



New Reception Class Parents

27th April 2023

Welcome to St John's Infant School! It's wonderful that you and your child will be joining us in September.

We are committed to ensuring that every child has the very best, happiest and smoothest start to their school life and that parents and carers find it as stress free as possible, too. Please do not hesitate to pop in, or pick up the phone if you have any concerns at all.

Getting to know each other

We will hold some Stay and Play sessions at school during the final half term of this school year. You are welcome to attend one or all of the below sessions; you are welcome to stay with your child or leave them if you are comfortable to do so.

I have enclosed a Data Collection form which must be completed and returned to the school office prior to your child attending these sessions.

Week beg 5th June 2023 - Reception staff visit pre-school settings

Thursday 8th June 2023 - 1.30pm-2.30pm – Stay and play session

Thursday 15th June 2023 – 1.30pm-2.30pm - Stay and play session

Wednesday 21st June 2023 – 1.30pm-2.30pm - Stay and play session

Friday 30th June 2023 – 1.30pm-2.30pm - Stay and play session

Please let Frankie Denslow, our secretary know if you are planning to attend and indicate if you would like to stay or leave. (fdenslow@stjohnsglastonbury.school)



Parents Meeting

Wednesday 28th June 2023 6:00pm – 7.00pm Parent Welcome Meeting and Meet the teachers

Please put this date in your diary. This session will comprise of a presentation from the Reception teaching team, an opportunity to meet the teacher and to buy school uniform. As we have 2 reception classes, we will inform you at this meeting which class your child has been placed in.

How we decide which Class is best for your child

Considerable thought goes into allocating each child to a class. The Reception teachers will decide allocations based upon the following:

- Discussion during visits to local child care providers
- Observation of the children in their play

The teachers will also give due regard to obtaining a balance of gender, age and learning needs across the two classes. We will inform you which class your child will be in at the **Parent Welcome Meeting on Wednesday 28th June 2023 at 6:00pm**

If you are unable to attend the Parent Welcome Meeting we shall inform you of class allocations by post.



Making a smooth start into school

School starts on **Wednesday 6th September 2023 and your child will attend part time until Friday 8th September**. They will attend for a morning session 8.45am-11.45pm or afternoon session 12.15pm-3.15pm.

From Monday 11th onwards, they can attend full time.

Learning in the first few weeks will focus on getting to know the children and building attachments. Weather permitting, the outdoor learning environment will be open all day. Children can choose to wear their own clothes during the week of part-time sessions or their school uniform. From Monday 11th when attending full-time they can choose to wear school uniform for the first time, if they haven't already. We will mark this day as their first full official day at school. If you feel attending school full time is not suited to your child then please make an appointment to see Mrs Devane, or speak to a member of staff when visiting the school.

If you have been unable to visit school, we would be glad to welcome you for a tour of the school. Please make an appointment with the school office using 01458 832085 or the school email address: office@stjohnsglastonbury.school



Further Information

At St John's, we use a web based app called "Class Dojo" to liaise with parents, send updates and important information. You should have received an email invitation to join Class Dojo. Please follow the instructions to join, if you have not already done so.

You can find lots of information on our School Website, **www.stjohnsinfantsglastonbury.co.uk** which includes a 'virtual tour'

You're invited to like our Facebook page: **www.facebook.com/Stjohnsinfantsschoolglastonbury**

We will be sending out information shortly via ClassDojo with a link to our school prospectus, which contains further information about our school.

We have enclosed a copy of the school term dates calendar for 2023-2024. Please note our INSET days are all subject to change at this stage.

Please phone the school office on 01458 832085 or email office@stjohnsglastonbury.school if you have any further queries

We look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.

Best wishes

Kerry Devane
Head Teacher