



ST JOHN'S CE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SENDI NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year and what a year it has been! Lots of changes, new ways of working, bubbles, tests, isolating, lockdown, hand washing, but on the plus side, no shortage of toilet paper this time round!

Here at St Johns, we have tried to keep things as 'normal' as possible with regards to SEN interventions (as far as our risk assessments would allow), and we have seen a lot of pleasing progress now that we are nearly at the end of our assessment phase.

Over the Summer holidays, try and keep the children's skills going by having lots of conversations, doing lots of reading and storytelling and try to make use of the great outdoors for physical development. Find opportunities for maths skills too (using coins in shops, weighing ingredients when baking, counting, addition, subtraction etc) to make every moment count.

Wishing you all a very happy summer break and I sincerely hope that the sun shines and new memories can be made as lockdown eases.

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Current situation!



Since coming back after lockdown, the children have been really settled. As the term progressed, we started mixing the year group and so the children were able to have a little more social interaction with peers from the other class. It looked like a grand reunion!

So, what to expect from September?

Obviously, your child will be moving up a year and may have a different teacher. We have carried out transition sessions with the whole class and teachers have gone down to your child's existing class to meet and get to know your child a little better. All seemed to go smoothly. If your child is showing signs of anxiety at home that we have not seen in school, please let me know as soon as possible so we can arrange more before we break up!

SEN news.

From September, we have an additional SENCO! Mrs Payne, who is already on staff and qualified in this area, will be working with myself and Mrs Coulter – think of us as the three musketeers!



The next news is Mrs Coulter's training diary! She is now fully qualified to deliver ELSA sessions (emotional literacy support) and so together with her 'Drawing and Talking' training and 'Lego Therapy' training, we are well equipped in school to help children with any emotional needs.

Both myself and Mrs Coulter have completed extensive refresher training on Autism recently and we have obtained a new assessment tool to drill down deeper when looking at next steps targets for children on the spectrum.

Hot off the press! We are hopefully buying into Walsall's Speech and Language Therapy traded service, so we will have a therapist at least once per fortnight to work with us and the children. More information to follow next academic year.

And finally....

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me either by email, dojo, phone call or snail mail.

All that is left to say is...have a lovely Summer holiday wherever it may take you. This year I am sure will feel different, as less people will be travelling broad and there will still be some restrictions, however, whatever you do, make each moment count and find ways to make each day a new learning experience with lots of fun!

Kind regards
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