



# SJO Newsletter



Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It's great to be back in school this week. The children seemed pleased to see me and it was lovely to see how concerned they were about my well-being.

Many of the children have responsibilities in school and they were very proud to tell me all about these and to show me their badges. One of our values is Aspiration and we hope that by having different opportunities in school, the children will be inspired to succeed in the future.

Although it is forecast lovely weather this weekend, Autumn is truly on its way, so please ensure that your child brings a coat, as we like the children to get fresh air, whenever possible.

A big congratulations to Miss Foster, our science leader, who has worked tremendously hard ensuring that we have a high-quality Science curriculum which has resulted in us achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark.

I would also like to thank Miss McLauchlan, our PE leader, who has also worked hard, especially in our involvement with the School Games sporting events; we have achieved the Gold School Games Mark again this year.

We hosted the first Cross Country competition this week and although I wasn't there, I'm told we had some really good runners who showed great resilience and determination.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs S Inskip-Ward





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## Lunch menus

<b>9 Oct</b> <b>Week 3</b>	<b>16 Oct</b> <b>Week 1</b>	<b>23 Oct</b> <b>Week 2</b>
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- Please pre-book any school lunches on ParentPay (at least 48 hours in advance)
- All children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are eligible for a free school lunch (either hot or a sandwich bag)

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October



### **‘Mental Health is a universal human right’**

Pease can children wear **normal school uniform** (or **PE kit if they have PE**) but with something green as an accessory e.g. socks, badge, hair bobble, bracelet etc to raise awareness of mental health issues and show children that they are not alone with their mental health.

## Cross-country



'On Tuesday SJO competed in the first small Schools Cross Country Race. Despite the weather conditions they showed courage, resilience and team spirit. They all made us very proud!' (Miss McLauchlan)



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## School start time

- School now starts at **8.45 a.m.** to ensure that we deliver a minimum length of a 32.5 hour school week (school finishes at 3.15 p.m.)
  - The classroom doors open at 8.45 a.m.
- Both the KS1 and KS2 gates are locked at just after 8.45 a.m. to ensure that any late arrivals can be signed in at the office (to comply with both safeguarding & fire regulations)
- **It is essential to know who is in the building in case of an emergency**
- **Children in nurse start at 9 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m.**

## Wednesday 25 October (Reception to Y6)

Please complete the on-line consent form using the following link: <https://forms.mpft.nhs.uk/>

Our School code is: SS124289-23

Deadline to submit consent forms is: **10 a.m. on Tuesday 24 October**

The flu vaccination is a quick and simple spray up the nose.



## **JOB** **OPPORTUNITY**

- Senior Site Technician – permanent, term-time only (38 weeks)
  - Required asap
  - 30 hours per week (Monday to Friday: 8.15 a.m. to 2.15 p.m)
- Salary: £14,725 (overtime will be paid for any work undertaken during the school holidays)



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## Harvest parcels

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest donation this year! Year 6 had a rewarding experience distributing food to those in need around the village. Your generosity made a positive impact, spreading hope and compassion in our community.

We would also like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Fish for their invaluable assistance with the collection and distribution.



## PE timetable

	Morning		Afternoon 1	Afternoon 2
Monday			Y2	Y1
Tuesday				Y4/5/6
Wednesday	Rec/Y1 Forest Schools			Y4/5/6
Thursday			Y3	Y1
Friday			Y2	Y3



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## Diary Dates

All	World Mental Health Day	Tues 10 October
Y5/6	Cross country (Baldwins Gate)	Tues 10 October
Y5/6	Cross country (Silverdale)	Tues 17 October
Y3/4/5/6	Open morning for parents	Friday 20 October
Y5/6	L2 Bike ability	Mon 23 & Tues 24 Oct
Y5/6	Cross country (St.Luke's)	Tues 24 October
Y4	L1 Bike ability	Wed 25 October
Rec-Y6	flu vaccine programme	Wed 25 October
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Rec & Y6	National measurement programme	Tues 7 November
Rec-Y6	Pupil progress meetings	Wed 22 November
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Y4-6	New Vic Theatre 'The Nutcracker'	Friday 1 December
Nur/Rec	Amerton Farm	Mon 11 December
* Y1	Nativity show – Christmas crafts	Tues 12 December
Y1-3	Lyceum Theatre 'Cinderella'	Wed 13 December
*Y2	Nativity show – Christmas crafts	Fri 15 December
*Rec	Nativity show – Christmas crafts	Mon 18 December
*Rec-Y6	Christmas Carol Concert (Church)	Wed 20 December
		1.30 p.m. start

\* Parents/carers are invited to the Nativity Plays/Christmas crafts afternoons and the Carol Concert





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October half-term: Children finish on Thursday 26 October 2023 and return on Monday 6 November 2023



Monday 25 December – Friday 5 January 2024

A reminder that any holidays need to be planned around school breaks, as we cannot authorize an absence for a holiday during term time.

## Absence

Please leave a message on the answerphone by 9 a.m. to notify us if your child is absent.

Parents/carers are expected to make routine dental/eye appointments etc outside school hours, where possible.

Please contact the office regarding any medical appointments.





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## Nursery places – September 2023

If your child was born between 1 Sept 2020 – 31 December 2020, they are eligible to attend our School +nursery in **January 2024**.

Please contact the school office if you would like to find out more information or reserve a place for your child.

We encourage you to take up your child's place in Nursery to allow for a smooth transition in to Reception class.



**Red Robins**



Available from **7.45 a.m.** to **9.00 a.m.** and **3.00 p.m.** to **5.30 p.m.** (term-time only)

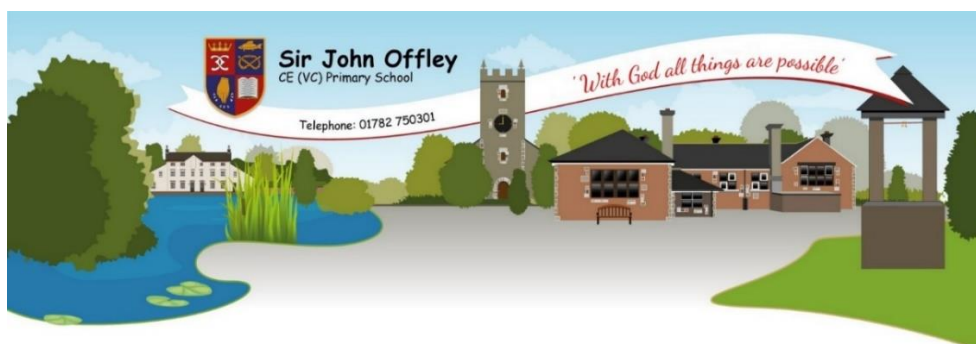
**([office@sirjohnoffley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@sirjohnoffley.staffs.sch.uk))**

Contact Number: **07519 828924**

Breakfast session = £4.50

After-school session = £7.50

**(Please book in advance on ParentPay)**





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