



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

# Weekly Newsletter

## 🌟👉 Welcome Back! 👈🌟

What a delight it has been to welcome the children back to school this week- we have loved seeing their smiley, happy faces each day and have been blown away by their hard work! It has been lovely hearing all about the exciting adventures over summer and we are so proud of how they have settled back into the school routines. Well done everyone!

A special mention must go to the newest members of the St John's family- our reception children. We have loved getting to know them all a little better and we hope they have enjoyed the start of their journey with us this week.

## 🕒 Home time arrangements 🕒

Parents and carers are politely reminded to inform us of any changes to the routine collection of your children. If you arrange for an alternative adult to collect your child, you must notify us via Tapestry or by telephoning the school office.

We may request a photo to be uploaded to Tapestry if the adult has never collected before. Please note, for safeguarding reasons, we cannot accept messages about home time collection to be passed on through the children.

Reminder: Reception home time moves to 3:20pm from Monday 15th September.

## 👂 Earrings In School 👂

We have noticed that since returning from summer, many children are now wearing earrings that are not in line with school policy. Earrings are allowed, but they should be a single, small stud. We ask that they are not worn on PE days. Please see the image below for further information. Thanks for your cooperation.

**EARRINGS IN SCHOOL**

EARRINGS SHOULD NOT BE WORN ON PE DAYS.  
IF EARRINGS ARE UNABLE TO BE REMOVED DUE TO RECENT PIERCING, PLASTERS MUST BE APPLIED PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL TO COVER EARRINGS ON PE DAYS. CHILDREN WILL BE ASKED TO REMOVE ANY EARRINGS DEEMED TO BE UNSAFE IN SCHOOL.

## 👖 Jeans for Genes 👖

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September, we will be celebrating 'Jeans for Genes' day in school. Children are invited to swap their usual skirt, shorts or trousers for a pair of jeans as we fundraise for this fantastic cause. The charity behind the initiative raise money to help and support some of the most vulnerable people in the UK. As usual, all payments will be taken via the ParentMail app.



## School Meals

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind parents/carers that we need 1 weeks notice if your child wishes to change from school dinners to sandwiches and vice versa.

Thanks, LSJP Team

Below is an image showing this year's themed lunches that will be available to purchase via the Evolve Hub in the lead up to each date.



## Tapestry Updates

The Tapestry learning platform that we use to share your child's achievements and as our primary communication tool is currently undergoing some changes and updates.

Please have a look at the handy guides sent via ParentMail on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, which provide key information about the changes and how to use the new app and web version of the platform.

## Morning Break: snacks

This is a polite reminder regarding children's morning fruit snack. Children are allowed to bring to school some fresh fruit in. We do not allow cereal bars or alternative snacks for morning breaks, and this is in line with our healthy food strategy/approach. Please make sure any food containers are small enough to fit in a child's tray.

As part of the National Fruit Scheme, school are able to provide children with fruit snacks for afternoon breaks.

We would also like to remind you about cutting grapes that are sent in as either a snack or as part of lunchboxes into quarters as they are a potential choking hazard. Please see the image below:



## Holidays – not allowed in term time

Again, we are continuing to receive notifications from families regarding taking holidays in term time. We politely remind parents and carers that holidays should not be taken in school time. Holidays are unauthorised absences and may result in penalty fines, including the final week of term can result in an EPN Fine that can be issued from a September return. Holidays in term time also have a detrimental effect on children's emotional well-being as often when they return to school, particularly after a 2-week absence, friendship groups have often moved on/shifted. If you have any queries about this matter, then please speak to Mrs. Hughes.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## DIARY DATES

DATE	Event
Each Sunday	St Mary's Church Sunday Service @ 10am with Sunday School. Junior Park 2K Run @ Leigh Sports Village (free for 4-11yr. Old's) 9am
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day