

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 2.3 Thursday 16th November 2017



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy week in school and I have very much enjoyed spending time in classrooms both learning and watching them and their teachers and in many ways learning from them. We are incredibly lucky here at St John's to have such dedicated and talented staff, along with children who clearly love to learn. They are a credit to you!

It was wonderful to see so many of you attending both the Anti Bullying week event and to see so many parents respond to the invitation to the Nessy workshop. My grateful thanks to Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester (along with Mrs Davies and Mrs Cranshaw) for bringing these two important sessions together. Mrs Short has included further information about the Anti Bullying week below.

I am always impressed by how smart the majority of the children look when they come to school. However, we have begun to see some non uniform items creeping into daily wear. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing full uniform, including the appropriate footwear. Trainers, for example, should not be worn in school unless used for a sporting activity or for a reason where permission has been obtained from myself, or the class teacher. Similarly, please ensure children wear coats. Uniform guidance can be found on our website – [www.http://stjohnangelistbwmat.org/parents/school-uniform](http://stjohnangelistbwmat.org/parents/school-uniform)

This week's newsletter contains lots of important messages about forthcoming events, including the Christmas Fair. The Friends message below highlights some of the key dates and asks for your support. The children benefit greatly from funds raised at events such as the Fair, and it is also a lovely way to mark the start of the Christmas season in school. I do hope you will be able to support it in whichever way you can. All contributions and attendance at the Fair is very much appreciated by us all and it a fantastic way to bring our community together. I have also included reminders about key dates regarding Christmas performances and we have also included details of the children's Christmas lunch below. I am certainly looking forward to experiencing my first Christmas here at St John's!

Finally from me, a reminder that tomorrow is Children in Need and we will be raising funds in school by asking children to come to school in non-uniform and dressed in something spotty if they wish, in return for a donation of £1 cash towards the charity. This is always a really worthwhile cause and I look forward to letting you know how much we have raised in next week's newsletter.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful week ahead,

Ian Doswell
Head teacher





Message from the Friends of St John's



The Christmas Fair is fast approaching, (**Friday 1st December 2017, 17:00-19:00**) and here are a few dates for your diaries:

Santa's Grotto box office

Tickets are available from the Atrium doors box office, 20-24th November 2017, 08:45-9:00 and 15:00-15:20

Tickets to meet Father Christmas and receive a gift are £3 (per child). Tickets to go into a draw to open the fair with Father Christmas are 50p.

We are holding our very popular chocolate and bottle tombolas as usual this year. All your kind donations are gratefully received, and we can't do this without your help.

- **Friday 24th November 2017** - Donations of chocolate (big or small, all welcome) in return for pupil's extended playtime.
- **Friday 1st December 2017**- (the day of the fair) - Donations of 'adult beverages', please (unopened, in-date bottles only) in return for non-uniform day.

Borrowed Clothes from Owls Base

Pupils have been loaned clothes e.g. pants, socks, could these please be returned to Owls Base as their spare clothes stock is running low.

School Christmas Lunch

You will by now have received details regarding the school Christmas Lunch, which this year will be served on Monday 18th December 2017. All pupils are invited to book this meal but please note that the deadline for bookings, with menu choices, is Thursday 30th November 2017. Thank you.

Reception Year Group 2017

We have been advised by one of our parents that a lovely group photograph of our current Reception year pupils was published in the Bristol Evening Post last week, along with pictures of other Reception Year groups at schools in Bristol and North Somerset. If you would like to view this, please go to the newspaper's website, then the 'Buy A Photo', and the 'First Class 2017' section. Apologies that we were not given advanced notice of this in time for you to purchase a copy of the paper.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!

Children in Need Book Sale - Friday 17th November 2017 from 15:00 outside Owl Base

We are constantly replenishing our stock of books within the school but this causes us a slight problem because most teachers cannot bear to let books go. (No names mentioned...Mrs Callow!) To the rescue, with an excellent solution, are the kind-hearted and entrepreneurial Year 6 library club who have spotted an opportunity and convinced everyone that a book stall for charity is the answer. Help to prove them right by dropping by to choose some books (for a donation of your choice) and boosting the total for Pudsey! Thank you.



In school this week we have been recognising **National Anti-Bullying Week**. On Tuesday our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors led Whole School Worship, sharing this year's key message: All Different, All Equal. Each class followed this up with an activity to celebrate our differences while recognising the importance of respecting and valuing each other. It was lovely to see so many families in the hall at the end of the day, sharing and talking about the children's work. This is still on display in the Atrium if you missed it on Tuesday and photographs will be available to view on the school website very soon. Today our Key Stage 2 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors represented the school at a Clevedon Cluster Anti-Bullying Conference.



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Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Child protection officer for the Primary school is Mr Ian Doswell, or Mrs Nicola Short in his absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.

Community News

(Although these events are not endorsed by the school, they are shared with you for your information).

Clevedon Lawn Tennis Club is a friendly Members Club formed in 1880. The aims of the Club are to promote playing tennis and encourage more people (particularly juniors) to make full use of the facilities available locally. We are therefore writing to your school to ask for your help in promoting the Club to your pupils and parents.

The Club is situated in the central part of Clevedon on Princes Road.

We are looking for the future stars of British Tennis and all children who would like to HAVE A GO at this increasingly popular sport.

We can offer junior group and individual coaching for children aged 4 to 16 years old. We organise fun events and tournaments, which are all run by the Club and an LTA Qualified Coach with full DBS certification with the help of a number of junior coaches as well. The children can learn technical and tactical skills, sportsmanship, physical and mental strength, in a safe and friendly environment and most importantly have lots of fun. For further details please contact:

Michael Rakosi
Head Coach - Clevedon Tennis Club
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0774 815 7229

KS2 - School years 3-6 drop off 5:30 pick up 6:45

School years 7+ 7:00 - 8:30

£1 Entrance

The Fridge

A cool and fun place to hang out!

Snooker, table footie, table tennis, wii, nail art, crafts, xbox, prayer space, music, games, chill out zone, fun, themed games and so much more!

Invite your friends!

Venue: Christchurch, Chapel Hill, Clevedon

Tuck Shop

Dates 17/18: 17th Sept, 15th Oct, 19th Nov, 21st Jan, 18th Feb, 18th March, 15th April, 20th May, 10th Jun & 15th July