Dear Parents

Welcome back! We hope you all had a peaceful holiday. It has been great to see all the children and their families this week. We have been hearing about their holidays and establishing routines. They have settled very well into their new classes. Welcome to all our new children and their families!

Please consult the school calendar for events happening this term. This is on the parents section of our school website.

We have been very pleased with the children’s school uniform this week. They look smart and think smart! We have also been able to quickly reunite children with their ties and clothes because you have labelled them. Thank you for your support!

Toilets
Over the summer holidays we have refurbished the toilets for years 1 to 6. The children seem to like the new colours and facilities.

PE Kit
This year we will be developing our curriculum so it meets the needs of our children. We will be introducing REAL PE into our school. We are having a focus on correct PE kit this term and we would like the children to have PE kit in school every day because sometimes unplanned activities are organised. Please be aware we do not encourage children to share PE kit, for hygiene reasons.

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Physical Education is an important and statutory subject and we have invested a lot in improving provision at John Shelton but your support is essential if we are to continue to improve the standard of children’s health and fitness. If you are unsure or would like to discuss the matter, then please come and talk to us.

Special Awards
Next week we will be electing the House Captains and Head and Deputy Head Boy and Girl from Year 6 and the members of the Junior Leadership Team from across the school. Good luck to all the children wishing to put themselves forward this year. Take this opportunity to develop your leadership skills.

Celebration Assemblies
The first of our special assemblies will be held on Friday 13th September where we will celebrate children’s birthdays. Teachers are looking for children making good choices ready to reward star pupils.
After School and Lunchtime Clubs
A letter has gone out this week about after school and lunchtime clubs. We have tried to offer a variety of different activities to different age groups this term. We would love to see as many children as possible joining us for these free fun clubs. On offer this term we have:
Monday – Mixed netball, Years 4, 5 and 6 (Mr Scullion)
Monday – Cheer leading, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Miss Clarke)
Tuesday - Mixed football, Years 5 and 6 (Mr Scullion)
Tuesday – Art, Crafts and Games Club (Each course is 6 weeks long) Years 1 and 2 (Mrs Bratt)
Wednesday – Dodgeball, Year 4 and 5 (Mr Scullion)
Thursday – Multi sports, Years 2 and 3 (Mr Scullion)
Thursday – Singing and Drama, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (Mr Withers)
In addition to this we have: Board Games Club, School Radio Club, Books and Biscuits, Homework Club, Running Club and STEM Club which will be running at lunchtimes. Clubs will be starting next week and there is no cost for any of these clubs, so hurry and sign up as places are filling up quickly.

Book Bags
After reviewing our Homework Policy last term, we decided to encourage families to buy book bags for their children across the whole school. These keep homework, reading books and diaries tidy and encourage good presentation. We recommend you listen to your children and talk about their reading every night.

Roald Dahl Day
We will be celebrating the writing of Roald Dahl next week and nationally Friday 13th September is Roald Dahl Day. We are concentrating on studying Matilda the fabulous story of a little girl who enjoys reading because it takes her to different places and a terrifying Headteacher called Miss Trunchball. Teachers are reading the story to the children at the end of the school day. We will be selling raffle tickets next week and the prizes will be Roald Dahl Books. This is a good link for finding out more
https://www.roalddahl.com/roald-dahl/stories/k-o/matilda

What did OFSTED say about our school?
The school is especially effective in the way in which it teaches the youngest pupils to read. As a result, standards in reading and writing are improving across the school.
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