



## From the Headmaster

A warm welcome to all of the readers of The Lamb, the weekly newsletter, which focusses on the variety and richness of St John's life. The School is approaching a special moment in its history as in 2020 St John's will be one hundred years old. I am very much looking forward to celebrating with everyone associated with the School.

As we start a new academic year I would like to personally wish the new boys and staff all the best for their time here. I know they will find it both fulfilling and enjoyable. I look forward to everyone working hard and involving themselves in the St John's community and I would particularly like to wish all of the Year 8 boys every success in their final year.

In the first assemblies of term we have been discussing the School Motto "Vitam Impendere Vero" (be true to yourself) and how we can support those in our community. I was very pleased to announce the Year 8 Prefects who will lead their respective Houses and to present certificates to those who have reached the next stage of their musical journey and the first merit and courtesy badges to the Pre-Prep.

In sport the six-man Golf Team represented the School with sportsmanship at the Stowe Putter with an outstanding performance from Ansh in the Junior Jigger. The 1st team had a good run out on Wednesday at the Dragon Tournament in preparation for their first full matches next week.

I hope as many of the boys and parents as possible will be able to take part in the Moor Park Fun Run on 29th September.

*S. Roberts*

## Welcome to The Lamb

**A very warm welcome to all our new boys and welcome back to everyone else.** We hope that you have had a super summer holiday and that you are ready to embark on a new and exciting academic year at St John's. For those of you who are new to the school, The Lamb is a weekly newsletter which aims to report on the many varied activities happening each week. It is uploaded onto the school website on a Friday afternoon/evening and you should also receive an email notification. Please advise us via [lambeditor](mailto:lambeditor@stjohns.org) if this doesn't happen and you will be added to the database. We look forward to a busy, productive and happy term ahead!

## Introducing our new Head and Deputy Head boys



As Deputy Head boy, I am looking forward to assisting the Henry and Andreas in our new leadership roles. In Year 3 I remember looking up to the Deputy Head and Head boy and it is amazing that I am finally in that same position. Sport is very important to me and I hope to encourage younger boys to commit themselves to sport and develop a strong team spirit. I am especially looking forward to representing the School at various events during the year and bringing ideas forward that will hopefully make life at St John's even better. **Oliver**

I am extremely proud to have been given the opportunity to be Head boy this year and I'm looking forward to the academic year ahead. This is an important year for the boys in Year 6 and 8 and I would like to wish them luck over the upcoming months. This is the Centenary year for St John's and I'm honoured to be representing the School in what will be a memorable year. I am particularly looking forward to laying a wreath at the memorial service and saying a reading at the carol service alongside playing my trombone with the Brass Band. **Henry**

I am very proud that I have been appointed Deputy Head boy with Oliver this year. I have been through every year of school, from the Lambs up to Year 8. I am looking forward to representing the school at the Northwood memorial service, the carol service and the Centenary celebrations in 2020. I have always committed myself to academic studies, music, drama and various clubs and activities. Therefore, I aim to inspire younger boys to take part in a variety of activities. Most importantly I want them to enjoy their time at St John's. **Andreas**



## Welcome to our new staff

**I am so delighted to have the opportunity** to work at St John's, having watched my son move through the school, from the Lambs up to Year 8. I am settling well into school life - indeed, even though it's only been 10 days, I already feel like part of the furniture! Thank you to everyone for your warm welcome and support, and for making me feel so at home. It's wonderful to teach Latin and French to so many boys from across the year groups - I am doing my best to learn all your names, but it's a work in progress! It is such a pleasure to be part of the St John's family and I can't wait to see what this year will bring. **Mrs Arron**



**Lots of information, new faces** and a whirlwind of activity. This pretty much sums up the start of any term, doubly so as a newbie. My form, 7B, have been brilliant in answering all of my questions - both important and inane and I have nearly always been in the right place at the right time ..... I already feel a part of the St John's family and am looking forward to the year ahead.

**Mr Bleakley**

I am delighted to have joined the staff here at St John's. The boys have been so very welcoming to me and I am so impressed with their commitment to the Music department and the arts. So far I have experienced some wonderful Wind Band, String Group and Brass Band rehearsals along with some very impressive playing by both the Junior and Senior Recorder Ensembles. I am very much looking forward to our first pupil performance at St John's as it is shaping up to be very good indeed! **Mrs Johnson**



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week working at St John's and am really excited to discover what the rest of the year has to offer. My Year 5 form (5V) have been incredibly welcoming and have done an amazing job of showing me where everything is, which I am very grateful for. Thanks must also go to the staff and Mr Robinson for answering my endless questions and for making me feel like part of the school so quickly. As well as being a Year 5 tutor, I will also be teaching History, English and Religious Studies to Year 5. However, my major subject will be Latin, which I had been teaching up to A Level prior to starting at St John's. This year, I will be teaching Latin to Year 6, 7 and 8, but I am keen to explore the possibility of setting up a Minimus Latin club at a later date, so that students lower down the school can also experience what the subject has to offer. For now, however, I will be sticking to Mini Running Club as my activity while I find my feet! I am really looking forward to my time working at St John's. **Miss Vale**

I am delighted to have started working at St John's and to be joining the Pre-Prep team, as a teaching assistant in Year 2, working with the Eagles. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who have given me such a warm welcome, and to all the staff who have been so supportive and helpful in helping me settle in to school life. I have really enjoyed my first ten days here and I am very impressed by the excellent behaviour, good manners and attitude of all the boys. After eight years at my previous school, I am delighted to join St John's (a school that I have number of connections with) - another wonderful caring school that develops the boys to be the very best. I look forward to meeting more of you throughout the coming weeks. **Mrs Scarlett**







## Our four Houses meet for the first time



At St John's we have four Houses; **Churchill, Lawrence, Lincoln and Oates**. Today they met with their Heads and brand new House Prefects to learn about the origins of their respective names, encourage teamwork and to look forward to the various House competitions which take place over the course of the year. The last page of the Lamb will give you weekly updates about the House Point totals which all go towards the coveted Burton Page Cup and Activities Cup at the end of the year.







## Meet the new Gardening Club



**The start of the school growing season** brought a new influx of boys all eager to get their hands dirty on Monday lunchtime. Our school garden is situated behind the dining room and fortunately has not been affected the extensive building works going on in preparation for the new sports hall. It is a sunny, sheltered spot and boys from across the school from the Lambs upwards use this space as part of their learning.

The first job for our team was to weed the beds and turn the soil over in preparation for the new vegetables we are aiming to sow. We have a new project this term which is sowing mini succulent plug plants in a jam jar (or something similar) which they are looking forward to. More news and pictures to follow. Pictured are Rahul, Remika, James, George, Jamie, Rehaan, Leo, Andreas and Edmond after a hard working session.





## Our new Pre-Prep classes



As the autumn term gets under way the Pre-Prep are finding their way around their new classrooms and for some, a new school. These pictures show that they are enjoying being back in a routine and exploring the grounds.







## Introducing our new Lambs



The Lambs have now completed their first full week at school and they are having a fabulous time as you can see from these pictures.







## A new year in the Juniors



**Over eighty excited boys started a new year in the Juniors.** For Year 4 there was contact rugby and upstairs classrooms to look forward to as well as meeting up with old friends. Everything was new for Year 3! New teachers, a new building, Design and Technology, Computers and Art in the Art studio as well as sport and new after school activities. Everyone has settled well and lots of good work has already been done. It's going to be a great year!







## 3H meet the oval ball



On a gusty Wednesday morning 3H, full of enthusiasm, raced down to the all weather pitch to learn some rugby passing skills. Working in pairs they practised catching the ball from increasing distances by using their hand-eye coordination and footwork. There were varying degrees of success but all the boys had great fun and returned to class full of energy. Perhaps we are nurturing some future England players!







## Join in the fun at the Moor Park Fun Run



**On Monday we had a visit from Joe Dunster** who works for the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Cancer Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital. He spoke to all the boys in two assemblies about how money raised for this centre was used to help patients and their families as they go through treatment. The Moor Park Fun Run on 29th September is one fun way of raising money and we already have more than fifty boys signed up to various races. Its not too late to enter if you haven't already done so and more information can be found on the flyer on page 15. You can always do something a little bit different with your family or friends to raise money such as a cake sale, a tea party or even a sponsored silence! Please speak to Mrs Savage if you have any ideas or questions.



These photos from the 2018 race give you an idea of what an enjoyable day it is.





## Stowe Putter 21st August



**This was a spectacular event at Stowe School**, sadly the last one on its current course. All the boys thoroughly enjoyed the entire two days at Stowe with some great weather to make it even better. Josh was the first to tee off at 9:10 with the rest to follow. Each boy displayed excellent golfing etiquette and represented the school superbly at this prestigious event. Ansh did extremely well to finish 2nd in the Junior Jigger after playing some outstanding golf the entire day which included an Eagle on the 8th hole much to the excitement of the crowd! All the St John's boys started the day very well but the length of the day and the heat forced our performances to dip the later it got. Despite this they all finished respectably on the scoreboard. You should all look forward to competing next year on the new state-of-the-art course on the other side of the Stowe School grounds. Ansh went on to compete in the Wexham Park Junior Open Golf Tournament where he won the U12 category. Very well to him.







## The Dragon U13 A Rugby Tournament



**Group stage:** played three, lost three

**Playoffs:** played two, won one and lost one

**Scorers:** Louis, Bradley, Yusuf

**Man of the Tournament:** Louis

This was an early and tough opening 13 aside tournament against quality sides on Wednesday 11th September. The team, very well lead by Louis, battled each and every match to finally put together the right amount of team work, effort and skill to get their win of the day against The Beacon scoring 3 tries to 2. In the other matches only the one against Wellingborough was very one sided. In the others all the players lead by Charlie, Louis and Oliver stayed in the fight and progressed well. If they maintain the level of effort they showed in the last match they should have a successful season.





## Our ensembles are all up and running



**This week has seen the start of all of the extra-curricular music groups** including Wind Band, Junior Recorders, Tabla Tappers, String Quartet and Brass Band pictured here. The boys are all very enthusiastic and raring to go and we are all looking forward to a new year of music-making.



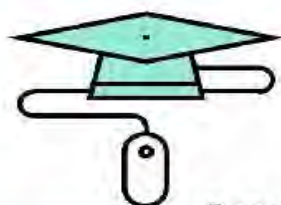




1. **Year 3** are designing patterns based on the work of Pop Art artist Andy Warhol.
2. **Alistair, Danyal** and **Hamza** have produced some lovely fruit faces based on the work of Guiseppe Arcimboldo.
3. **Theodore** and **Rishi** have designed their own version of Pop Art.
4. **Year 4** are learning all about tinting and shading.
5. **Year 6** are learning about reflection and are in the process of creating watercolour paintings of birds.







**VOTESFORSCHOOLS**

Inspiring Pupil Voice



Dear Parents,

If your son is in the Prep part of school we hope he has brought VotesforSchools to your attention. As part of our PSHCEE program, VotesforSchools is a weekly current affairs voting platform designed to engage young people in political and social issues. Through weekly debating and voting, not only are young people learning about the world around them, they are becoming prepared for participating in our democratic processes.



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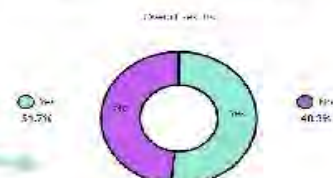


The boys are encouraged to discuss the topics at home with their families. They place their vote using Google classroom either at home or as part of a lessons at school. They are encouraged to post a comment for which they could be awarded a house point.



Each week a question is announced in assembly and published in the Lamb. The boys are encouraged to discuss the topic at school and at home and find out more about it.

WEEK 1 - THE TWO  
Should there be a second vote on Brexit?



We get to find the result of the vote in assembly on Mondays, it is also published in The Lamb. It gives us an idea of what our young people think.

**As Parents please support Votes for Schools by doing the following:**

- ✓ Look out for the 'Question of the Week' in The Lamb
- ✓ Ask your children to give arguments for each side of the debate, encourage critical thinking
- ✓ Check for the results the following week and discuss
- ✓ Have a think about what VoteTopics you would like to see debated and let us know
- ✓ Keep looking at events in the news to keep up to date with current affairs
- ✓ If you have any questions or comments, email Mrs McSween [vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk](mailto:vmcsween@st-johns.org.uk)
- ✓ Click [here](#) to see how VotesforSchools were discussed on Sky news a while ago while they discussed Brexit.



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- Official 10k Chip Timed Road Race
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- Sports Massage Tent
- Fun Fair & Refreshments

**10k**

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Ages: 15+

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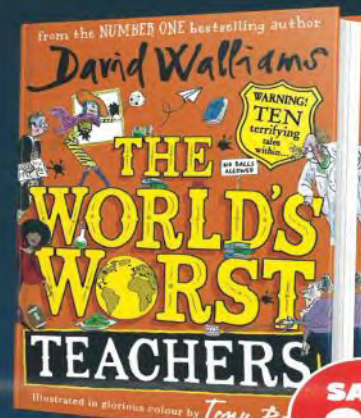
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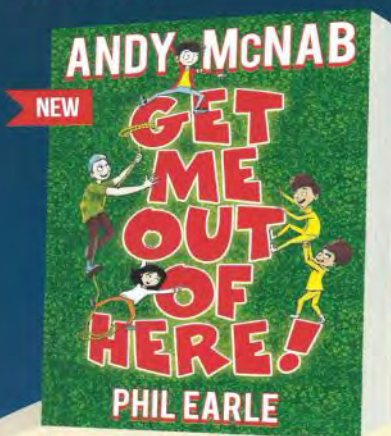
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## Calendar and Important Dates

## Contact Details

**Monday 16th September:**

**Tuesday 17th September:** Travelling Book Fair  
Rugby v Gayhurst: U9 A, B, C (h), U9 D, E (a) (2.30pm)

**Wednesday 18th September:** Rugby v Belmont: U13 A, B (a),  
U12 A, B (h) (2.30pm)  
Year 5 Information Evening in the Norman Hall (6.30pm)

**Thursday 19th September:**

**Friday 20th September:** Jeans for Genes Day in the Pre-Prep  
Year 7 Activity Day at Merchant Taylors' School  
Rugby v UCS: U10 A, B, C, D (h) (2.30pm)  
Rugby v Haberdashers': Colts A, B, C, D (a) (2.45pm)

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**Mailings:** if you have received The Lamb from someone else and would like to be sent your own copy direct each week, please email: [Lamb Editor](mailto:LambEditor@stjohns.org.uk). Let us know your contact details and you will be added to the list.

**Photographs:** Do please continue to send in any photographs which could be included in The Lamb.

## Notices and Reminders

**Travelling Book Fair** is visiting the Prep and Pre-Prep next week from Tuesday 17th-Friday 20th September. Please see the flyer on page 16 for more information.

**Year 5 Information Evening.** This takes place on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm in the Norman Hall. As well as presentations from Mr Robinson, Mr Russo and Mr Phillips there will be an opportunity to meet your son's Form teacher.

**Moor Park Fun Run.** This takes place on Sunday 29th September at Merchant Taylors' School. We hope that many boys are fired up to run as there is a trophy for the school which has the most entries. Details can be found on page 15.

**Mobile phone permission slip.** If you feel it is necessary for your son (Years 7-8 only) to have a mobile phone in school please go through the mobile phone policy with him (which can be found on the website), complete the proforma on the last page and return it to Mr Phillips. Please be aware that every boy must sign a new form regardless of the fact that they may have signed one before.

**Idling cars in the carpark.** Please switch off your engine if you are waiting to collect your son and please don't let your son walk across the carpark unaccompanied. Thank you.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** is on Friday 27th September. Please put the date in your diary and bring cakes and conversation whilst supporting this fantastic charity! The morning kicks off at around 8.30am in the Norman Hall and is always very well attended.

**Pre-Prep Jeans for Genes Day.** Just a reminder that Friday 20th September is Jeans for Genes day. All Pre-Prep boys may come to school wearing jeans, their own tops and shoes (no laces please). They still require their school coat. In return we ask for a donation to be brought to school. The monies raised will be sent to help children with genetic disorders.

**Attain magazine.** Please click below to view the latest edition of the IAPS magazine for parents of children in independent education. [Attain Magazine](http://www.attainmagazine.co.uk).

**Votes for Schools is back!** First question of the term: **Are our world leaders listening to us?** Please discuss at home in advance of voting which will take place during the week of 16th September. (Years 3-8) Further details can be found on page 14.

**House points totals:** 1st Oates 3.07, 2nd Lincoln 2.77, 3rd Lawrence 2.67, 4th Churchill 2.58.

Enjoy a warm and relaxing weekend.