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Dear Parents/carers,

### Nursery

A warm welcome to all of our Nursery children who have joined us over the last few weeks, we have been delighted by how well you have all settled in. In line with other year groups, there will be a drop-in session to catch up with Mrs Kingston on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 3:45pm – 4:45pm. Attendance is not compulsory, simply an offer if you want to chat.

### Reception

Our children in Reception and Nursery love to play in their outside area but as like with everything some of our resources are starting to show their age! We would be grateful for any donations of the following items which you no longer need:

- **Natural materials** – pine cones, conkers, acorns, small twigs, shells
- **Thing to support role play** – dressing up clothes, hard bodied dolls, pushchairs, dolls clothes, suitcases, toy tools, hats, camping or plastic cups and plates
- **Things to support small world play** – animals, cars, small figures
- **Things to support creativity** – rollers, big paint brushes, decorators' paint trays, musical instruments
- **Things to use in the sand and water** – plastic or metal jugs, funnels, buckets, spades, rakes, scoops.
- **Things to develop strength** – balance bikes and scooters

If there are any joiners/builders/keen DIY stars with time to spare, we would love a small plastic sheet window installed in the side of our large shed. This would mean that it would be light enough for the children to use as a space for play and learning rather than the shed being solely used for storage. All materials would be supplied.

### Uniform

Once again, a huge thank you for all of your support in ensuring your children are all wearing the correct uniform. If you need any second hand/barely new uniform there is a huge amount in school which we want to give away free to any families who want it. Please ask at the office or email [office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org](mailto:office@stjohnvianneynewcastle.org)

**Remember we want you to make sure that the uniform is affordable for all, if you need any help please contact school**



### Website address

Please note the new and updated website address [www.stjohnvianneynewcastle.org](http://www.stjohnvianneynewcastle.org) There has been a great deal of new information added to the school website, particularly around E-safety for you to use and access at home.

### Curriculum Parents Meetings

Year Group	Date	Time Slots (Choose One)
<b>Reception</b> Miss Rice Mrs Duffy	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Changed due to the bank holiday for the queen	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
<b>Year One</b> Mrs O’Neil / Mrs Watanabe Miss Young	3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
<b>Year Two</b> Mrs Langford Miss Dean	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
<b>Year Three</b> Miss Cherry Mrs Meldrum / Mss McLean	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
<b>Year Four</b> Mr Bonnar Mr Peacock	<b>Changed to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022</b>	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
<b>Year Five</b> Miss McMaster Miss Dolphin	20 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm
<b>Year Six</b> Mrs Spencer Mr Allen Mrs Black	29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	3:45pm – 4:15pm 5:00pm – 5:30pm

### After School Clubs

You will have started to receive letters inviting any of your children to join some of the after-school clubs we are providing this term. A huge thank you to all staff who give up their time to run these clubs as an enrichment opportunity for your children.

### Bike-ability

The Year 4 and Year 5 pupils have been amazing, in both dodging the rain and taking part in the bike-ability sessions. They have all been fantastic and we are so proud of them.

### International Day of Peace

Wednesday saw our children all thinking about ways to make others smile and be happy. The most important idea was to consider others feelings and aim to make all around them smile at least once a day.

### National Recycling Week

The children have been thinking of ways to protect their local area, and the wider planet in general. We are looking to invest in re-cycling bins for each of the classrooms and the children have some excellent ideas of ways to reuse items around school for example The Early Years Team have become masters of re-using wooden pallets and creating wooden storage sheds!

### **Northumbria Police**

The local neighbourhood policing team have been in school this week leading assemblies and workshops for all of our children from Reception to Year 6. I have uploaded some excellent resources they shared with our children about 'Clever Never Goes' They were all so friendly and our children really enjoyed working with them – a huge thank you for the support from the Neighbourhood team.

### **Parking**

Please do not park in the staff carpark. There is simply not enough space and it is not safe to dismiss over 450+ pupils if parents are driving.

I have also been asked again, by the local residents, to remind parents not to park in front of their driveways. People have been struggling to leave their home, as some of our parents have parked and blocked them in. The local neighbourhood police team are advising residents to inform them and they will come and issue fines as appropriate.

### **Dogs**

Please do not bring dogs onto the school premises, the only exception is for guide dogs.

### **Appointments**

If you need to take your child out of school for any reason, the office staff will ask to see a copy of the medical letter or text. This information will be added to your child's record. We are mandated by government guidance to monitor and track all pupils who are not in school for any reason.

### **European Day of Languages**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September all pupils will take part in celebrating European Day of Languages. Each year group will be looking at the following countries.

- Nursery - Belgium
- Reception - The Netherlands
- Year 1 - Sweden
- Year 2 - Spain
- Year 3 - Italy
- Year 4 - Greece
- Year 5 - Poland
- Year 6 – Germany

### **Golden Book Assembly**

It is a delight to take part in assembly on a Friday morning celebrating all of our pupils' fantastic accomplishments. Please keep sending in all their certificates, medals and trophies.

I hope you all have a safe and restful weekend. We look forward to seeing you all again next week. We continue to keep all of our families in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,

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