



# The Two Way Street

Welcome back to the new academic year. We are already in full swing and have added a few news pieces onto the school website for you to see. If you have not already done so, please have a look on line at; - <http://www.st-johns.walsall.sch.uk>

On here you will find lots of general information, policies, newsletters, photographs – why not take a look, but remember to do so often for the updates.

## School Values:

As part of the new school year our children are being given an opportunity to support the development of our new updated School Values. Our new values are; -

- Patience
- Love
- Kindness
- Joy
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Goodness
- Self Control
- Peace

These concepts will be discussed both in worship time and during lessons. The ethos of our school is always identified as something special but it is not always easy to explain. Our children certainly show friendship and a caring attitude to each other for the majority of the time and this makes us very proud.

We would like to ask if you could take the time to complete the following few questions so that you can have an input into our planning as a church school. We appreciate that some of you receive this newsletter as an electronic copy. You are more than welcome to print this off, but we are just as happy to receive your thoughts on a scrap piece of paper – it's your views that are important to us and we do not mind how this is done! Any paper copies can be handed into the school office. Some parents may prefer a face to face discussion, in which case, we are more than happy for you to come into school. If you do prefer this option, Mrs Denning or Mrs Haigh will be available to you. Just come into the reception area to arrange a meeting time.

1. Is it important that your child/children attend a church school?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What benefits do you perceive your children have from this?



3. How do the School Values help your child to develop as a person?
  
4. What experiences or connections have you had with the church through the school?
  
5. Our family services are well attended if you have experienced them please could you comment on how they help build links as a school family?
  
6. Can you suggest any improvements that can be made with our Family Service?

Thank you so much for your help. Your views do matter to use!



*Can I pay for school trips on line?*

\* Yes you can! You should have already received your registration details for Parent mail 2. This is an

update on the previous version, so you will need to re register. If you have not, ask your child to check their school tray! If you still do not receive it, pop into reception and ask for this to be emailed to you, or, bring a pen and paper and you can make a note of the log in details.

\* We appreciate that the mornings can be very hectic. You can help us here!

- Make sure you put all money for clubs/dinners etc into a **labelled** envelope. We get SO many loose bits of money at the office, and it takes time to label them all with child's name and class.

*Why are there so many parents waiting at the hatch in the morning? I had to wait more than ten minutes this morning and I needed to get to work.*



- Remember to give your child all that he/she needs for the day before they come into school – lunch bag, book bag, PE kit etc. We have lots of forgotten belongings handed in at the reception area and cannot always take them down straight away. Names have to be logged and items sorted later!
- If your query is not urgent, leave it until later – the office is not so busy during the day, just the beginning and end! Remember, you can give your child a note to hand into the class teacher too!

*We are disappointed that our child is on a waiting list for an after school club. Why is this?*

We are disappointed too. The School's aim is to have 100% of our children participating in after school clubs and this term the response for places has

been very high. We are currently looking into further staffing for some of the sport clubs and investigating other ways to include more clubs. For some, the numbers have to be capped for health and safety reasons (eco club) or because of resource implications (i club) or to maintain a safe adult to child ratio. We are also trying to address the issues related to some children having places in clubs that are on the same night! Please bear with us during this period of time so that we can address the issues raised by our parents.

If you do have any questions/comments to make (the good and the bad!) please use the details shown below.

Thank you.

If you have any comments, concerns or questions - why don't you email us on our brand new address specifically for the  
**'Two Way Street'**

**Email address:**

[twowaystreet@st-johns.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:twowaystreet@st-johns.walsall.sch.uk)

