

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 1.7 Thursday 15th October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another enjoyable, if somewhat chilly, week in school. I am sure you can see that the children are becoming tired, and this is a long half term, so the forthcoming holiday will be welcome I am sure. We are still faced with uncertainty with all things COVID and the possibility of an extended half term to facilitate a short national lock down is still being discussed. As of today, I have received no notification whatsoever that this is imminent and we are expecting to close the school on Friday 23rd October 2020 at 15:15 and reopen on Tuesday 3rd November at 08:30, following the planned INSET day on Monday 2nd. I will, of course, update you of any change to this as soon as I am told but we expect things will be “business as usual” (ish) for the start of Term 2.

Whole school attendance for last week (05/10/20 to 09/10/20) was an impressive **98.61%**. Well done everyone – this is fantastic!

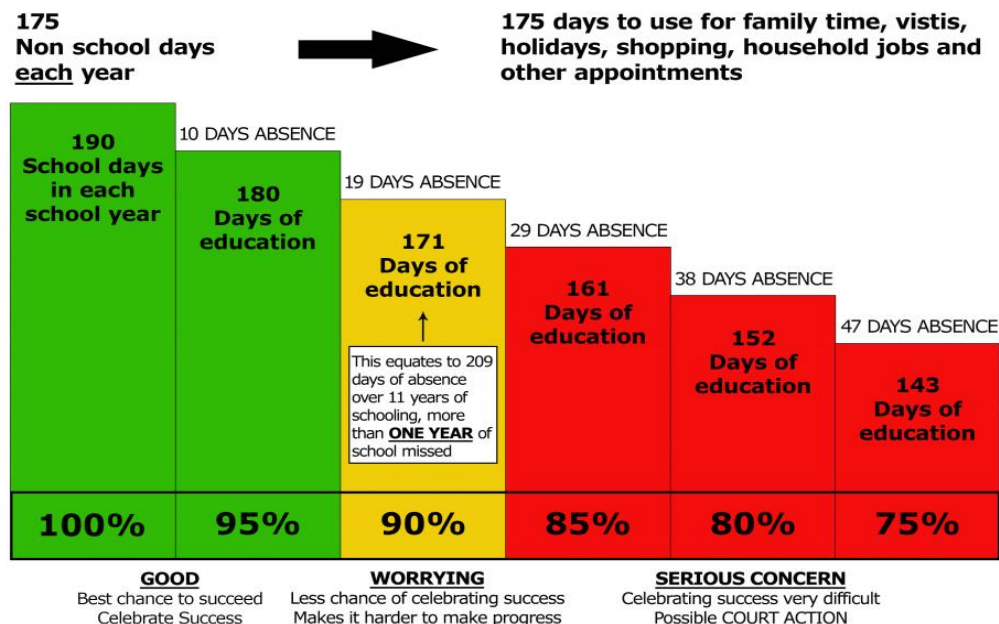
Below are some facts and important reminders about why this good attendance is so important.

Why does attendance matter?

Research shows that there is a direct link between good attendance and achievement in school. Poor attendance can have a direct effect on a pupil’s attainment. For example, 90% attendance might sound quite good but what this means in reality is :-

- On average half a day’s school missed every week
- This would also mean in one year four whole weeks of school would be missed

Pupils whose attendance is good are more likely to feel happy within their peer group socially, feel better able to ‘keep up’ academically and more able to cope with the many demands of a busy school life. Good attendance habits and punctuality in school are often carried into later life.



COVID update

Following the Prime Minister's address on Monday there is no current change to the local restrictions in our local authority. However, we are being informed daily that numbers are increasing and it is important that we all continue to follow the guidance around school that can be found in our risk assessment.

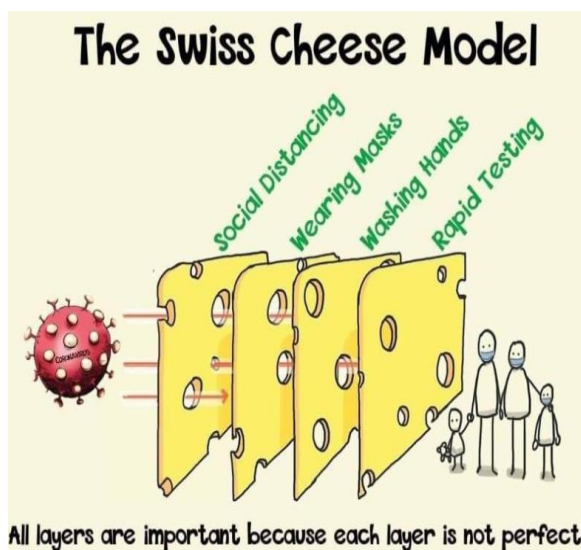
STJE COVID-19 Risk Assessment

Thank you to Eagles' parents for responding to the altered pick up arrangements so quickly and so positively. This seems to have helped to ensure greater social distancing in the playground at the busiest time of day.

Please can I remind you all to ensure you vacate the site and the area outside of school quickly once you have dropped/picked up your child/children.

We continue to advise that parents wear a face covering in and around the school where a distance of 2m cannot be guaranteed.

I thought the image included here summed things up at the moment and was a good reminder for us all.



School bags and uniform reminder

A general reminder about bringing the bare minimum to school – please ensure your child only brings their water bottle and lunch box (if they require one) plus a book if the class/base need it on certain days.

Please also be reminded that the only change to school uniform is the option to wear a white polo shirt.

Everything else remains the same. We are seeing a number of hoodies and leggings under skirts appearing which is not part of our uniform. Hoodies and leggings are permitted for PE days, especially as the weather becomes colder.

Term 2

After School Care club and Breakfast club booking forms are now available on the respective pages of the school website.

School Calendar

Please see the school website for further details

www.stjohnevangelistbwmat.org/about-us/calendar/

With every best wish

Ian Doswell

Headteacher

E-Safety



[Link to Parent Zone for weekly updates >](#)

Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for our school is Mrs Nicola Short, or Mr Doswell in her absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.

(Although these events are not endorsed by the school, they are shared with you for your information).

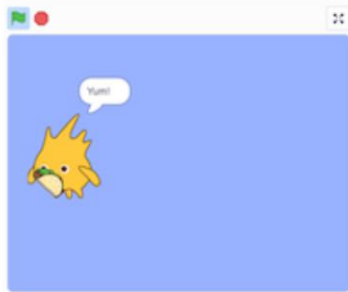
Community News

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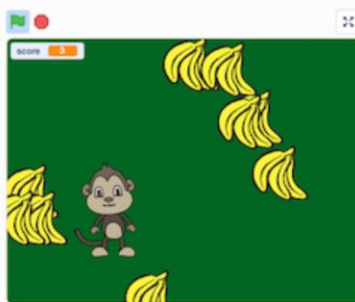
Online Coding Clubs - Term 2 (Nov - Dec)

Our coding clubs for Term 2 will be delivered online using a virtual classroom and an online interactive lesson. Choose a class to suit your child and sign up online. The cost for 6 sessions is £48. To sign up visit: <https://codingbug.co.uk/coding-club/>



MONDAYS Online Coding Club (Years 3 - 6)

This course is designed for children **with no previous experience of Scratch.**



TUESDAYS Online Coding Club (Years 3 & 4)

This course is designed for children **who have some familiarity with Scratch.**