



St. John's News

September 2011

DATES

Term Dates

Autumn 1:

5.9.11–21.10.11

Autumn 2:

31.10.11–16.12.11

(2 p.m. finish)

Spring 1:

4.1.12–10.2.12

20.2.12–30.3.12

Summer 1:

16.4.12–1.6.12

11.6.12–20.7.12

Confirmed Inset Days

Monday 26th Sept

Tuesday 3rd Jan

Friday 27th Jan

Thurs 3rd May (polling)

Mon 2nd July

Mon 23rd July

Year 6 SATs

Mon 14 – Fri 18 May

Autumn term dates
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Welcome back everyone!

Although the holidays seemed to go by very quickly, we are delighted to be back at school and we are already working hard. We hope that you all like the new playground— the children are delighted and have been thoroughly enjoying using all the new equipment. We hope to have some markings put down during the half term break. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout this new academic year.

School Uniform

It is great to see the children back in school looking so smart in their school uniforms. We apologise if you have not been able to buy a jumper from the office. We ordered new stock before the holidays but unfortunately it hasn't arrived yet.

We hope it will be in within the next week.

University

We are having a term off from university, so that we can plan ways of improving it and source new courses. The children will still have opportunities to work together across the age ranges. We have 'Everybody Writes Day' on Sept 29th and teachers are planning other curriculum events.

Attendance at St. John's

We continue to work hard to improve attendance at school. The children know how important this is and enjoy receiving both class rewards and the individual rewards. This term's reward for 100% attenders will be for 14 children (names drawn from a hat) to go bowling and have a meal. Being at school every day and on time is really important for your child to be successful. Please support this.

COMING TO SCHOOL AND BEING HERE ON TIME IS IMPORTANT AT ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Log on to our school website!

www.st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk

Dates for Autumn Term 2011

September 19th: Year 5 Bikeability
September 22nd: Mayor's visit
September 26th : INSET day
September 29th: Everybody Writes Day
Sept/ Oct: 'Meet the Teacher' Class Teachers will inform you when this is.
October 1st: Mrs Lowman's wedding—3 p.m.
St John's Church, Forton
October 5th: Harvest Service in church
October 9th: Choir to sing at St John's
October 21st: Break up 3.15 p.m.
October 31st: School Photographer in for individual photographs from 0850
November 7th: Y6 to Kingswood IOW
November 11th: Choir at Gosport Music Fest
Nov 15th: Parents Evening (4.30—7 p.m.)
Nov 17th: Parents Evening (3.30—5.30 p.m.)
November 26th: Choir at Switching on of town Christmas lights
December 6th: Christingle Service at St John's 6 p.m.
December 7th: KS1 performance p.m.
December 8th: KS1 performance a.m.
December 8th: Choir children to St Mary's Church to decorate tree
December 9th: Choir at Christmas tree Festival, St Mary's Alverstoke
December 9th: a.m. Mince pies for helpers
December 11th: Choir singing at Explosion
December 13th: Christmas Sale
December 14th: KS2 Carol Service
December 16th: Break up 2 p.m.

Assemblies

Family Assemblies are still on Wednesdays (KS2 9 a.m. and KS1 2.45 p.m.) and you are welcome to come and join us at anytime. Class assemblies will continue on a Friday morning. Your child's class teacher will let you know when this is. **NO FAMILY ASSEMBLIES ON OCT 5th.**

KS2 Rewards

We think it is important to let the children who have not had a 'time out' know that we have noticed this! You may remember that last term we organised small treats such as extra play, cakes, ice lollies, time on the field and sometimes classes choose their own rewards. This half term we will take all children who have not had a time out from Monday 19th Sept to the Vue Cinema in Gun Wharf. We hope this will be everyone!!

How can you help your child at home?

As part of our School Improvement Plan we are focusing on handwriting, spelling and times tables this term. Teachers will be sending work home each week and we would be grateful if you could help by encouraging your child to practise these regularly.