



## New Reception Class Parents

1st May 2024

**Welcome to St John's Infants' 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.

We 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 - Reception staff visit pre-school settings  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 -1.30pm-2.30pm – Stay and play session  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 1.30pm-2.30pm - Stay and play session  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 1.30pm-2.30pm - Stay and play session  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 – 1.30pm-2.30pm - Stay and play session

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



## Parents Meeting

Parent Welcome Meeting and Meet the teachers

**Wednesday 3rd July 6.00-7.00pm**

Please put this date in your diary. This session will comprise a presentation from the Reception teaching team, an opportunity to meet the teacher and to order school uniform. We have two reception classes, Rabbits and Hedgehogs. 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 3rd July.**

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



### Making a smooth start into school

School starts on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024** and your child will attend part time on both days of the first week. They will attend for a morning session 8.45am-11.45pm or afternoon session 12.15pm-3.15pm.

From Monday 9th September onwards, they can attend full time.

If work commitments or childcare issues mean it will be difficult for your child to attend part time in their first week, please contact us. Similarly, if you feel it would benefit your child, you may request for them to also attend part time on Monday and Tuesday of their second week.

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.



## **School Uniform**

Children can choose to wear their own clothes during the part-time sessions or wear their school uniform.

From Monday 9th September, when attending full-time, school uniform is encouraged. This will mark the day as their first full day at 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.

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 2024-2025.

You can find lots of information on our School Website, **[www.stjohnsinfantsglastonbury.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsinfantsglastonbury.co.uk)** which includes a **virtual tour**.

You're invited to like our Facebook page: **[www.facebook.com/Stjohnsinfantsschoolglastonbury](http://www.facebook.com/Stjohnsinfantsschoolglastonbury)**

## **Keep in touch**

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.

Please phone the school office on 01458 832085 or email [office@stjohnsglastonbury.school](mailto: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