

St John's CE Primary School & Nursery, Ruyton XI Towns

Information for parents of children starting school

School Times

Children line-up on the yard & come into School	8.50am
Morning Session	9am - 12.00pm
Breaktime of 15 minutes during the morning session	
Lunch Hedgehog Class go into dinner first each day	12.05 - 1.05pm
Afternoon Session	1.05pm - 3.15pm
Breaktime of 10 minutes during the afternoon session	
Lunchtime supervision is provided for those staying at lunchtime.	

Delivery & Collection

Parents should ensure their children are on the playground ready to line up at 8.50am. We encourage children to come into School on their own with the rest of their class. Although parents may have short messages for teachers at the beginning of the school day, matters needing longer time for discussion are best dealt with after school and it may be advisable to make a convenient appointment. A member of staff is available on the yard each morning for non-urgent concerns & queries.

Parents are encouraged to wait on the yard outside of Hedgehog Class at the end of the school day. EYFS & KS1 children are not let off the premises unaccompanied.

Breakfast, Cool Kids Care Club and After School Clubs

There is a breakfast club run by school staff daily from 8am. The cost is £2.50 and children receive a nutritious breakfast and do relaxing activities prior to school. Pupils need to be booked into the club in advance.

There is a Cool Kids Care Club which runs from 3.15pm to 5.45pm, Monday to Thursday. The cost is £6.50 and children receive a nutritious snack and do a range of activities. Pupils need to be booked into the club in advance.

There is a range of after school clubs for all age groups, however it is unusual for pupils in their first term of Reception to manage after school clubs as the school day is generally long enough for them. The clubs choices change each term and parents are informed of these in the newsletter sent home at the beginning of each term. Pupils are encouraged to "stick" at a club for the term once they have registered their interest.

Absence

Absences should be phoned in **before 9.00am**, if possible. The School telephone number is - 01939 260445. Where this is not possible, we would expect a brief note of explanation on return. Unreported absences will be marked as truancy.

Messages for the Teacher or the Office

Dinner money and any other monies, reply slips, coupons or messages of a non-urgent nature should be sent into school with the child in a named envelope and placed in the red basket in class. It is useful if parents encourage children to deliver these envelopes and messages. This encourages a sense of responsibility and independence. Adults in school will ask the children if they have any envelopes or message so please make sure the child knows you have put a message in their bag!

Dinner Money & Free School Meals

Since September 2014 there has been a Government initiative offering all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 free school dinners. More information will follow in due course.

Anyone receiving Income Support is eligible for free school meals for older children, but you need to complete a separate form from the school office as we need to apply separately for these. It is important that you do so if you think that you are eligible.

Packed Lunches

Packed lunches may be brought in from home if preferred to the hot school dinner.

Supervisors encourage children to eat their lunch and any remaining packed lunch is returned home for parents to monitor.

Drinks

It is important that children drink water regularly. Water is available in school at all times. Can drinks brought in for lunchtime please be in a container other than glass. Parents are welcome to provide water bottles for their child and can be filled with water each day for your son/daughter to have in class.

Break Snack

The school operates a "No Sweet" Policy. All children will be provided with a fruit snack at morning break. Please do not send an alternative snack as we prefer children to be encouraged to eat the healthier option.

School Uniform

Sweat Shirts, Cardigans, Polo Shirts, Tee Shirts and shorts are available from The School Shop Direct (www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk) as well as PE, Swimming and Book Bags. They also stock a small supply of summer and winter hats. The School colours are royal blue, and navy/grey. Girls look smart in blue and white checked dresses in summer. White or royal blue blouses/polo shirts also look smart. All items of uniform should be labelled with the child's name please. Uniform can be ordered directly from the School Shop Direct website.

Non- uniform days

We have a non-uniform day to raise funds for school or charity the last day before each half term holiday. There is sometimes a theme linked to an event in school, locally or nationally.

PE Kit

Children will require a pair of navy shorts, royal blue tee shirt and a pair of black pumps for PE. This should be kept in a drawstring bag, in school and labelled with the child's name please. Again, School Shop Direct do stock a supply of shorts and t-shirts with the school logo. Children will bring their PE kits home half termly for laundering.

Reading Bag

Children should keep their school reading records and books in their blue book bags. School Reading Bags are available at £6.99 each from School Shop Direct.

Pencils and Paper

These are provided by the school.

Behaviour & Home School Links

We have a whole school approach to behaviour that parents are asked to support. Each class write and agree their own class rules each term. There is a clear policy on age appropriate sanctions that is understood by the pupils and involves parents at an early stage.

There may be other forms that you will be asked to complete and sign at the start of the School term, for example permission to use children's photographs on the school website and visits in the local area.

Parents Evenings

Parents of Reception class will be given an appointment time during the school open evening in the Autumn Term to discuss how their child is settling in. There is then also

a formal parents evening for all in the Spring Term. Parents receive written reports at the end of the school year. Parents are however encouraged to make arrangements to call into school to talk to the teacher any time they would like an update.

Parent workshops

The school arranges a number of workshops each term areas such as reading, maths, safe use of the internet, dyslexia. Parents are encouraged to let school know of any workshops they would find valuable and the school will take steps to organise and facilitate these. If you are unable to attend any of these events inform school if you would like us to ensure you receive the information / leaflet handouts.

Worship

The whole school meets daily for worship and occasionally parents are invited to come along. We also have a celebration assembly once a week where the children can receive a range of rewards for various reasons.

Special Educational Needs

Any child who is having difficulty in any aspect of learning or school life is identified early and additional support provided. Parents are informed and involved with this and a leaflet is available from the school office. Should any parent feel their child has additional needs or requires special help they should discuss this in the first instance with the class teacher.