

SSSJ School Newsletter

5th October 2022

Welcome to the new academic year. All the children have settled into their new classes and are really working on improving their learning. Already we have made so many changes to the start of this academic year. One of the main changes has been linked to reading and a new programme that has been implemented in lower school initially.

We have also changed the design of our student planner so if you haven't already done so it would be useful to read the first few pages of the student planner, as this gives you more information linked to learning at school.

Home school learning agreement ~ This needs to be shared and signed by both you and your child. I have already signed the agreement on behalf of our school community.

General consent ~ We have also updated our general consent. As a parent you need to read this and sign the appropriate sections that you agree to. Any questions linked to this can be directed to our school office team.

Our school values ~ We focus heavily on our school values. Part of the worship committee role this year is to share our values with our school community so we can share success stories of how our values are being used at home and embedded into our daily lives.

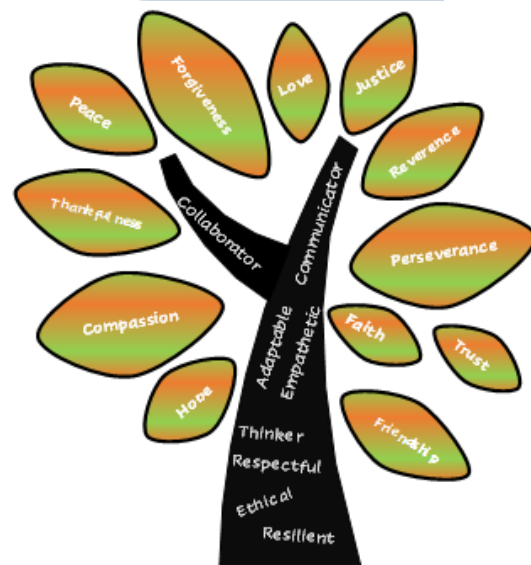
Term dates ~ These have also been published in our student planners. Children are expected to attend school every day (which equates to 190 days out of 365 days in a year). Further information linked to attendance procedures will be live on our school website in the coming weeks.

Reading at home ~ These pages are really useful as it provides parents with an overview of reading at school and how you can support your child at home. It is important to remember that regardless of the age of your child you should still listen to them read as reading supports children in accessing the full curriculum on offer at SSSJ.

We also excited to be introducing a new home learning focus for children. This will start in Key stage 2 (Year 3-6) initially and will then be introduced into Early years and Year 1/2. More information linked to this will follow in due course as each year group has a different focus.

As always if you do have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office who will pass on any information.

Miss Katie Jones – Principal



Democracy Law Liberty Respect
Tolerance

Our Values Tree

'A tree is known by its fruit'



Arbor

ALL PAYMENTS FOR TUCK, BREAKFAST
CLUB AND MEALS NEED TO BE PAID BY
CARD OR VIA THE ARBOR APP.

CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

The online portal for admissions to Reception and Secondary School 2023 has opened. All applications need to be made through the Bolton council portal and not directly to the school please find the website below.

www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions

Primary school applications close – 15th January 2023
Secondary school applications close 31st October 2022

APPOINTMENTS

Can we remind all parents that children should only be taken out of school for urgent medical appointments and hospital appointments during the school day. All non-urgent appointments should be made outside of school time. Please do not be offended if you are asked to provide proof of the appointment



Attendance

Congratulations to **Y5A**
for achieving **98.3%**
attendance last week.
This is a **fantastic** result.



Upcoming events!

Harvest Assembly

(Friday 7th October)

Parent conferencing

(Week beginning 31st October)

HALF TERM

Starts 21st October 2022

We return 31st October 2022

School Photographs

(Individual - 2nd November)
(Siblings - 4th November)

Flu immunisations

(11th November)

We have noticed a number of children without a PE kit in school. Children from Year 1 – Year 6 must have their PE kits in school each week for their PE lessons.



EARLY YEARS SHINE WORKSHOP

Here SS Simon and Jude Primary School, we are proud to be a part of Vantage Academy Trust. Vantage are working with SHINE, a charitable Trust that support Early Years settings in building meaningful, positive relationships with parents and sharing how your children learn and develop through the Early Years. As part of this special programme, we are inviting our **Reception class parents** to take part in bespoke workshops with your child, over the academic year, to learn about the seven core areas of development. Separate letters have been sent to parents linked to the different workshops.

SHINE 

GOOD NEWS

SHOWCASING OUR TALENTS

As a school we love to celebrate children's achievements and successes both in and outside of school. Have they achieved success in gymnastics, football, swimming, playing an instrument, Cubs, Brownies etc.? Have they showcased our school values? Children may like to send a photo of themselves involved in the activity or of their awards and we will celebrate their achievement with the whole school via our school newsletter.

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SCHOOL DINNERS

We would like to remind parents that we require at least one week's notice if you would like your child to change from packed lunch to school dinners or school dinners to packed lunches. Unfortunately, we are not able to change on a daily basis. Should you have any queries regarding school dinners, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

School dinners currently cost £11.35 a week per child.



On **Friday 7th October** we will be holding our Harvest Festival Service in the school hall. We are most grateful for your child's donation/gift. We will later donate all the items we receive to Farnworth and Kearsley food bank in Bolton.

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