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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you are all well and you enjoyed your summer break. It has been wonderful to have you all back in the school playground this week and to have been able to chat with you in person. The children have all been huge bundles of energy since arriving back with us on Monday. They have all particularly loved playing in the playground on the new games Richard has painted for them over the summer. To whom we owe a massive thank you to for all that he has done to keep the school looking so amazing and the playground an engaging space for the children. This week we have been welcoming some of our new Reception children into their classroom and next week we look forward to seeing Reception parents on the school playground too.

Homework

The children's homework will start again this week. You will receive a homework book from school with homework inside. It will also be posted and available on Google classrooms as of today too. We really do not have a preference of how the homework is handed in, just as long as the children have a go at it.

PE Kits

A reminder that Year 5 and 6 children are allowed to come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE. All other children must bring their kits into school on the days their class are having PE and change independently. If your child forgets their PE kit, we will be providing them with a spare kit to use. Each class does now have spare kits so that all children are always able to take part in lessons.

Genes for Jeans Day

Next Friday 17th September is Genes for Jeans day. This is an opportunity for the children to come into school wearing their jeans and to donate a pound to the charity, which carries out research in helping vulnerable children with genetic disorders.





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Volunteers

From speaking to other Head teachers across Islington, I have been informed of some big firms and companies helping local schools with volunteers as part of a work place scheme. We were wondering if any parents or careers companies were willing to get involved in supporting St John's children with some volunteering. Some work with our children in helping to support their mental health and wellbeing after the lockdown would be very welcomed. This could come in the form of reading volunteers, computing work, gardening, art projects; we are open to all ideas. If there is anyone who thinks their company would be interested in helping to support our children, please do get in touch via the school office and I will call you to discuss further.

All of the staff are so excited for the new year ahead. We are hoping for a more stable year, a year where we can be more together, and one in which the possibilities for us all are endless. I hope that all of our children here at St John's have an amazing year.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

