



4th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you all enjoyed a good summer and are ready for the start of a new academic year. We are really looking forward to welcoming back the children tomorrow, Tuesday 05th September.

Please find below a few updates and key information that I wanted to share with you.

Staffing

We are now fully staffed and the teachers are all very much looking forward to getting to know the children.

Staffing is as follow:

Reception:	Miss Nicol	Mrs Troisi
Year 1:	Mrs Hopkins	Mrs Williams
	Mrs Ball/Mrs Bratt	Mrs Kugeniaks
Year 2:	Mrs Giles	Mrs Barnes
	Miss McLoughlin	Mrs Field
Year 3:	Mrs Parks	Mrs Bower
	Mrs Litchfield	Mrs Lamberti
Year 4:	Miss Mac/Mrs Harnan	Mrs Burgoyne
	Mrs Cassagne/Mrs Patterson	Mrs Silvestri
Year 5:	Miss Ward	Mrs Abrams
	Mrs Delpratt	Mrs Wickendon
Year 6:	Miss Guard	Mrs Gila
	Mrs Darlow	Mrs Ram
	Mr Simpson	

We are also please to advise that we also have a new site manager, Mr Wylie, who has been working over the summer to ensure the school is ready for our return.

Meet the Teacher

There will be a chance to meet your child's class teacher on Wednesday 13th September 2023. As is usual, there will be two sessions: 3.30pm and 4.30pm. This will provide an opportunity for parents/carers to meet your child's teacher, visit the classroom and receive an overview of the year ahead.

Sports Coach PE Lessons

Sports coach PE lessons will continue to be supported by Sinclair Sports and your child's PE day will be as follows:

Reception:	Wednesday
Year 1:	Wednesday
Year 2:	Wednesday
Year 3:	Tuesday
Year 4:	Tuesday
Year 5:	Thursday
Year 6:	Thursday



Please ensure your child comes into school wearing the correct PE on their PE Day. Sports Coach PE lessons will start from tomorrow, so Year 3 and Year 4 should come into school in PE Kit.

There will also be a class teacher PE lesson and these will commence from Wk beg 11th September. Class teachers will notify you shortly as to what day this will be.

Uniform

As per our end of year newsletter, a reminder that children may return to school in Summer uniform until October half-term. Please ensure children return to school in the correct uniform, particularly with regards to earrings, hair accessories and PE trainers, which should be plain black. Full details of uniform can be found on our school website: <https://www.stjohnrigby.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=157>

Start of school day and Attendance/Punctuality

From September 2023, the government have placed a greater emphasis on school attendance and punctuality. Please could I remind you that the school day begins at 08.55am. All children should be in their classrooms by this time.

The school gate opens at 08.40am to allow children to prepare and settle into class, ready for learning. The gate will close each morning at 08.53am.

Children who arrive after the gate has closed will need to go via the office to ensure they are correctly registered. Parents/Carers of children (YR to Y4) must accompany their child(ren) into school office as they will need to **sign their child in electronically at the office, to ensure they are marked as present. Any child not signed in will not be registered as present and an attendance follow-up will be made.**

School Photographs

A reminder that the school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 12th September. This is an individual photograph and children should be wearing full school uniform. If your child has PE on this day (e.g. Year 3 & Year 4) they will need to come into school wearing uniform and bring kit in to change into.

School ArtsMark Award

I am delighted to share that the school have been awarded a 'Silver' Artsmark award. Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England.

We are delighted that the school has been recognised, at this level, for ensuring every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education. We are awaiting our accreditation mark and will proudly sharing this on future letters.

We look forward to welcoming you all back.

Kind regards

Mrs M McGettigan
Headteacher