



## Message from Mr Watson

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a fantastic to welcome back the children to school, I have missed them. I hope you have had a lovely summer holiday and you are feeling refreshed.

The Local Authority have asked to continue to our safety measure against COVID. We are continuing with our staggered drop-off's and pick-up's and we strongly recommend all adults wear face masks when coming into school. Thank you for your continued support with this.

This will be reviewed every two weeks and I will keep you updated with any change we make.

All the children are looking super smart in their school uniforms and PE kits. If you have any issues with purchasing anything for school, please contact me directly and we will be able to help.

Please look at our Key Dates further down the newsletter. We will be adding more dates on the newsletter next Friday, this will include 'New to Year Group' meetings. It is looking like these will be held on Zoom. During these meetings we will share expectations for the year and give you an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher.

Settling in to a new year group can sometimes be tricky. If you need any support; Miss Smalldon, Mrs Henderson and myself are around at the start and end of the day.

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I know that I am special

**Genesis 1:27** So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Showing Identity means:

- Knowing that you are unique
- Knowing who I am is more important than what I do

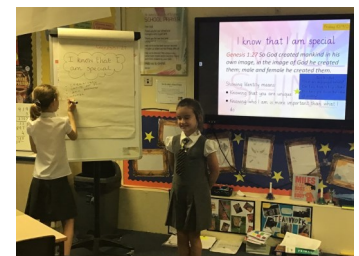
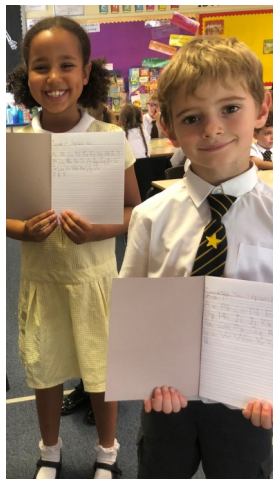


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## Our Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon

It's been a fun week at St. fabulous learning!

John's— look at the range of



### Safeguarding Reminder

At St John's C of E Academy, we have a Safeguarding Team who work to keep children safe both in and out of school. Mr Watson, Miss Smalldon and Mrs Henderson are the school's safeguarding team so please contact them if you are worried about the safety of a child who attends our school.



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### Additional Notes For Parents :

Following Local Authority guidance, the one-way flow (from the KS1 gate to the KS2 gate) around the school will remain at the start and end of the day, we will be adjusting the start and end times for all children. The gate will be open from 8:45-8:55am. We are asking for all children to arrive between these times. This 10 minute slot will help alleviate congestion and will ensure adequate flow around the site.

At the end of the day, we are reducing pick-up times to 2 slots. See below for when your child must be collected. Siblings may be collected at the earliest slot for your family in line with current guidelines.

Pick-up times	
3:20pm	3:30pm
Year 2	Reception
Year 3	Year 1
Year 5	Year 4
	Year 6

School uniform is required. Where possible, ensure the uniform is washed regularly throughout the week. All children need to come to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day.

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday (starting 14 <sup>th</sup> September)
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday (starting 14 <sup>th</sup> September)
Year 6	Friday

Each day, children will need to bring their:

1. Coat
2. Reading Book
3. Filled water bottle (which will be taken home each day to be washed!)

## Stars of the Week!

Well done to everyone for a great week; all children at St. John's shine. Here are our 'super' stars of the week!



## Star of the Week Awards!

**Year 1: Harry** —for an amazing start to year 1! You have worked hard in all the activities we have done you have been fantastic role model for the class. Great work Harry!

**Year 2: Ella** —for settling brilliantly into Year 2. She is always smiling and working hard. You are a superstar!

**Year 3: Alex** —for a super start to year 3! Alex has been so focused during lesson and has been trying really hard with his handwriting and presentation.

**Year 4: Lillie Walters** —for an excellent start to year 4. This week Lillie has shown excellent learning behaviour and has been a real role model to her peers. Well Done Lillie.

**Year 5: James** —for being an awesome role model, starting the year in an amazingly positive way, being curious and hard working! Amazing keep this up!

**Year 6: Kacie Mai** —for starting off the year with a great hard working attitude, wanting to achieve her best and having super focus in all areas.



Important Dates

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Tuesday 7th September	Back at school
Friday 10th	Sports Clubs and guitar letters to be sent home
Friday 17th September	Curriculum maps and Knowledge Organisers to be sent home
Friday 17th September	Learning Log to be sent home
WB 27th September	New to Year group meetings TBC
Wednesday 29th September	Reception 'Catch Up' with parents followed by 'Come and Share'
Tuesday 12th October	Harvest Worship led by Year 6
Tuesday 19th October	Termly Learning Conference (Parents Evening)
Wednesday 20th October	Termly Learning Conference (Parents Evening)
Friday 22nd October	Last day of Half Term
Friday 22nd October	Half Termly Awards
Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October	Half Term
Monday 1st November	Children back in school
Monday 20th December—Friday 31st December	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 4th January	INSET School closed to children
Wednesday 5th January	Children back in school