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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term! We really have had an incredible start to the Academic year. Highlights include: Black History Month and digging deeper into what black history really is; all children at Fair Field completing a pentathlon; the carnival day at St John's; our first remote parents' evenings; and all children having a high focus on their mental health with the additional PSHE programme. Please join me in thanking all our staff at both schools for working harder than ever to provide these experiences, in a COVID secure manner, for the children.

The children have been working hard this half term. We have carried out vital assessments informally and formally to assess their needs after the closure of schools last academic year. Teachers are adapting the curriculum to ensure that gaps in knowledge and skills are being addressed, so that the children are able to progress forwards with their learning. Our teachers, support teachers, senior leaders and teaching assistants are also providing additional sessions for children to support them to fill in any gaps or misconceptions. We have also been allocated a small amount of additional 'Catch-up' funding from the Government which we will use to support all our children (Reception – Year 6) at different points during the academic year.

Our new children in Nursery, Reception and in other year groups in the Trust have settled into school life well. Our PTA/PFA at both schools have some really exciting events planned for the children to ensure that not only essential money is raised for the schools, but that the sense of community spirit is maintained across the Trust.

Thank you for adapting to our new systems at the beginning and end of the day. After half term there will be a change to the timing of the day to maximise the time the children have in school. As there will be less time to drop off and collect your children, I am requesting that, where possible, all visitors to the site (parents/carers/childminder and so on) **wear a face covering**.

The new timings will be:

Mornings	St John's	Fair Field
8:30 – 8:40		A-L Surnames
8:40 – 8:50	A-L Surnames	M-Z Surnames
8:50 – 9:00	M-Z Surnames	

Afternoons	St John's	Fair Field
2:50 – 3:00	A-L Surnames	M-Z Surnames
3:00 – 3:10	M-Z Surnames	A-L Surnames



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There are some other important changes/information to note:

- If necessary, children can bring bags to school but these should be small and only have essential items (water bottle, fruit pot, reading record and book) in,
- We will be trialling all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at St John's having hot lunches again,
- Communication about children's whereabouts (including medical appointments, a different person collecting them, absences) must go through the school offices – either by telephone or by emailing the school admin@ email addresses,
- If your child receives a positive result for Coronavirus out of school hours (eg weekend or during half term) please email the school admin@ email addresses which are listed at the top of this email.
- St John's children have their school photographs on the first day, 2nd November, after half term (We are arranging a second date for our Nursery children who are not in that day).

Lastly I would like to thank you all for your support throughout this term so far and your understanding when things aren't as easy or accessible as they perhaps used to be. We hope one day our open door policy will return however please do feel free to call/email us with any worries or equally good news about your child/ren.

Have a safe, happy and healthy half term.

Yours faithfully,

Alice Aharon
Executive Headteacher
CEO of The Poppy Academy Trust

