



St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2017

Message from Mrs Farley: Welcome back to our new academic year. It's unbelievable we've already been back at school for a week. It has been a really busy and happy time settling into our new classes and routines. The children have made a really positive start to the year at St John and St Francis Church School. It has been lovely to welcome our Reception Children (Wren and Robin Classes) and families to our School, our ever growing St John and St Francis Church School family. We have also welcomed the following staff to our School: Miss Cuthbert (Year 5 Teacher); Mrs Tracey Trood (Year 4 Teacher); Mrs Deb Ryles (SEN TA) and Mrs Alison Long (Lunchtime Supervisor).

Congratulations to Mrs Constable who combined a holiday to the Scilly Isles with getting married, She is now Mrs Kendrick! Congratulations to Miss Palmer who gave birth to a little girl - Sienna - over the summer holidays. Mum and baby are both well.

Thank you for sending your children into school this week looking so smart. We are always so proud when visitors comment on how smartly dressed our children are and how this reflects in their behaviour and attitude towards school. Please make sure that all of your child's uniform is clearly labelled so it can be returned to them if lost.

Thank you all for such positive comments over the last few days regarding how the school looks and how pleased you are with how your Child has settled into their new class. We look forward to welcoming you to class over the coming weeks, months and year. Please refer to the diary dates we sent home last term and keep an eye on the school website for key events.

I look forward to working with you all over the coming academic year.

Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge



KS1: using the numbers 4,7,2 and 5, how many different numbers can you make? You can try adding or taking away.

Years3&4: There were 54 bees in the hive. 15 of them fly away but later, 8 of them come back. How many are in the hive now?



Year 5&6: Explain why 67, 565 could be rounded to 70, 000. What would it round to if rounded to the nearest 500. What about the nearest 1000?

Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

Next week is Roald Dahl Day - Wednesday 13th September.

Can you

Write a book review of your favourite Roald Dahl Book

or

Create a fact file about Roald Dahl

or

Write a poem about Roald Dahl and his amazing story characters.



Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship.

*Friends are like stars. You can't always see them,
but you know they are always there.*



Don't forget It's Roald Dahl day on Wednesday. Come dressed as your favourite character or wear his favourite colour Yellow. It promises to be a whizz-popping, splendiferous day!!



SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is high priority at St John and St Francis Church School. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupil's safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well both physically and mentally. The school follows the latest Government Guidance to ensure we are fulfilling our duties in this important area. The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and contact at School is myself (Mrs Lisa Farley), and our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mr Alexis Piper, Mrs Claire Craven Mrs Karen Kendrick and Mrs Emily Wells. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mr David Durston.

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child you can phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

Contact information If you change any of your contact details, please can you make sure the school office is informed. It is imperative we have the correct details for contacting you.

Asthma

Letters have been sent to parents, who have advised us their child has Asthma. If your child has Asthma and you have not received a letter, please contact the School Office to complete an Asthma card.

A screenshot of a 'School Asthma Card' form. The form is titled 'School Asthma Card' and includes sections for 'Child's Details', 'Parent/Carer Details', 'Medical History', and 'What to do if a child is having an asthma attack'. It contains various checkboxes and text boxes for recording information.

Home School Diary

Every Child has come home with a brand new Home School Diary – please see separate letter.

Preventing extremism and radicalisation. Unfortunately this is something that has increasingly become more and more common. Please take some time to read through this information on our website:

www.stjohnstfrancisbwm.org/safeguarding-2/safeguarding



Walking Around the Locality forms

Please return these to your Class Teacher as soon as possible.
Many thanks.

Important Notice : Term Time Leave

The school's Attendance Policy can be found online on our website:
<http://stjohnstfrancisbwm.org/about-us/policies/local-policies/>

In line with Government expectations, any request for term time leave of 10 sessions or more, with an attendance of less than 96%, a Penalty Notice of £60 will be applied per parent/carer per child.

AMAZING!

Amazing Attendance

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The Classes with the best attendance this week are
Eagle & Woodpecker!
Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

Weekly Awards

Awards are given out to children who, for example, follow the Flock Code, have shown kindness to others or have persevered with a difficult task and tried their best.

Well done to the following children:

Wren of the Week: Not provided by Teacher
Robin of the Week: Not provided by Teacher
Blackbird of the Week: Ella-May
Sparrow of the Week: Mariana G
Chaffinch of the Week: Lily-Mae H
Goldfinch of the Week: Lily-Rose M
Woodpecker of the Week: Brodie C
Jay of the Week: Callum M
Barn Owl of the Week: Elisha D
Tawny Owl of the Week: Toby M
Kingfisher of the Week: Ethan O
Heron of the week: Freddie F
Crane of the week: Sam S
Kestrel of the week: Archie W
Eagle of the week: Archie P

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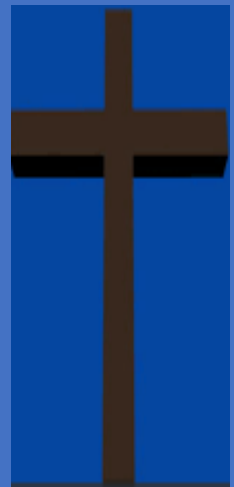
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Class Worship

Thank You to the following children who led their class worship.

Well done to all of you!

Blackbird Class: Whole Class
Sparrow Class: Whole Class
Chaffinch Class: Whole Class
Goldfinch Class: Whole Class
Woodpecker Class: Whole Class
Jay Class: Molly S
Barn Owl Class: Whole Class
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class
Kingfisher Class: Ebony T and Rachel L
Heron Class: Holly C and Martha B
Eagle Class: Whole Class
Kestrel Class: Whole Class



SCHOOL DATES—

(THESE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE)

September	
11 th	Road Safety Workshops – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
11 th	PTA Meeting in School Hall at 6.45pm
11 th - 15 th	<p>Information sessions for parents. Class teachers will be outlining the expectations for the year, covering reading, maths, topics and homework.</p> <p>Monday 11th September 9.15am - Year 1 Sparrow and Blackbird. Tuesday 12th September 9.15am - Year 2 Chaffinch and Goldfinch. Wednesday 13th September 9.15am - Year 3 Woodpecker and Jay. Thursday 14th September 9.15am - Year 4 Barn Owl and Tawny Owl. Friday 16th September 9.15am - Year 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Eagle and Kestrel.</p> <p>Parents are asked to make their way to the school office once children are in class as sessions will take place in the School Hall.</p>
13 th	Roald Dahl Day – Come dressed as your favourite Roald Dahl character.
18 th	<p>Monday 18th September 9.00am - 10.00am in Main Hall</p> <p>02 Parent Workshop - NSPCC 'Speak out! Stay safe!' On line safety workshop for all parents and grandparents.</p>
22 nd	PTA Bingo night. More details to follow.
28 th	<p>Reading Café. Parents are invited into Class for a reading session led by Class teachers, followed by tea and coffee.</p> <p>Please note as this is a working session we ask that younger siblings do not attend.</p> <p>Reception classes and Key Stage 1 (Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch) – 9.00am - 10.00am Key Stage 2 (Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle) – 10.00am - 11.00am</p>
29 th	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils.

PTA NEWS

Monday 11th September is our welcome back meeting, 6.30pm in the main hall. All parents/carers are welcome to join us.

We will be reflecting on the last year and planning the up and coming Bingo. We aim to keep it an hour long and children are welcome.

We are looking for two people to take on the co-secretary roles. Jobs are; helping the chair to write the agenda, take minutes at meeting and distribute them via email, send letters when necessary. Full support will be given, for more info email stjstfpta@gmail.com


YOUR
PTA
NEEDS
YOU



Balanced fun!
Gymnastics

Inspiring engagement and excellence through high-quality gymnastics coaching for children aged 4–11 years old

All our coaches are DBS (CRB) checked with Child Protection and Emergency Aid certification.

Your club is:

Monday After School Gymnastics
 For year 1 to year 6
 From 3:15pm – 4:15pm
 Starting Monday 11th September – 16th October
 6 sessions – £24.00
 Please book online www.premier-education.com to get £5 off the course

For course information and to book visit premier-sport.org or complete the booking form on reverse