

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 5.5 Thursday 10th May 2018



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Multi Academy Trust
"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you enjoyed the weather at the weekend. It was wonderful to be able to soak up some sunshine after what feels like a never ending winter! I always enjoy the May Bank Holiday as it often creeps up on me as a surprise. Always a welcome chance to make the most of an extended weekend. I hope yours was enjoyable.

SATs tests

This week the Year 2 children have undertaken their end of Key Stage 1 SATs tests. These assessments are then used by the teachers to help inform their judgements about each child, based on the results achieved and the way each child has performed throughout the year. The Year 2 children have approached their tests very maturely and with great enthusiasm. We are very proud of their efforts and their attitudes and I would like to thank staff and parents for ensuring every child has been well supported to do their very best.

Year 6 will sit their end of **Key Stage 2 tests next week from Monday 14th to Thursday 17th May**. These tests are sat in formal conditions and the papers are sent away to be externally assessed. It is never an easy time in school for Year 6 pupils. I know they are all working really hard to make sure next week is a success. I am sure you will join me in wishing all of our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck.

Classes for 2018/19

Teaching staff are currently thinking about how pupils in their current class are placed for the next academic year, whether the children will remain in a Base for a second year or whether they will be moving on to a new Base as they journey through the school. This is something that is considered at length and is based upon several factors including attainment, individual learning styles and needs, and personalities. The three classes in each base need to be balanced, with similar numbers of boys and girls, autumn, spring and summer birthdays, levels of SEN etc.

At this stage, classes of pupils are suggested and discussed, but it is not known who will be teaching in each year group. I would like to explain to parents/carers that being in the same class as a best friend is not always the best scenario and actually can be very distracting during learning time. There are at least 1½ hours a day when pupils are free to mix, play and socialise with children in their year group (or a different year group!).

Some parents get very anxious about where their child will be placed next year and who will teach them but need to trust the teaching staff to put together classes based on their knowledge and professional judgement and experience. This always includes a discussion with previous teaching staff, so all prior information is known. We have devised a comprehensive transition programme for all children that will commence towards the end of this academic year. This will ensure all children get to know their new teacher and classmates well before September. In addition, at the beginning of an academic year, a lot of time is given over to building a class community and a broadening of friendships is encouraged.

In the past, some parents/carers have felt the need to write to the Head teacher with individual requests; however, for the reasons stated above, this is not necessary.

I look forward to sharing more information with you about transition plans, and our plans for next year, in the near future.

North Somerset Local Authority OFSTED Inspection

OFSTED have announced their inspection of North Somerset's services for children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) from 14th to the 18th May 2018. They will be visiting a range of providers in the authority and they have indicated that they wish to visit St John's on Wednesday 16th May, as part of their

inspection. We will be welcoming an inspector into school who will want to talk to me and members of the team, as well as some of the children, about the quality of the services we receive from North Somerset. Parents of children in receipt of an IEP (Individual Education Plan) from our SEND register, will have received a letter from OFSETD outlining their visit and inviting them to join a Webinar on Friday 11th May. If you feel you should have received this letter and have not, please contact the school office.

St John's SEND Offer

A reminder that our School Offer can be found on the school's website:

www.stjohnevangelistbwmat.org/key-information/send-3

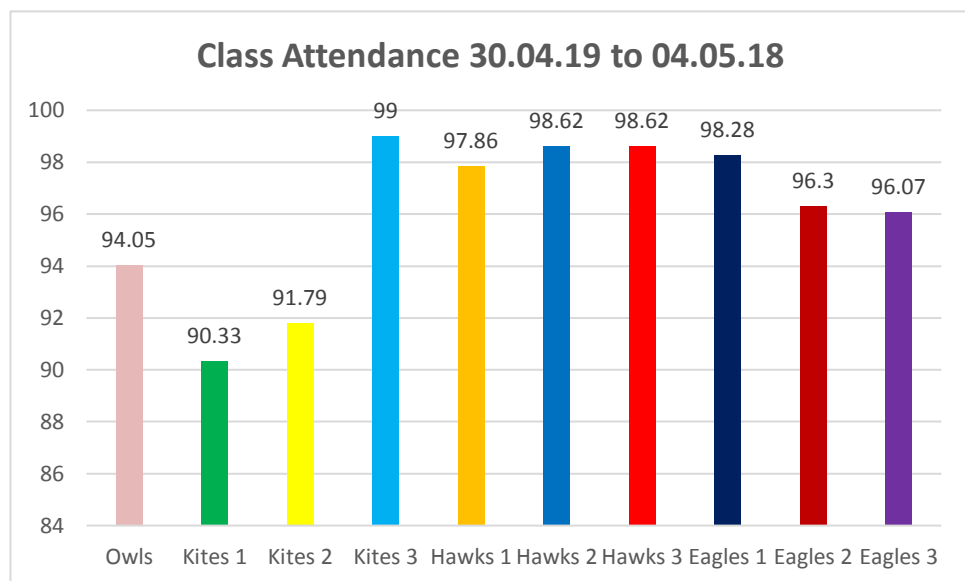
This is a detailed document which informs all parents and carers about our approach to special educational needs and disability provision in the school.

Free School Meals

Today North Somerset have sent an email out to all parents who have entered an email address onto the Free School Meals system, informing them of the changes to Free School Meals applications. Please be sure to check your email and read the document fully if this applies to you.

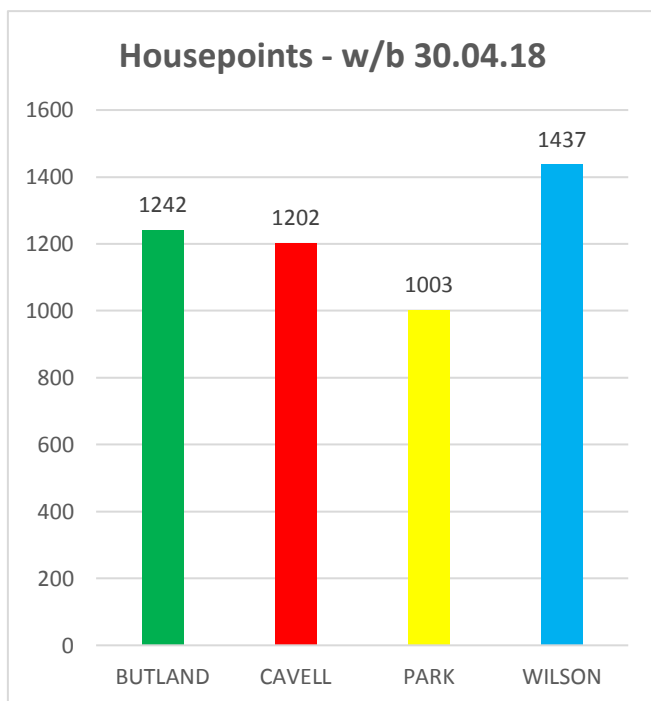
Sports Day

A reminder that Sports Day is due to take place on **Wednesday 23rd May 2018**, weather permitting. If the weather is poor, we have set aside Friday 25th as a reserve day. Further details about the day will be sent out to you shortly.



Whole school attendance for last week was **96%**.

A special well done to **Kites 3** for achieving **99%** attendance. Very impressive!



Prayer Meeting

We will be holding our next meeting for prayer for the school tomorrow, Friday 11th May 2018, at 12:45. This prayer time is open to anyone who would like to attend and we would very much welcome you to the meeting.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful week ahead,

Ian Doswell

Head teacher

E-Safety



[Link to Parent Zone for weekly updates >](#)

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).



North Somerset Support Group

Supportive Parents is a charity providing information & support to parents, children and young people with any type of Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND). Our support group meets monthly to give you the opportunity to meet other parents, share your experience/concerns and find out more about SEN. We also welcome interested professionals.

Portishead 2018 Meeting Dates

The Firs, St Barnabas Centre, West Hill, Portishead BS20 6LN

Thursdays 7pm – 9pm
22nd March
17th May
20th September

For more details contact our Information Advice and Support Line on 0117 989 7725 www.supportiveparents.org.uk

Our North Somerset Co-ordinator is Sarah Trevitt.



How should I prepare for a meeting?

How can I find out more about Education Health Care Plans?

I'm worried about my child's progress. Who can help?

What is SEND support?

Weston Super Mare 2018 Meeting Dates

The Firs, Drove Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 3NX

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24th April
19th June
16th October

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