



St John's Chapel Primary School



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What's happening next week?

		Equipment needed
Monday	Lego club 3:15 - 4:00	Dinner money Book bag & homework
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday	Peripatetic Music Lessons Lunchtime football club PE	Instruments for those taking lessons Football kit PE kit
Friday	swimming	Swimming kit

Message from Mrs Hodgkinson

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back for the Autumn term. The children have settled in brilliantly this week and it has been lovely to see the new Reception children in their uniforms looking very smart!

We have an exciting term ahead of us with our older children starting a new topic 'Alchemy Island' and the younger children

learning about Traditional tales. More details about our topics will follow next week. To support out topic work, we will be visiting Ushaw College in Durham on Monday 16th September for a story writing workshop.

We have put all the children from the three schools into house teams this year for activities on our joint days and next week the Year 5 and 6 pupils will have the opportunity to stand for election as House captains.

All three schools are also taking part in the Eco Schools project this year to raise the environmental awareness of our school community and we will be choosing some children for our Eco council next week. If this is a project that you would be interested in getting involved with as a parent volunteer, please let a member of staff know.

After School Clubs this half term

Lego Club will begin again on Monday next week (September 9th) Drama club will resume after October half term.

Toddler Group

Toddler Group will begin again on October 2nd. This runs every Wednesday from 9:30-10:45 during term time and takes place in the school hall. If you know anyone with a baby or toddler who would like to attend, please feel free to invite them.



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Receiving Information via email

As part of the texting service that we operate, we are now able to send information to parents by email. If you wish to receive information by email rather than paper copies, please complete the attached slip and return to school as soon as possible.

Pupil Permissions and information pack

Over the summer, I have updated the pupil permissions and information pack for parents and carers. Your child will be bringing home a copy of this next week and I would be grateful if you could complete the forms and return them to school as soon as possible so that we can ensure that your child's records are up to date.

Water bottles

Just a reminder that we would like children to bring a named water bottle to school each day to ensure that they have plenty to drink throughout the day. We have been discussing the importance of drinking plenty of water and keeping hydrated in school recently. Research has shown that children learn and can concentrate better when they are not dehydrated, as dehydration can cause tiredness, thirst and irritability.

Dates for your diary

New dates added this week = red

Thurs 12 th Sept	Ann Unwin Peripatetic music teacher delivering taster sessions @ SJC Lunchtime football resumes
Mon 16 th Sept	Storytelling workshops @ Ushaw College, Durham
Tues 24 th Sept	Handball festival Macmillan coffee afternoon 2pm SJC
Thurs 10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day
Tues 22 nd Oct	Flu immunisations
Fri 25 th Oct	School closes for half term
Mon 4 th Nov	School reopens
Fri 15 th Nov	Children in Need day
Mon 2 nd Dec	Dance festival
Tues 10 th Dec 2pm	Xmas performance @ SJC
Tues 17 th Dec	Christmas lunch @ SJC
Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas party
Fri 20 th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays