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Dear Parents & Carers,

We were so pleased to be able to welcome you back into the school last week for parents evening meetings. Thank you to those of you who came. I know a lot of you expressed how lovely it was to get an opportunity to go into classrooms and see where your children learn. This has prompted us to also add in some dates for open afternoons, which we used to do termly before COVID. This term's open afternoon will take place on **Friday November 12th**. On this day you will have the opportunity to come into your children's class when you collect them from school. You can look at the work in their books and around the class and talk to your children about the learning that they have been taking part in. The classrooms will be open for parents between 3.30-4.00pm.

Summer Homework Project

I have been blown away with the amazing writing the children have produced during the summer homework project I set them. It has taken me a long time to go through all of the work, but completely worth it to see some of the effort the children have gone to. I will be visiting classes next week with stickers for those who took part and a small reward for the children whose writing impressed me the most from each class.

Young Voices Choir

I am delighted to announce that we have been able to start up our school choir again here at St John's. Emma, our music teacher for flutes and recorders, will be running choir every Wednesday. Due to very popular demand from the children, we are currently only able to offer spaces to those in Years 5 and 6. Any spaces that become available will then be offered to the younger year groups. We have successfully secured a place at next year's Young Voices event, which will take place in January at the O2. Children in the choir will be coming home with songs to learn and practice soon.





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Headteacher Update Meeting

A reminder that this coming Monday, 27th September, Mrs Read and I will be delivering a Headteacher update meeting in Maberly Hall at 9.30am. In this meeting, Mrs Read will be giving more information on the Tri School Model of the soft federation we are already part of. I will give some updates on the current school year so far, and our aims and hopes for the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there.

School Tours

The school is now open again for school tours to prospective parents. We are pleased to be able to show off our wonderful school to parents wishing to apply for Reception September 2022 spaces, and also parents who may be looking for an in year place for their child. You can book a school tour through the admissions page on the school website, or by calling or e-mailing the school office. Either myself, or one of the school's Assistant Heads, Miss Dalal and Miss Jones, will be leading the school tours.

Autumn Illnesses

There have been a lot of children absent from school this past week due to the normal illness that occur due to the change in weather: colds, runny nose, cough, sore throat. These illnesses are also symptoms of COVID-19. If your child is displaying any of these symptoms, we are asking that you carry out a lateral flow test and inform the school office of the result, even if negative, thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Lindsey Hodgson

Head of School

