

Weekly Note – Monday 12th October 2020

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| Date | Event | Year Group | Time (if relevant) |
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| Monday 12 th October | This week is Maths Week | All Children-check out SeeSaw for fun clips of the children. | |
| Tuesday 13 th October | Woodwind Music Tuition (tuition fees now due) | Bring instruments please | |
| Wednesday 14 th October | Spanish Lessons Junior Harp Lessons (tuition fees now due) | Yr 4-7 £2 to cover the month of October Harpers 2-2.30pm | |
| Thursday 15 th October | Couch-to-5k World of Owls (see separate class note) | Christie Park @6.00pm. Yr 3 | |
| Friday 16 th October | PE DAY: Simple plain outfits!!! Strings Music Tuition (tuition fees now due) Senior Harp Lessons | ALL CHILDREN Bring instruments please 2-2.30pm | |

Pupil Arrangements WB Monday 28th September

Year1: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm (collected at infant gate) Friday 9am-1:45pm

Year2: Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm (collected at infant gate) Friday 9am-1:45pm

Year 3: Monday-Wednesday 9am-2:45pm Thursday 9am-2pm & Friday 9am-1:45pm (Collected at main gate)

Year 4: Monday-Thursday 9am – 2:45pm (Collected at main gate) Friday 9am-1:45pm

Year 5: Monday-Thursday 8:45am – 3pm (Collected at main gate) Friday 8:45am-2pm

Year 6: Monday-Thursday 8:45am – 3pm (Collected at main gate) Friday 8:45am-2pm

Year 7: Monday-Thursday 8:45am – 3pm (Collected at main gate) Friday 8:45am-2pm

Please email Rachel at rhamilton130@c2kni.net or call the school on 0287034437

Split the Pot

Next draw takes place tomorrow, Friday 9th October.

If you're not in you can't win! Half to the winner, half to school funds for vital school resources which will aid YOUR child's learning!!

P.T.A.

Our first event for our children to look forward to is our Halloween Class Bubble Disco! This all day event will take place on the 23rd October. More details to follow!



St. John's SVP

In these current circumstances due to COVID-19, St. John's SVP can be contacted on our confidential helpline number: 07752017340. If you or someone you know in our area is struggling, please contact us. All our help is given on a strictly confidential basis.

SeeSaw- Will now become the main source of communication between school and our parents. Please ensure you have downloaded both the family and class apps to keep up to date. This is crucial as we head into a very uncertain period of time. If any parents are struggling with these apps please let me know.



After Schools Club

2pm-5pm daily

Please book and pre-pay for this service on a weekly basis. Paying in arrears is not an option.

£2 per hour in a clearly labelled envelope

We can all be delayed for one reason or another. If you are going to be late please ring the school so arrangements can be made. Thank you.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Many thanks to those of you who paid their voluntary contribution to school last year. These are indeed challenging financial times for all schools and the contribution you make means we can buy additional resources for our children to use. Please send your contribution in a marked envelope with your child next week.

We ask for a donation of £5.00 per pupil.

Thank you!

FLU VACCINATIONS Wednesday 21st October

You should have received a consent form for the administration of the Flu Vaccination and it is great to see so many have been returned. The Chief Medical Officer has asked all schools to encourage all pupils and adults in school to get the flu vaccination this year. The vaccination will not give immunity from Coronavirus but will help to protect vulnerable members of our community.

Please return your consent forms to school by **Monday 19th October** at the latest. If your child misses the vaccination or is unwell on the day, you as parent/legal guardian, will be sent a letter from the Community Nurse explaining that you should now contact your GP.

READING BOOKS IN SCHOOL

READING BOOK AMNESTY! We have noticed that quite a number of our Reading Books are missing from school, these may have been sent home with your child to read as homework and indeed some may be there since before lockdown. This means that we don't have complete sets of some books which hinders teachers while setting reading for their groups. We as a school, have spent a substantial amount of money in recent years buying new books, most recently for Foundation Stage and KS1. These books are bought in sets of 6 and it is very frustrating when full sets are not available.

If you have ANY reading books at home which belong to school, please send them back to us so they can be used again.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Given the current climate and the risks involved in bringing groups of people together, we have decided that in the interests of Health & Safety of our whole school community, we will not hold Parent/Teacher meetings at this time. Instead we will issue a short Half-Term Report to all parents so you can see how your child/ren are settling back into school. The report will give you an indication on how your child is coping with Literacy and Numeracy but perhaps more importantly, how they have settled back into the new school day. There will be an opportunity for you to comment on your child's progress and also an opportunity to indicate that you would like a telephone call with your child's teacher if you feel that is necessary.

On a personal note, I am especially delighted as to how we as a collective, have managed this tricky period and the whole staff of St. John's are so proud of the resilience your child/ren have shown.

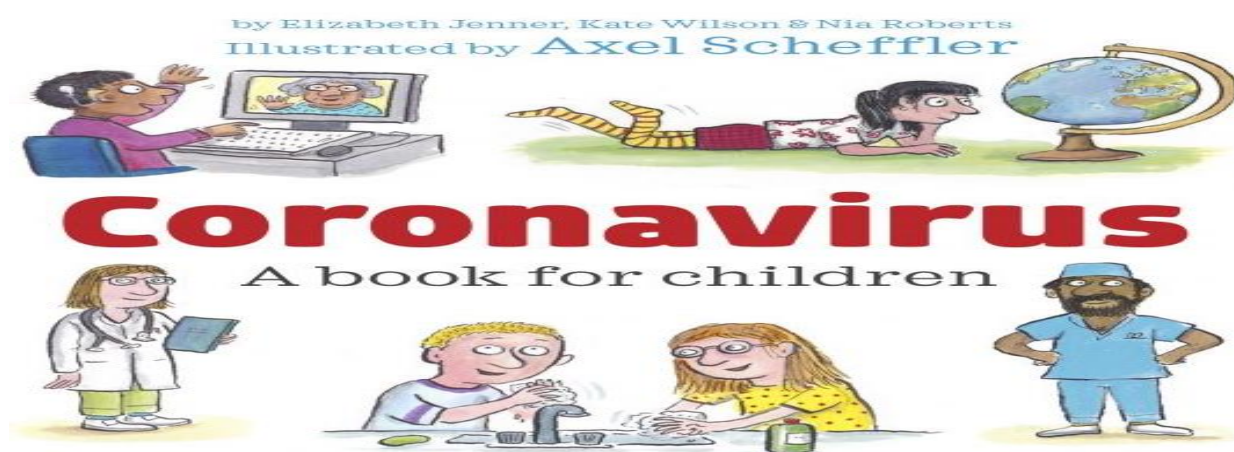
Spanish Lessons Y4 – Y7

Our Spanish lessons with Christina on Wednesdays are up and running. It was lovely to hear the children's voices calling out in Spanish throughout the 4 classrooms. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child/ren to gain confidence in a new language. 50p a lesson is a snip! It is really important that every child in Yr4-7 pays for this experience. It would be a real shame if we could no longer continue with this due to lack of funds.



Coronavirus-A book for Children-Tap the link to read this interactive book with your child/ren. The boys and girls should recognise the illustrator from The Gruffalo!

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/5-8/coronavirus-a-book-for-children/>



Healthy Eating & Nut-free zone

Please help us to promote our healthy eating school and nut-free zone.

Any items containing nuts will be sent home unopened.

Breakfast Club

8-8.50am is available from Tuesday 1st September

£1.05 in a labelled envelope to be paid to Ray daily

No booking required

Have a lovely weekend and as always thanks for your continued support towards our school.