry around an invisible bucket with us. When people show us kindness, our bucket fills. This makes us feel happy and positive about ourselves. When we're kind to other people, our bucket also fills because it feels good to be kind. I have set each class a challenge - they all have a kindness bucket and this term, any acts of kindness observed by anyone in our school will be put into the class bucket with the aim being to have an overflowing bucket by the end of term. Of course, we know some acts of kindness aren't seen and these are the ones often that have the most impact so we have discussed this too. All of our staff are involved including our lunchtime and admin staff who are all on the look out for that kind behaviour. At the end of the term, each class will empty their buckets during class reflection time and look back on the all acts of the kindness experienced during the term and how this makes them feel and the impact on them.



Fairtrade Fortnight

We are proud to be participating in Fairtrade fortnight this year raising awareness on the importance of Fairtrade and supporting our pupils to become global citizens. Fairtrade is about ensuring that farmers in developing countries get a fair price for their crops. Supporting Fairtrade also means that these farmers receive training and support on sustainable growing methods as well as financial support and advice to be able to support their families. It is important that our children are aware that sometimes things are unfair and to educate them on what we can do to make things more fair. To coincide with Fairtrade fortnight, we will be running our own stall at St John's selling all kinds of Fairtrade treats. Not only are they delicious but by purchasing, we will be supporting farmers and their families. The stall will be on the KS2 playground each afternoon next week after school. It will be cash only and please bring change if possible. I can't promise how long the products will last—there are some rather delicious looking cookies, flapjacks and chocolate bars for sale!



Mrs Jefferson recommends....

EYFS/KS1



KS2



Learning in Class



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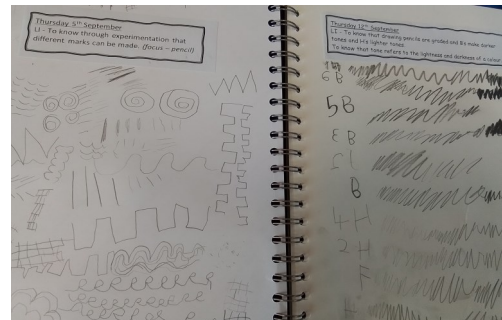
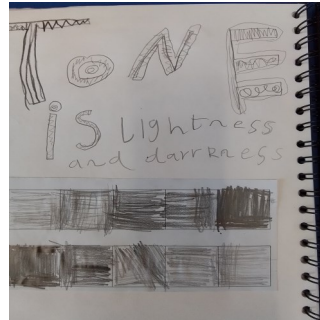
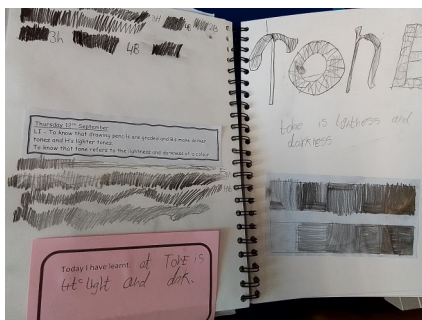
EYFS have a brand new outdoor learning environment!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our amazing Reception children into the St. John's school family. We are so proud of the way you have all settled into your new environment and routines. It is so lovely to see so many smiling faces and to be able to watch those children who are a little bit unsure develop and grow as the days go on. We are so lucky to have a wonderful new outdoor learning environment, which has changed so dramatically over the summer. The children (and adults!) have loved exploring all of the new resources. We can pump water down our new stream, dig in the huge sand pit and let our imagination and creativity shine in the construction area which has its own skip full of building materials. My personal favourite is the covered area with a coloured Perspex roof that creates rainbows on the floor as the sun shines through.



Year 2 Art

Year 2 have been using drawing pencils. They have learnt about the different grades of pencil and experimented with tone and how to make light and dark marks. I think their experimenting looks wonderful. I can't wait to see these tones being applied in their sketches and drawings as the year goes on!



Year 4

The new Year 4 children have settled amazingly well into their new classrooms. They have started to learn about the Ancient Greeks in History and have learnt that if they were a boy, they would have had to leave the home and train in the army from as young as 7! In Science, they have thought about the properties they can use to describe either a solid or a liquid and are excited to find out about the changes between the two. In our Maths, the children have looked at 4 digit numbers and how they can be partitioned in different ways.



In Other News



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Coats!

As much as we were hoping for a bit more of Summer, it's looking unlikely and Autumn seems to have well and truly arrived. Please can we ask that all children bring a named coat into school. Some children haven't brought one in these first couple of weeks and have been a bit chilly on the playground.

New email address

Please note that school has a new email address so please use this for any enquiries or communication you need to have. It's stjohnsenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk



Mrs Turner Harrison's Ugandan Adventure

You may remember before Summer that we were wishing Mrs Turner-Harrison safe travels as she prepared for her trip to Uganda. She was taking across some playground equipment fundraised for by the pupils at St John's as well as letters written by our pupils to give to students in the schools she visited. We're pleased to say that she's back and had the most incredible time despite a small mishap on her first day, managing to break her foot! You can see some wonderful photos below including with the resources that the Ugandan school children now have for playtimes and lunchtimes!



Sporting Success

It was wonderful to be able to celebrate the sporting success of some Year 5 girls this week, with Sienna and Kayleigh having swimming success and Darcy doing a fantastic job in football. Please remember to bring in achievements completed out of school. We love to find out about what the children have been up to and celebrate their successes with them!



Friends of the School



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FoS Key Dates:

25th October—Deadline for Art competition

October—Pumpkin parade and Diwali candles

Friday 22nd November—Christmas Fayre

Friday 6th December—DISCO!
Y1,2,3 6-7pm Y4,5,6 7.15-8.15pm

As you may know, the Friends of the School do an incredible job at fundraising to support the school and provide wonderful resources and opportunities for our children. Through their fundraising, we were able to install our incredible History timeline running up our staircase which the children absolutely love.

They also support with helping to fund school trips and other resources to benefit the children. I am so thankful to them for their continued efforts and hard work and they've got an exciting year of events and fundraising planned.

The first disco of the year is on Friday 6th December. **Please also be aware that after this disco, we will be trialling earlier times for future discos. This will be 3.30-4.30 for Y1,2,3 and 4.45-5.45 for Years 4,5 and 6.** We will confirm the dates for the Spring and Summer discos very soon.



Co-op and Asda

We will be Co-op community champions this September which means every time you use your dividend card, it can help raise money for the school. We are also part of the Asda cashpot for schools. All you need to do is download the Asda rewards app and select Bracebridge Heath St John's Academy and we will instantly receive money into the cashpot. It's currently at over £130 which is amazing!



Art Competition

FoS are currently running at Art competition with a theme of nature. Design a poster or painting / drawing with a nature theme and bring into school before the 25th October. Please can we ask that pupils don't make any models that are very large as we lack storage space to be able to keep these.

Watch out for the Pumpkin Parade and Diwali Candles

In October, more details will be sent out encouraging you to take part in a pumpkin parade or to decorate a Diwali candle for 50p an entry.



Save the date! The Christmas Fayre is returning!

We will be having a Christmas fayre in school on Friday 22nd November from 3.30pm so save the date. There will be stalls, games, refreshments and a whole lot more and we hope it will put us all in the festive mood!

In the Community



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Bracebridge Heath Library

WHATS ON

- WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 11AM STORYTIME
- SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER CELEBRATION OF SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - INVITATION ONLY
- 21ST AND 22ND SEPTEMBER WATCH OUT FOR OUR SCARECROW!
- THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 6 -7.30PM BOOK CHATTER - COME AND CHAT ABOUT BOOKS WITH A CUPPA AND CAKE!
- SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 10AM CHESS TOURNAMENT - COME AND CHALLENGE OUR CHESS MAN OF MYSTERY!
- THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 6-7PM HARRY POTTER NIGHT -FUN, MAGIC AND WIZARDY! LOOK OUT FOR WHEN THE FREE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE
- SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER CHESS MORNING 10 TO 12 NOON- ALL WELCOME

The Heath Village Hall and Library

It was lovely to bump into some of you in the library over the Summer holidays and I've heard from the team over there that the uptake for the summer reading challenge was absolutely fantastic from pupils at St John's which has made me very proud!

Please see the flyer for more information on what is coming up at the library. Also, please remember they have extended their opening hours so that children can pop in after school to choose a good book!

It is open until 4.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and 10am -12pm on Saturdays.

September: Community Events

St. John the Evangelist Church

(Santham Road Bracebridge Heath)

WI Cake Sale & Refreshments

Saturday 21st : 10am – 4pm

A welcome break during the Scarecrow trail
Turned wood and other items for sale

Well-being Cafe

Tuesday 24th: 2pm – 4pm

Crafts, Board Games, painting and a chance to chat over a cuppa in a warm place, including Ann's crafts

Night Light Cafe

Every Sunday: 6pm – 9pm

Partnered with the NHS, Night Light Café offers a place to come if life gets hard or we feel isolated. There are people to chat to, offer support and information if needed or just to sit quietly. Lots of refreshments and its warm

For further information ring 0300 011 1200
or on Facebook: [nightlightcafeincoln](https://www.facebook.com/nightlightcafeincoln)

Church open

Every Wednesday: 10am – 4pm

Our church is open every Wednesday for you to come and sit quietly in church or to access the History of Bracebridge Heath documents.

Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 5th October: 10am - 12 noon

Hot or cold drinks & cake/biscuits and chat

Find out about BBH's History. Sale of turned wood. Have a go in the raffle

Bracebridge Heath Scarecrow Trail 2024

**Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd Suggested Theme:
September 9am to 6pm. Film Characters
(or do your own thing)**

Pick up your Trail Map for £1.50 from
outside the Co-op Saturday and Sunday
9:00am to 12:30pm.

To enter your scarecrow

email:

eventsgroupbbh@gmail.com

Closing date for entries is

Friday 30th August



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