



Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian,

It feels very strange to be writing to say goodbye for the summer when we haven't seen some of the children for such a long time. I hope that you are all well and that you get to spend the summer holidays enjoying the time outdoors with your children as the lockdown measures are eased.

### **Next year – Change to school timetable**

Following consultation, the Governing Board have made the decision to make the proposed change to the school timetable. The parent survey showed that although 26% did not agree with the timetable change, the majority of parents were in favour. The main area of concern raised was regarding childcare for working parents. Although the school fully recognise the challenge this poses, the decision has been made to go ahead in order to limit the risk of transmission of the virus to both children and staff. The timetable change will be reviewed at the end of the autumn term and a further consultation with parents, staff and Governors will take place at this time.

#### September Start Time for children

#### **KS1 and KS2 soft start from 8:35 – 8:50am**

Children should be dropped to the school gates by one adult from their household and will then come into school on their own. Both the main gates and the infant playground gates will be open to avoid congestion at the main gate. School staff will be available to support children when coming in.

Children will be marked as 'late' after 8.50am. If your child arrives late you will need to wait with them at the gates until both nursery and reception children have been taken to their classes. Your child's class TA will then meet you at the gate and walk your child to class.

#### **Sun, Stars and Moon 8:55 – 9:00am**

Children in nursery and Reception will be met at either the main gate (Sun Class) or the infant playground gate (Stars and Moon Class) by their teacher and teaching assistant and taken into their classroom. Parents will not be able to come into the classrooms as we will need to ensure we follow the government guidance for schools.

#### September Finish Time for children

Following the government guidance we will still need to stagger collection times to try to support social distancing at the end of the day. We have tried to limit the amount of time this takes as we know it is difficult for parents collecting children from different year groups. For this reason we will be using the car park as an exit point for some classes.

When you come to collect your child, please ensure you are practising social distancing and are mindful that most people do want to stay 2 metres away from others in order to keep themselves safe. Please do not try to speak to the teacher at the end of the day while they are dismissing children. All questions should be emailed to the office and the teacher will get back to you.

#### Monday – Thursday Collection Times

	<b>Car Park Gate</b>	<b>Main Gate</b>	<b>KS1 Gate</b>
<b>3:15pm</b>	Mars (Yr 3) and Jupiter (Yr 3 and 4)	Earth (Yr 2)	Mercury (Yr 1) and Venus (Yr 1 and 2)
<b>3:25pm</b>	Pluto (Yr 6) and Neptune (Yr 5 and 6)	Saturn (Yr 4 and 5)	Stars and Moon (Reception)
<b>3:30pm</b>		Sun (nursery)	

#### Friday Collection Times

	<b>Car Park Gate</b>	<b>Main Gate</b>	<b>KS1 Gate</b>
<b>1:00pm</b>		Sun (nursery)	
<b>1:15pm</b>	Pluto (Yr 6) and Neptune (Yr 5 and 6)	Saturn (Yr 4 and 5)	Stars and Moon (Reception)
<b>1:25pm</b>	Mars (Yr 3) and Jupiter (Yr 3 and 4)	Earth (Yr 2)	Mercury (Yr 1) and Venus (Yr 1 and 2)

#### Nursery

Nursery will run from 9am – 3:30pm Monday – Thursday and from 9am – 1pm on Fridays.

This means there is a change to the times that the school is able to offer part time and full time provision.

For those parents who had previously requested a place for Monday 08:45am – Wednesday 11:45am, times offered will now be:

Monday 9-3:30pm; Tuesday 9-3:30pm and Wednesday 9-11:45am

For those parents who had previously requested a place for Wednesday 12:15pm – Friday 3:30pm, the days and times offered will now be:

Wednesday 9-3:30pm; Thursday 9-3:30pm and Friday 9-1pm

For parents who have 30 hour provision, the hours offered will now be:

Monday – Thursday 9-3:30pm and Friday 9-1pm.

#### Breakfast and After School Club

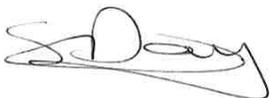
As communicated last week, we will not be able to accommodate children for Breakfast and After School Club for the first four weeks of the autumn term. Please be assured that we are working on ways to manage the provision safely and as soon as we feel that we are able to meet the guidance and limit risk to the pupils and staff who attend the club, we will restart the provision.

## **Year 6**

To all of the Year 6 children I would like to say a huge thank you for being such a wonderful Year 6 class. We have enjoyed seeing you grow into such thoughtful, kind young people and we know that your secondary schools are very lucky to have you joining them. We hope that you will come back and see us sometimes and share your achievements with us. We all have very high hopes for you. A thank you also to the parents of Year 6, your support for the staff and the children has been so appreciated this year and throughout the children's time with us. Good luck to you all.

All of the staff at St John's hope that the children and their families enjoy the summer break. We are very much looking forward to having a full school again in September. If there are any changes in government guidance or local transmission levels, I will update you the week before we return to school.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Day', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephanie Day  
**Head Teacher**