



# St John's Mead School

Valuing Effort, Valuing Others, Valuing Self

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<http://www.stjohnsmead.org.uk> (new one!)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Term 1 of the new school year. We are delighted to welcome the children back, they all look so smart in their school uniform and sensible black shoes. Please remember to label everything! It is always a shame to see lovely new clothes left unclaimed due to having no name in them.

Welcome to all our new children and staff. We have been delighted with how well our youngest children have started in Nursery and Reception. Thank you for your support in this. A huge well done to all our children for having an enjoyable summer holiday whilst also remembering to read and keep up some number work, so that those neural pathways were made more secure and learning was remembered. Teachers have really noticed how children have retained their knowledge to help make a great start to their new school year.

Due to taking on the running of the Nursery lunch club we now have a vacancy for one or two Lunch Break Supervisor/s. If you have experience of working with young children and would like to work with positive, friendly staff to ensure our children have happy lunchtimes please see Anne in the office for an application form. The post is for one hour a day, 1 or 2 days a week subject to mutual agreement. For more information please see Nicola or Faye. We also have a vacancy for a Road Crossing Patrol Officer (Lollipop Man or Woman) to supervise crossing Hounds Road. If you are interested in the post, which is term time only, please contact Wendy Feltham at [wendy.feltham@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:wendy.feltham@southglos.gov.uk) or telephone: 01454 863611.

Last week we sent home curriculum letters outlining what your child will be learning this term with ideas of how you can support at home and significant dates. This was followed up with the Meet the Teacher sessions this week. The meetings do not last long but provide a valuable time to meet your child's new teacher, ask questions and hear about the classroom routines and expectations. If there is any other information that you would find useful, please let us know. As always, you are warmly welcome to come in to help on a regular basis. Also, please let us know about your interests and expertise that you are willing to share with the school. This might be offering to design and / or make a celebratory display; help with cookery classes; support a club; give a talk about something or help with woodwork or building something.

The new website is now live but it can prove tricky to find at the moment as we are just closing our old one. I will be sending this newsletter out by the usual email system and on Friday will also send it via our new website so look out for it at the end of the week and let me know how well it goes!

Congratulations to our new House Captains who, in the spirit of democracy, were elected by their peers last Thursday: Apolline H, Miles S-D (St. George, red team); Evie F, Charlie C (St. Patrick, green team); Ellie-Mae S, Jamie W (St. Andrew, blue team) and Courtney D, Jimmy M (St. David, yellow team). They have settled into their role so quickly that they are already planning their own collective worship. A huge well done to our School Councillors too – we will be having our first meeting soon and we will celebrate them in our next newsletter when we report back their goals for the year.

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
<b>September</b>	
<b>15 Fri</b>	Discovery Meet the Teacher 3:30-4pm
<b>27 Wed</b>	School Nurse 1:30-3:30pm PTA AGM 7pm Main Hall
<b>29 Fri</b>	Harvest Service at Church 9:30am
<b>October</b>	
9 Mon	UKS2 GPS parent workshop with chn
10 Tue	LKS2 GPS parent workshop with chn
11 Wed	KS1 GPS parent workshop with chn
13 Fri	Walk to school breakfast
17 Tue	EYFS Rhyme Celebration 9:15am Parents' Evening 3:30-5:30pm
18 Wed	Parents' Evening 3:30-7:00pm
20 Fri	Last day of term 1
30 Mon	First day of term 2
<b>November</b>	
14 Tue	Pyjama Party 6:30pm
17 Fri	Book Week Mufti & 3pm parade
<b>December</b>	
4 Mon	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Christmas Performance 9:30am & 2pm
5 Tue	Grandparents Day
6 Wed	KS1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Performance 9:30am & 2pm
7 Thu	KS2 (Y3-6) Christmas Performance 9:30am and 2pm
8 Fri	Christmas Service at Church 9:30am
15 Fri	Last day of term 2
<b>Jan 2 Tue</b>	First day of term 3 for children TBC
<b>Feb 9 Fri</b>	Last day of term 3
19 Mon	First day of term 4
Mar 23 Fri	Last day of term 4
Apr 9 Mon	First day of term 5
<b>May</b>	SATS week
<b>May 25 Fri</b>	Last day of term 5
<b>June 4</b>	INSET (Day off for children)
5 Tue	First day of term 6 for children
12 Tue	KS1 Sports Day (reserve Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> )
13 Wed	KS2 Sports Day (reserve Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> )
15 Fri	Nursery Sports & Fathers' Celebration
TBC	<b>Kilve</b>
<b>July 20</b>	Last day of term 6

### Key to Diary Dates

**INSET:** In Service Training Day, children's day off.

**EYFS:** Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) **KS1:** Key Stage 1 (Infants – years 1 & 2)

**KS2:** Key Stage 2 (Juniors - years 3 - 6)

**MUFTI:** non-uniform day

A huge **WELCOME** to our new Reception children: Ena B, Gabriella W, Jack B, Bella D, Chloe R-M, Max M-S, Florence C, Ellie S, Harrison S, Millie-May B, Sylvie H, Lucy B, Billy P, George R, Max L, Hudson E, Valien DJ, Jessica B, Oscar S, Daniel C, Ford D, Indie P, Jake W, Emily B, Seren T-R, Harry B, Paige Y, Soraya W, Amber C, Farrah E, Zac J, Davis S, Carla P, Poppy P, Grace G, Erin F, Finnley I, Charlie L, Bethan B, Cain B, Dexter C, Louie W, Lucia E, Alfie P, Isla F.

A big WELCOME also goes to: Maddie P who has joined us this term.

**School dinners:** a reminder for those who pay termly the payment for Term 1 dinners is £71.40, cheques payable to South Glos Council. For those families who prefer to 'pay as you go' the daily amount is £2.10. Due to administration changes, dinners need to be paid for in advance. If you are unable to do so please send in a packed lunch. If you are struggling financially get in touch with Hannah or Nicola. Also remember to claim for Free School Meals even if your child has the universal free dinners Reception to Year 2. The school receives additional funding to support your child's learning and there is 50% off their first school jumper.

**'Data Collection Sheets'** were sent out last week. These very important sheets show the contact information that we currently hold on behalf of your children. Please check that our information is up to date and correct, and sign and return them as soon as possible to ensure that we are able to contact you quickly should the need arise. These are the numbers that we will use if your child is poorly and /or we need to get hold of you urgently. Thank you.

**Swift Sports clubs** have already started for the term. They will also be running clubs over the holidays. Please see Hannah in the office if you want more information or contact them on: 07537 991991.

It is wonderful how many children have taken part in the Summer Reading Challenge and we will be celebrating their efforts this Friday. Please check under beds etc. for school **library books** – we have many missing! Each book adds up so please send them back in for all our children to enjoy.

The school nurse will be available to meet with parents for individual meetings on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Please see Hannah in the office to make an appointment.

*Our value this term is **GENEROSITY**.*