



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Newsletter

Issue 3, February 2024



Respect **Kindness** **Confidence** **Tolerance** **Self-Discipline**

Key Dates

Start of Term 4
Monday 19th February

EYFS Incubator and Chicks arrive!
Tuesday 20th February

Class Photos
Wednesday 6th March

World Book Day
Thursday 7th March

International Women's Day
Friday 8th March

Red Nose Day and FoS Disco Day
Friday 15th March

Dear St John's Families,

I can't quite believe we've reached the end of Term 3. It seems to have flown by yet we've managed to fit an awful lot in! It was wonderful to see lots of you at our Parents Evenings last week. Attending these to hear about your child's progress is really important and I know the teachers very much enjoyed talking to you about your child's strengths and their targets for future improvement.

It has been a busy term and in the last couple of weeks alone, we've had trips, sports fixtures and some key events such as Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day.

Moving into Term 4, I'm keen to hear more from parents on your views of the school and what works well or could be made better. Please look out for a survey I will be sending out and do use it as a chance to share your thoughts. As I've mentioned previously, it's really key that home and school work positively together in partnership as we know that this is when children thrive and are happy in school!

I hope you all have a fantastic half term break and the children enjoy a well earned rest. Thank you from me personally for welcoming me so warmly into your school community. I've had a wonderful first term and I'm really excited for the future of St John's. We will see you back at school on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

Headteacher

Contact us:

01522 530954

Email:

enquiries@st-johns.lincs.sch.uk

Website:

<http://www.stjohnsprimaryacademy.co.uk/>

Ofsted
Good
Provider

2023

GROWING YOUNG MINDS: A GREAT PLACE
TO ENJOY LEARNING!



Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

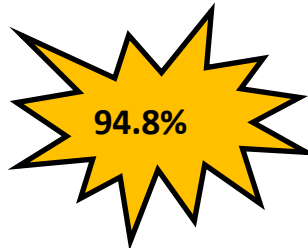


FS RJR	98%
FS RAS	97.9%
Y1CT	89.5%
Y1RT	93.3%
Y2ST	92.2%
Y2F	96.2%
Y3B	96.6%
Y3HC	96.3%
Y4O	98.9%
Y4BC	94.2%
Y5M	96.8%
Y5N	94%
Y6B	98.9%
Y6D	95.1%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



NB: A school day is split into 2 sessions—AM and PM

Attendance Update:

For the first time since January, we have some green on our attendance ladder! Hopefully this is a sign that the winter bugs are beginning to reduce. Well done everyone for working hard and continuing to strive for good attendance.

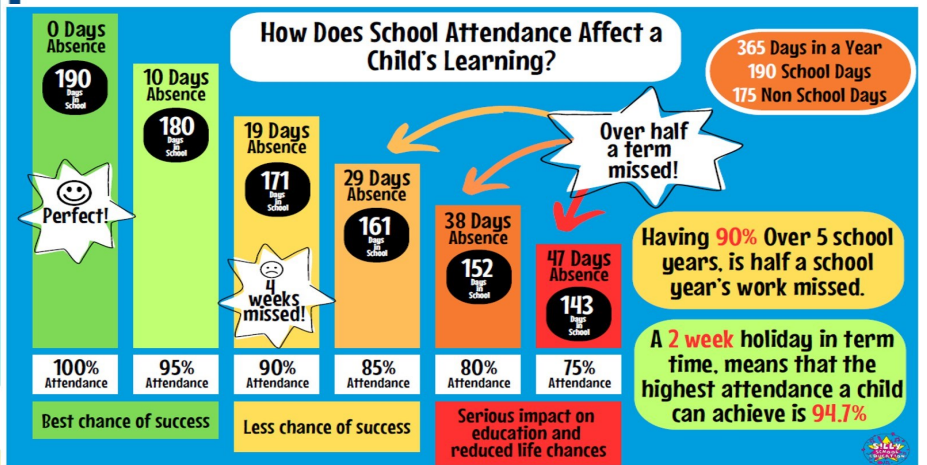
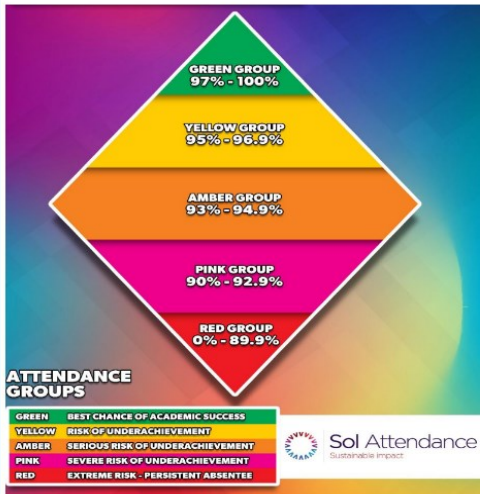
The process for monitoring attendance

The DfE state that “schools should regularly inform parents about their child’s attendance and absence levels.”

Schools are required to monitor the levels of persistent absence in school. Persistent absence is attendance which falls below 90%. At St John’s we will send a letter to parents if attendance falls below 90%. This is to inform you that your child’s attendance has fallen into the persistent absence bracket. We will then monitor attendance closely and invite you to school for a meeting if it declines further to discuss what further support is needed to target improved attendance.

For advice on how to support your child’s attendance, there is some useful information available to read [here](#).

Attendance Ladder



Ofsted
Good Provider



In other news:



Goodbye Mrs Motley!

We say farewell to Mrs Rachel Motley who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Motley has been a wonderful member of our lunchtime team and we wish her all the best in her new venture! I know she'll be missed by all and I'd like to thank her for all that she has done in her role.



Parking

I'm sorry to bring up the issue of parking again but it's been brought to our attention that some families are parking in the hedges at the end of the long path which is dangerous for pupils exiting the long path as their visibility is blocked. The village hall has now reopened so we would encourage families to park there when possible.

FoS



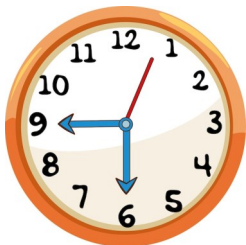
Friends of the School

It was lovely meeting with the Friends of the School last week to find out more about the fundraising ideas for the rest of the year. They really are doing an incredible job in raising funds to benefit the pupils at St John's. They have funded the incubator and chicks to come and visit the EYFS classrooms as well as some new playground equipment and PSHE resources for our new playground buddies. They really do need some extra help though so if you can help in any way, please contact: stjohnsprimaryacademy_fos@outlook.com. Look out for their newsletter too!



Dogs

Please can we remind parents that dogs are not permitted anywhere on our school site. Could we also ask that dogs are not tied to the school fence or gates and left unattended whilst picking up as lots of children and families walk past these areas and we want to do all we can to ensure the safety of all. Thank you for your support.



Arrival to School

We have some children who are arriving at school very early and having to wait outside the gates for a long time. Please can we ask that children try and arrive in line with the gates opening at 8.40am for EYFS and KS1 and 8.50am for KS2. Thank you!

Uniform



I just wanted to make clear that there are no current plans to change the St John's uniform and logo now that we are part of the Priory Trust. We have been in touch with the uniform suppliers to ensure that they are also aware of this so that no one gets inaccurate information. Any future changes will always be communicated from us.

In other news:

FEBRUARY 6

**SAFER
INTERNET
DAY 2024**

Together for a better internet

ConnectSafely

SaferInternetDay.us

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February, we spent time thinking about Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year is 'inspiring change: making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.' Online Safety is part of our ongoing curriculum at St John's as we recognise the huge importance of teaching children how to stay safe online. There are some really useful tips and hints for parents available by clicking [here](#).



Sporting News!

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for our boys and girls football teams. Our boys have taken on Washingborough and the girls have had matches against Fosse Way and my old stomping ground, Our Lady's! I'd like to thank the staff involved in organising and attending these fixtures and we are so proud of both of our teams for their confidence, respect and resilience on the pitch! Check out the scores below! Both teams have done amazingly well.



Merit Superstars

Well done to our merit winners from across the school for your wonderful achievements. It is great to hear about your successes and efforts. Keep it up!

Ofsted
Good
Provider

2023

GROWING YOUNG MINDS: A GREAT PLACE
TO ENJOY LEARNING!





Year 6 Trip—National Holocaust Centre

Year 6 had a trip last week to the National Holocaust Centre as part of their learning about World War 2. The children learned about evacuees who were part of the Kindertransport and followed the journey of a young child named 'Leo'. The experience raised many questions including what it is like to be seen as 'different' and what courage it takes to stand up for what we know is wrong. Throughout the day, the children demonstrated our St John's values and were incredibly respectful. Many of the children commented about how worthwhile the experience was and that they had a new understanding of what life was like in the war.



Year 3

Year 3 have been making and painting clay diva lamps in their RE lessons as part of a focus on the Hindu festival of Diwali. I think they look fantastic. Well done Year 3!



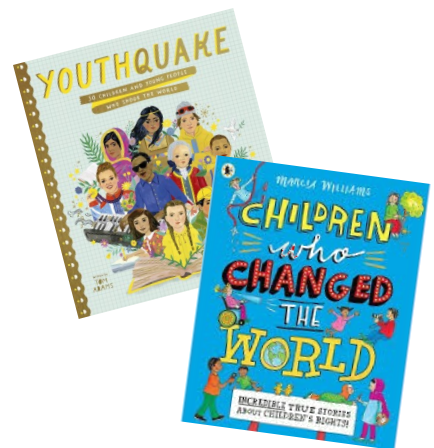
Children's Mental Health Week

This week, we have been thinking about Children's Mental Health Week and the theme this year is:

"Your voice matters."

The children have been invited, if they wish to, to make a poster showing something they are passionate about or want to speak up about. I will use these to decorate my office door as it is looking rather dull at the moment!

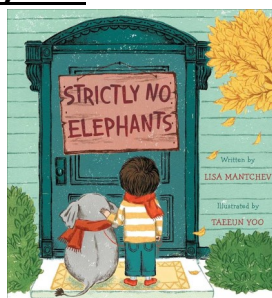
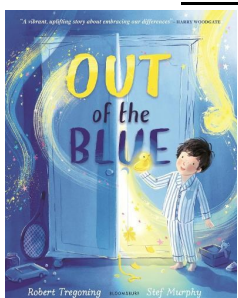
There's some great books below looking at young people who have made a difference by having the courage to speak out and have their voice heard!



Mrs Jefferson's Book Recommendations

Each newsletter, Mrs Jefferson will recommend some books as Reading is high on our priority at St John's. We are on a mission to make every child a reader and for all children to love books as much as we do as staff!

EYFS / KS1



KS2

