



St John the Baptist Primary School Pebmarsh

7th September 2018

Dates for your diary!

Wednesday 12th

September

KS1 Gymnastics

Friday 21st

September

KS1 Forest School
Commences



Welcome Back Everyone!

Welcome back to a new academic year! It is wonderful to see lots of smiling children all excited about their new classes and teachers and ready for learning. I personally would like to say a big thank you to all the children, parents, staff and governors who have made me feel so welcome after my long, long stay in hospital last term and over the summer break.. I know the school was in good hands with the staff and governors, and I was regularly updated with all the news!

I would once again like to formally welcome our new Foundation Stage pupils and their families who have joined us this week. Although the children have only been in school for three days they have all settled in extremely well and already feel part of our school community.

We also welcome two more families to our school. We all hope they will be happy with us and enjoy their learning.



Our School Council elections were held today. We try to make this as authentic as possible for the children. They are invited to self nominate, and 'hustings' are held before secret voting takes place. The children loved posting their ballot papers in the special black box!

Congratulations to Darcy and Freddy (Year 1), Evie and Ewan, (Year 2), Lyssi and William, (Year 3) Blythe and Isaac (Year 4), Grace and Ethan (Year 5), Rainbow, Freya, Eden and Rosie-May (Year 6).



Reminders!

Please could you send in outstanding School Report Slips from the Summer term. This is our acknowledgement that reports were received by parents.

Please remember all uniform including coats and hats and P.E. kits should be labelled. We have already discovered two unnamed items of clothing that 'nobody' owns!!

PE kits should be in school every single day—they will be sent home at half term for washing. Jewellery, especially pierced earrings, must be removed on P.E. days.

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school. They will have access to water all day and bottles may be refilled during the day.

Do ensure that dinner menus are handed in no later than first thing on Friday mornings and that your child knows what has been ordered. Money must be sent into school in a sealed envelope, which is clearly named.

If you have changed your phone number or email address, please inform the school office.

As you are aware, we are working towards the Healthy School Award, so please may I request that packed lunchboxes contain a suitable balance of items.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

A full diary list for events this term will be issued next week as well as details of clubs for this term. Forest School for the Key Stage 1 children will begin on **Friday 21st September** after the full Risk Assessment of the area has been completed. Letters will be sent out advising you of groupings, dates etc.

The teaching staff have been working hard over the summer and have lots of things planned for your children to enhance their learning. The children will by now know their topics and will be issued with their 'Termly Guide' next week.

A big thank you to the Year 6 leavers for kindly presenting the school with a wonderful Gazebo which I understand has already been put to use on the very successful Sports Day!

Bookbags

Please ensure that your child /children in Key Stage 1 bring their reading books into school in a bookbag every day. Miss De' Ath has set up boxes for the bookbags to be placed in at the start of each day, and staff place school letters in them when necessary. She does not have room for rucksacks in these boxes—these need to be in the personal lockers. We do have new bookbags in school for sale at £6.00 each.

THE SCHOOL GATE IS OPEN FROM 8.40 am

TEACHING COMMENCES AT 8.55 am

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.20pm.

All the school staff work extremely hard planning lessons and preparing their classroom ready for learning at the start of the day. To ensure that learning time can begin promptly at 8.55 am, I ask you to work together with us to ensure staff and children are not interrupted by adults being in the classroom after this time. This is not to say that we are trying to keep parents out, that they are banned from the classroom, or that they are unwelcome, but rather, we want parents to understand the importance of the child's classroom environment and to respect it by allowing it to belong to the child with the least amount of distraction and interruption. With all good intentions, please realise that sometimes by offering your help, you are interrupting your child's opportunity for independence. Any messages that parents want their class teachers to know may be given at the gate and then passed on. There will also be a box at the gate for dinner menus, letters etc.

If your child is in the Upper Key Stage 2 and you are not on the playground when the children come out at the end of the day, they are instructed to return into school. This ensures that no child is left unsupervised on the playground. Please sign the 'Late Book' at the School Office if you arrive at school after school start or finish times.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact myself or class teachers if you have any queries, questions or concerns about your child or school issues by making an appointment through the school office. It is important for us to work together for the benefit of your child/children and the school community, to ensure that St John the Baptist Primary School continues to be the best it can be. Karen De Pietro head@st-john.essex.sch.uk

Non Pupil Days 2018-2019

The Governors have agreed that the Non Pupils Days for this academic year are as follows:

Tuesday 4th September 2018 Monday 29th October 2018

Monday 25th February 2019 Monday 3rd June 2019 Wednesday 24th July

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2018-2019

September 2018							October 2018							November 2018							December 2018						
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□ = Schooldays / Weekends ■ = School holidays ■ = Bank holidays

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Tuesday 4 September 2018 – Wednesday 19 December 2018 <i>Half Term 22 October – 26 October</i>	72 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 3 January 2019 – Friday 5 April 2019 <i>Half Term 18 February - 22 February</i>	62 days
Summer Term:	Tuesday 23 April 2019 – Wednesday 24 July 2019 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday, 6 May</i>	61 days
		<u>195 days</u>

Please note: The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation and Voluntary Aided schools and Academies. You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.