



St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

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Term 1 - Number 2

Thursday, 9th September 2021

It has been a great pleasure to welcome all the new children and parents in Reception to our school community this week. The children (and parents!) have been fantastic at coming in in the mornings and have loved exploring their new classrooms and spending time in the outside area.

We had the first of our 'meet the teacher' sessions yesterday for Year 1. Again, it felt so good to be able to welcome parents inside our school - especially this year group who haven't been able to come in to the school building before. I know that the children loved showing their visitors their new classrooms and parents were able to hear key information about the year from their child's class teacher.

For the most part, our attendance has been excellent this week. Please remember, that the doors open from 8:45-8:50am off either the bottom or middle playground (for Years 1-Year 6). The doors will be shut promptly and late arrivals should sign in at the office. It is very important that your child is punctual as late arrivals miss out on key personalised learning time.

Finally, we have enjoyed being out on the field as a whole school at lunchtimes this week and we have also had our first whole school Collective Worship in the hall. In addition, the 'Open the Book' team from Church came in to lead an interactive Bible Story assembly yesterday which everyone enjoyed. It is great to have the whole school play and interact together after so long 😊

Jennifer Bayne

Meet the Teacher Sessions / Year group information

Please don't forget, that as written in the newsletter last week, these are taking place this week and next week. You are invited to come and join your child in their class for the last part of the day. Unfortunately, due to space, we need to restrict this to **one parent / guardian only** but if these sessions are successful, we will look to do them again later in the school year.

During this session, the class teachers will be able to give you an overview of the curriculum for the year, talk to you about reading and any statutory assessments your child will have this year as well as expectations around homework.

With the exception of Reception, sessions will run from **2:30pm**. Please come to the main school entrance at this time.

8th September - Year 1

9th September - Year 2

14th September - Year 6

15th September - Year 5

16th September - Years 3 & 4

16th September @ 1:10pm - Reception parents information session. (Children can stay)

Break Time Snacks

Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are provided with a fruit snack for morning break by the government. Sadly, there is not this provision for children in Year 3-6. If children in these year groups would like to bring in their own fruit or healthy snack (**STRICTLY NO NUTS**) then they will need to keep it in their school bag for playtime. Lunchboxes are stored in the cool upper school servery area before lunch and so are not accessible for children during the morning.



Jeans for Genes Day

On **Friday, 17th September**, children are allowed to wear denim (or their own clothes) rather than uniform in exchange for a donation for this charity.



Contacting Members of Staff

Please can I remind you that if you wish to contact a member of staff, please 'phone or email the school office and they will get back to you as soon as possible. If all messages go this way, we can ensure that staff are not contacted out of working hours and also that all messages are picked up.

We are not using Class Dojo as a messaging service now we are back in school and this will only change if we have a situation whereby a child has to self-isolate. In addition, it is not appropriate to contact a member of staff on Facebook or any other social media. Thank you for your support with this.

Second-hand Uniform 'Shop' - New location and a BIG thank you!

A huge thank you to Louise Bloor (and her team of volunteers) for collating, laundering and selling second hand uniform donations for our school. I know that many parents have benefitted from this and all donations have been passed on to the school. The cottage where this was situated is now sold but the great news is that a new location has been set up and organised - again, thank you!

The drop box for any uniform donations remains at Reeds on the Reindeer Green.

The new shop will be opening in 'The Annexe' next to 65 Deansfield. Separate access and parking will be available. This new, permanent base will mean that the 'shop' can be kitted out with rails and display shelves, which will enable it to cope much better with the flow-through of stock. Exciting!

Please can pedestrians walk on the footpath and not on the main drive when arriving or leaving the school site to avoid any near misses with vehicles.

School Photographs

The photographer will be visiting our school on Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th September. You will be receiving a ParentMail regarding the set arrangements for these photographs. Please read this very carefully and **if you require anything different**, please respond for each child by Friday, 17th September so that we can organise this.



Photographs with younger siblings (below school age) will take place after school on Tuesday, 28th September in the Lower School hall. Please go in to the Lower School via the main door and queue for your turn.

Staff

We are fortunate to have a fantastic team of staff in our school! We look forward to meeting you all and working with you throughout the year. I thought it might be useful for you to see who is where.

As I have already said, please do not hesitate to speak to any one of us if you have a query.

Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants *(Please note that some TAs also run interventions across the school).*

Bees	Mr Sexton (Lower School Leader)	Mrs Chivers Mrs Arnold Mrs Hayward-Browne Mrs Bray
Butterflies	Miss Baker	
1A	Mrs Ayres & Mrs Abu-Ebid	Mrs Young Mrs Otter Mrs Alford Mrs Robertson
1CS	Miss Cox & Miss Smith	
2H	Mr Harris	Miss Hargreaves Mrs Kuipers Mrs Otter
2T	Mrs Turner (Maths Subject Leader)	
3/4C	Mr Cliff	Mrs Preece Mr Meacock Mrs Dixon Mrs Arnold Mrs Craig
3/4L	Mr Lossin	
3/4R	Mrs Read	
5O	Mrs Ollerenshaw	Mrs Brennan Mrs Arnold Miss Smith Mr Meacock
5S	Mr Shelton	
6B	Mr Ball (Upper School Leader)	Mrs Bray Mrs Kirk Mrs Taylor-Hoad
6J	Mrs James (English Subject Leader)	
PPA Cover PPA Cover Specialist PE Teacher Specialist Music Teacher		Mrs Nicholas Mrs Booth Mr Smith Mrs Lee

Other Staff:

Headteacher: Mrs Bayne	Deputy Headteacher & SENCo: Miss Johnson & Mr Hill	
ELSA: Mrs Batten	Site Manager: Mr Moulton	
Admin Team: Mrs Morrison Mrs Frank (School Business Manager) Mrs Macdonald	MDSAs: Miss Smith Mrs Blanthorn Mrs Finch Mrs Simpkins Miss Brookes Mrs Dodson Mrs Tapsell Mrs Bailey	
Cleaners: Mrs Le Cras Miss Chandler Mrs Dodson		