

ST JOHN'S

Newsletter



Christmas is just around the corner...

It's officially still autumn, but this newsletter is packed full of what is happening in our run-up to Christmas! We're sticking with tradition this year, and will celebrate with an Early Years' nativity and concert, and with Carols around the Christmas Tree (outdoors hopefully!) We hope you're able to join us and will bring your best singing voices.

Dates of all the events booked in so far are in this newsletter, but there are sure to be more to add as the term goes on. It's a busy one, but great fun!

In the meantime, remember to read the class blogs every week to see what they've been up to.
http://www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk/website/class_blogs/91838



Wraparound Care

We now offer 'wraparound' childcare from 7.30am until 5.30pm, Monday to Friday. Due to government funding, we are able to offer the sessions at the very reduced price of £1 per session (7.30-8am, 3.30-4.30, 4.30 -5.30) Places are available to children from nursery (as long as the child settles) up to Year 6 and can be booked as a block or as a one-off session. **Bookings must be made in advance.**



Phonics and reading

It was great to see around $\frac{3}{4}$ of parents from Rec, Y1 and Y2 at our phonics workshops before the holidays. For those who didn't attend one of the three sessions, book bags are available to buy from the school office for £5. A reminder from staff: children will bring home a reading book every Monday, which they read at home at least 3 times. One of these reads (only a few pages) should be recorded and posted on Seesaw, so staff can hear how well your child is reading at home. The book stays at home all week and is returned to school the following Monday to be changed. Lost or damaged books will be charged a £3 replacement fee. No further books will be sent home until the book is either found, or the £3 is paid.

In Years 3-6, your child should still be reading with an adult at home every night and recording themselves on Teams. Your child needs you now, just as much as they did when they were first learning to read. They'll need support with trickier vocabulary, understanding the text and to build their speed (fluency) and expression.

You are an important part of your child's reading progress and it is vital that you support them to learn the new sounds and words they're taught at school. With school and home working together, your child will learn to read quickly and confidently. Without practise at home, your child is at risk of falling behind.



Baby/Toddler Group

Our baby and toddler group meet every Thursday afternoon to play, chat and relax together. Anyone is welcome to attend (you don't have to have children in the school) and the sessions cost just £1 to cover the cost of a drink and snack. We'd love some dads to come along too! Drop me a message on Class Dojo or give me a ring on 07815968699 if you want more information. Space is limited, so book a place here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/6MdgkheX79>

Please note entry to the sessions will be via the gate leading into the Early Years Yard there will be no access through school or nursery.

Mrs Lishman

Read More

www.stjohns.newcastle.sch.uk

What's happening this term...

Tues 18th November - Choir performing at Christmas Concert in Newcastle Cathedral

Mon 24th November - 50 FREE tickets for Newcastle Theatre Royal Panto (watch out for Dojo announcement about tickets)

Thurs 27th November - Y4 to Aladdin pantomime at Theatre Royal

Fri 28th November - Christmas Fair 2pm

Weds 3rd Dec - Y5 to Dance City to see Giselle ballet

Thurs 4th Dec - Reception Christmas events at Cornerstone

Thurs 11th Dec - The Hub at Tim Lamb Winter Wonderland

Monday 15th Dec - The Hub Christmas Hug - open morning for parents

Tues 16th Dec - EYs Christmas Performance (1 of 2) am

Weds 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch EYs and KS1 (watch out for an invitation to join us on Dojo)

Weds 17th Dec - EYs Christmas Performance (2 of 2) pm

Thurs 18th Dec - Christmas lunch KS2 (invitations to join us coming soon)

Thurs 18th Dec - Reception and Nursery to Northern Stage

Mon 22nd Dec - Y1 to Northern Stage

Mon 22nd Dec - Carols around the Tree 2pm

Tues 23rd Dec - all classes Christmas Parties

Tuesday 23rd Dec close at 1pm for holidays.



Autumn Term Dates and Holidays

Tuesday 4th Nov - Tuesday 23rd December

Return to school Wednesday 7th January

Full term dates can be found on the [school website](#)