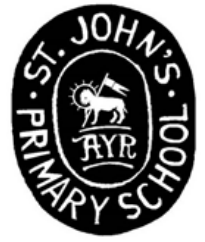




# August



**Welcome Back!** I hope that all our families had a lovely summer break and managed to enjoy some family time together.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Primary One children and to all the new families who have joined us this year. We are delighted that you have chosen to join us at St John's Primary and we look forward to getting to know you.

### Senior Leadership Team

We are committed to working in partnership with parents to support all our pupils. If you have any concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact the **class teacher** in the first instance who will aim to help wherever they can. The class teacher knows your child better than anyone else and they are keen to work with parents to support children. **With reasonable notice**, teachers are able to have phone calls with parents before and after school. If you feel the matter is not resolved then contact our Principal Teachers - Miss Ross for **P1 to P3**, Mr Winning (Acting PT) for **P4 to P5** and Miss Casey (Acting PT) for **P6 to P7**. If you feel that the matter is still not resolved then please contact the Depute Headteacher - Mrs Patterson or Headteacher - Mrs Gray. Miss Casey will also be responsible for attendance monitoring.



Mrs Gray (left) Headteacher,  
Mrs Patterson (right) Depute Headteacher



Miss Casey (left) Acting Principal Teacher (P6-7)  
Mr Winning (middle) Acting Principal Teacher (P4-5)  
Miss Ross (right) Principal Teacher (P1-3)

### Xpressions APP

This is our **main** form of communication. You will only be able to get information from the Xpressions APP unless you contact the school to request paper formats. The Xpressions APP will provide you with text messages, letters, emails, consent forms etc. all in one place.

To register for the APP please use the link below.

[www.parents.groupcall.com](http://www.parents.groupcall.com)

Please inform the school of any changes to telephone numbers and email addresses to ensure that you continue to receive information from the school.

**IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL THEN PLEASE GET IN TOUCH TO CHECK THE DETAILS WE HOLD FOR YOU.**

### Gym/PE kit

All children will participate in PE (Physical Education) every week in the gym hall and a 2<sup>nd</sup> PE session in the playground (weather permitting). For safety reasons, and the comfort of children, it is important that children have gym kit to change in to. A school T-shirt is fine but not a school shirt as there is not a lot of room to move. Children can wear shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms. A soft trainer shoe is required. This does not need to be different from their school shoe if children already wear trainers to school. Hard shoes, slip on shoes or knee-high boots should not be worn. If any parent is concerned about the additional cost then please contact the school and we can support with costs. Please label gym kits and leave in a carrier bag on classroom pegs. Some of our Primary 5 children are modelling a variety of Gym/PE kit.



### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club has restarted and is completely free. To further support our working parents, we are opening our doors from 8.20am. Booking is required to allow us to monitor the number of children we are expecting and a link will be sent out for booking from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

### Access/ Progress Hour

Each term there is a one-hour 'Access Hour'. This means that parents and families are welcome to visit the school with your child. The first one for this year will be on *Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August* from 3 - 4pm. You can pop in any time up until 4pm, you do not need to arrive at exactly 3pm as it is a very informal visit to the school. This is an opportunity for parents/carers to come along to the school, have a cup of tea/coffee and meet your child's teacher. You can ask any general questions at this time but if you have any specific concerns then please contact the school to arrange a time for the teacher to call you. Primary 5 - 7 will be showing how to access the online homework and Glow Teams.

### Assemblies

Every term, parents/carers and extended families are welcome to join us in the gym hall for a short assembly. The children will highlight some of the work that they have been learning. A few children at each assembly will receive a certificate. Teachers keep a note of the children who receive a certificate so that by the end of the year all children will have received one. There will be free tea and coffee for all. At future assemblies there will be an opportunity for parents to raise money for their own classes for an end of year trip. We will be looking for a few volunteers from each stage to organise this. More information to follow.

Date	Class	Time + Venue
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	P6 + P7	9.10am in gym hall
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	P5	9.10am in gym hall
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	P3 + P4	9.10am in gym hall
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	P 1 + 2	9.10am in gym hall

### Homework

Following a full year of consultation with children, parents and staff and further discussions at the Parent Council meeting we have trialled several homework options. The uptake of homework remains extremely small. For this session all children in Primary 5-7 will work online for all homework activities. There will be an opportunity at Access Hour for parents to view the online platforms and seek any support with the technical aspects! Children will access MyOn, Sumdog and Glow Teams. In Primary 1-4 the focus will be on reading skills; a reading book will go home with all children in Primary 2-4. For parents who do not opt in to homework, a reading book will NOT go home

### Medication in School

Please note that we cannot administer any medication without a medical consent form being completed. These are available from the school office. Pupils should not carry medication in their bags. We can only accept and administer medicine which is supplied in its original packaging and labelled by the pharmacy. It must not be beyond the expiry date and must give clear dosage instructions. It is parent/carer responsibility to advise the school at any point throughout the year if there are any changes to your child's medication.