

Kingsley St John's CE Aided Primary School New Parent Information Booklet



'Believe in the light, whilst you have the light, so that you may become children of light.' John 12:36

2020 -2021

Welcome,

I would like to welcome you to our beautiful, small, Christian School, Kingsley St John's. We are delighted that you have taken the decision to trust us with the education and development of your child.

In this school, above all else, we care. We care about you as a parent and also your child, who is now a pupil at our school. Our care extends beyond the classroom. We consider ourselves as a school family, into which you are very welcomed.

Our ethos is very strong and firmly embedded, underpinned by Christian Values and a desire to reach the highest standards for ourselves and each other.

We hope that you feel able to invest in this ethos and contribute to the life and character of our school. It is not through luck that this school is a brilliant place in which to learn. It takes hard work, honest collaboration and respect and trust. We thank you for giving us this opportunity to ensure your child develops to be the best that they can be.

Our school Day. (normal operation outside of Covid restrictions)

The school day begins as the village bell is rung at 8.45am. Children should make their way to line up with their class. The children will then be escorted into school with their class teacher and any support assistants that work that day.

We expect all children to be on the school premises by this point so that they can enter school independently, organise their belongings and settle into their first, independent activity of the day whilst the registers are taken. Please help them to succeed with this by ensuring they are in school on time.

The children will then access learning for the morning until 10.30am, when it is playtime. Children can purchase a mid-morning snack at this time for 25p and a drink is also available, also 25p (Years 1-6). You can send money into school in a wallet/purse for your child to purchase themselves, or pay for the half term or term in advance.

If your child is in Class 2 we encourage you to send in their snack payment for the half term. Class 1 have the option of bringing to school their own healthy snack but snack and fruit is always available as part of their early years' development.

The children then begin the next lessons at 10.45am.

Lunch begins at 12.00pm where all pupils eat together in the school hall.

Afternoon learning commences at 1.00pm, although children are accompanied inside from 12.50pm to settle into a calming activity before registration.

The school day finishes at 3.15pm. You are invited to collect your child from the playground. They will be brought out to you by the class teacher.

School start and finish times are very slightly adjusted during the Covid pandemic so that there is a gentle transition for children in their bubbles, rather than provision at the same time altogether.

Celebration Worship

On Fridays, all parents/carers are invited into school to join our celebration worship. In this assembly we will celebrate our stars of the week, our golden book entries, present any certificates and celebrate birthdays. If you see any commendable behaviour, please do not hesitate to nominate pupils for their golden book.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, Celebration Worship is accessed via Zoom at 1.15pm on a Friday - all parents are emailed the access code.

Buddies

Our before and after school care is called Buddies Club and is part of the school's extended provision. Mrs Sherlock and Mrs Waring manage this club. Children can be booked in by the office, or download a booking form from the school website.

Birthdays

If it is your child's birthday, you are invited to come into school and have lunch with them (non-covid times). The cost of a school lunch is £2.30. Additionally, they are invited to wear their own clothes for the day. During the closest celebration worship the school will sing 'Happy Birthday' to them in English, Japanese, French or Spanish (their choosing) and they can select a small gift from the golden box.

Our Curriculum

Our school curriculum is well thought-out and built on high standards and high expectations. We support our quality teaching and learning across the curriculum by accessing the expertise of adults other than teachers.

MFL - Madam Carter is employed to deliver expert French teaching

Gymnastic Instructor - Charlie Oaks

Bible Explorer

Art Expert - A proportion of the school budget is set aside for working with an artist to create diverse and high quality art projects.

Science - Mr David Evans

Music - Edsential Music Services - First Access

Financial learning - SARN Associates

School Payments

We use a system called Parent Pay for online payment for visits, Buddies Club and lunches. Information and passwords will be provided by the office staff to enable access to the system.

Emails

We strive to send all letters and communications out electronically. Please ensure that the school office has your most up to date contact details including email and mobile phone numbers to ensure that you receive important communications. These may be a text message or an e-mailed letter. If you require a printed copy, please contact the school office. You may also prefer to download the School Spider Parent App to access notifications directly.

PTA

Our PTA is called 'FRIENDS' and meets each term to plan fundraising activities and events for our children. All parents are considered members of the FRIENDS group. If you are interested in sharing some of your time or ideas to support 'FRIENDS' please speak to the school office who will put you in touch with a member of the committee.

Special Events throughout the Year

There are some standing events that we participate in each year: -

- Harvest Service - Usually the first Sunday in October at St John's Church. The school are highly involved in the delivery of this service. (Non-Covid Times)
- Christingle - The Last Tuesday of the Autumn term in the afternoon at 2.00pm
- Christmas Performance - Usually Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening in the second week of December.
- Mothering Sunday Service - the school are highly involved in the delivery of this service.
- Summer Concert - An evening usually at the beginning of July. This is organised by school where our pupils show off their musical talents and developments throughout the year. Often ex pupils are also invited to share their progress through secondary school.
- Sports Day - Usually the first week back after half term - First week of June.
- Christmas Journey - A visit to Frodsham for our Year 2 pupils to learn about the Christmas Story.
- Pilgrim Day - A visit for Year 5 to Chester Cathedral.
- Easter Journey - A visit to Frodsham for our Year 5 pupils.
- Leavers' Service - An afternoon Service in School time towards the end of the school year. A chance to share fondest memories, receive their bible, scroll and candle.
- Golden Door Exit - Our Year 6 leavers put on a play to share their journey through school, we look back on old photographs and memories. The Year 6 pupils then leave school for the final time, through the golden door.

Attendance

We value high attendance as an essential part of our school. Those pupils with poor attendance show less ability to keep healthy friendships, make less progress than others and show less confidence in themselves, which can lead to low self-esteem. High attendance rates do the opposite and we place great importance on this.

We monitor attendance levels very carefully and inform our parents when we spot signs of increasing absence. Each day counts as 2 sessions. If attendance drops below 95% we inform parents verbally. If it drops below 90% we write to inform you. If it then drops below 85% we contact the Education Welfare Officer and request support to improve attendance rates.

Ethos

It is a privilege to welcome your child to our school. All children are treated with respect without exception. We are confident that your child will flourish and we view their attendance with us as a two-way process. Our staff give their time, knowledge, skill, expertise, love care and nurture to your child but please do not underestimate how much your child gives to our school and its successes.

Thank you for your trust and support.



School Mission Statement

Love; Learn; Aspire; Achieve

At the heart of everything is a personalised approach to each unique individual as part of our Christian Community.

The strong family ethos ensures that all children feel valued and grow in self-confidence.

Enthusiastic staff, with high expectations demonstrate care beyond the classroom.

Through God's guidance we encourage his light in Each and every child to discover their gifts and potential.