



Autumn Newsletter 11

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017

Message from Mrs Farley:

What another action packed week! It had a lot to live up to having had the chance to meet Pudsey himself last week. The team captains took part in some excellent work with a neighbouring school in Worle, where they had the chance to meet with other team captains and look at how they were tackling reading. They have come back full of bright ideas and things that we can try out at our school.

Thank you everyone who has followed us recently on Twitter, this is an excellent way of keeping in touch with things happening in the wider school and in your children's classes. There have been lots of tweets in the month of November for instance showing the children performing bar modelling, something the teachers are working on with their classes in maths.

Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge



Maths Challenge

YR: Can you put your whole day in order using pictures? What happened first? What happened in the middle? Can you use 'time' words such as lunch time, bed time and tea time to help you?

KS1: There were 20 children on a steam train. 8 children get off, how many are left?

Y3/Y4: The time is 7.24 pm. Alice is allowed to stay up for 36 minutes more. At what time does Alice go to bed?

Y5/Y6: The train leaves London at 15.45. It takes 6 hours 40 minutes to reach Aberdeen. At what time will you arrive? Give your answer on the 12 hour clock.



Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

It's our School Christmas Fair next Friday, 1st December.

How many words can you make out of ...



Christmas Fair

Write some sentences using the words that you have made.

Price Increase – January 2018

Please note that from January 2018, hot lunches will be charged at £2.40 per day.

Our Christian Value this half term is Kindness.

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

kindness

Aesop



Don't forget: Mon 27th November is non-uniform day in lieu of donations for the PTA Christmas Fair on Fri 1st December.



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, Miss Emma Counter, 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.**

There is lots of online safety advice on our website- [please follow this link](#) to help keep your child safe.

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.

CLEANER REQUIRED

**9.5 hours per week during term time and three weeks of holiday cleaning
Pay Grade 17 Scale Point 6 (£7.78 per hour, £286.68 per month)**

We are looking for a hard-working, enthusiastic, dedicated cleaner to join our early morning cleaning team. You will be required for 38 weeks of term time and 3 weeks of scheduled holiday cleaning.

Candidates are invited to contact the school and arrange to visit and meet with the School Business Manager. If you would like to arrange this please book an appointment via phone 01278 456918 or email office@sjsf.bwmat.org.

Benefits of working for the Bath & Wells MAT include; a generous pension scheme, enhanced sickness and parental benefits and a supportive working environment.

The Bath & Wells MAT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced DBS and all relevant pre-employment checks.

Application forms should be accompanied by a full letter of application and sent to the school office by post or email the School Business Manager – naomi.chandler@sjsf.bwmat.org

Closing date: Friday 1st December 2017

Interview date: Wednesday 6th December 2017

This post will commence: Monday 8th January 2018

Children in Need Day

A big thank you to you for supporting this worthy cause for another year. We are pleased to confirm that we have banked donations totalling £277, which is in addition to the £156.99 children donated directly to Pudsey Bear during his visit to the school. We raised a total of **£433.99!**



We have a confirmed case of Scarlet Fever in school and wanted to make you aware. Please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever> for further information including symptoms. If you are at all concerned about your child, please consult your GP.



PTA Christmas DVD design competition

Design a DVD cover for your Christmas play. Use bright colours, NO words and remember to put your full name and class clearly on the back of your entry.

Entries **MUST** be in the office by **THURSDAY 7th DECEMBER**.

Winners will receive a copy of their class DVD and a small prize. Good luck!

Christmas DVD's will cost £4 each. You can pre-order which will guarantee delivery before Christmas. Order forms will be sent out next week from the PTA.



PE Weekly Challenges

Starting today, you will notice these in your child's Home School Diary. They are tied in with the current PE lessons being taught and follow the new Government guidelines that every child should be doing 60 minutes of activity per day, 30 in school and 30 outside of school.

The NHS Change for Life website: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/activities#2U8PGZMX514Q3Vp7.97> also has lots of great activity ideas, including Disney themed 10 minute shake ups!!

The logo for 'change 4 life', with 'change' in blue, '4' in red, and 'life' in green.

AMAZING!

Amazing Attendance

The Classes with the best attendance this week are

Goldfinch & Eagle Class!

Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

Goldfinch & Eagle classes can wear non-uniform next Friday, 1st December.



Class Worship

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

Well done to all of you!

Robin Class: Whole Class
Wren Class: Whole Class
Blackbird Class: Tristan C
Sparrow Class: Whole Class
Chaffinch Class: Rafi S
Goldfinch Class: Whole Class
Woodpecker Class: Louie T
Jay Class: Charlie D
Barn Owl Class: Whole Class
Tawny Owl Class: Whole class welcome to Lysander
Kingfisher Class: Whole Class
Heron Class: Whole Class
Eagle Class: Whole Class
Kestrel Class: Joshua D

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: Jack P, India H
Robin of the Week: Jamie S
Blackbird of the Week: Isabella W
Sparrow of the Week: Alana P
Chaffinch of the Week: Maddie B
Goldfinch of the Week: Yasmin B
Woodpecker of the Week: Jack B
Jay of the Week: Tadas S
Barn Owl of the Week: Imogen E
Tawny Owl of the Week: Lysander R
Kingfisher of the Week: Dylan A
Heron of the week: Tarni-Rae G
Crane of the week: Oliver C
Kestrel of the week: Ellie C
Eagle of the week: Louie B-M

Fair & Honest
Listen to Others
Outstanding Attitudes
Careful with Property
Kind and Helpful

SCHOOL DATES— (THESE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<http://stjohnstfrancisbwmat.org/school-calendar-dates>)

November	
27 th	Non-school uniform in lieu of donations for PTA Christmas Fair.
30 th	Festival of Light Day. The children will focus on different religious festivals that celebrates lights.
December	
1 st	PTA Christmas Fair 3.15pm
4 th	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
8 th	PTA Christmas Disco. KS1 6pm-7pm, KS2 7pm-8.15pm
Our Nativity performances will be at The Salvation Army Hall in Moorland Road.	
11 th @ 1.45pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
12 th @ 1.45pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
13 th @ 9.30am	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
13 th @ 1.45pm	Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes
14 th @ 9.30am	Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes
14 th @ 1.45pm	Nativity 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes
15 th @ 9.30am	Nativity 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes
18 th - 21 st	Sparkle and Shine Week. Please send in a decorated shoe box.
21 st	Parents invited into Class to make a Christmas decoration with their child. Please note as this is a working session we ask that younger siblings do not attend. 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
Christmas break 22 nd December – 5 th January	
January	
8 th	School reopens following the Christmas break.
15 th – 19 th	Science Focus Week.
15 th	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
18 th	Barn Owl Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Barn Owl Class.
22 nd	Parents invited into class to see work from our Science week @ 2.45pm.
25 th	Tawny Owl Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Tawny Owl Class.
February	
1 st	Jay Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Jay Class.
2 nd	PTA Film Night. More details to follow.
5 th	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

WIN
Family Ticket to Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio's Tour

Add Magic to your school this term!

Buy your lottery ticket and you could win a Family Ticket to Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio's Tour

- Tickets only cost £1 a week!
- Match all 6 numbers and win £25,000!
- Guaranteed cash prize to one of our supporters every week!
- Joining is easy, it only takes a minute!

To start supporting, visit:
www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/play

And Search For:
St John St Francis

Sign up before 21st December. Supporters must be 16 years of age or older
* Terms and Conditions apply




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THE SALVATION ARMY Christmas Present Appeal



The Salvation Army needs your help to make Christmas special for children, families and others who have little or nothing under the tree on Christmas morning.

All new, unwrapped toys and gifts are welcome and will be distributed in your community in time for Christmas.

Please bring your present(s) to The Salvation Army on Moorland Road, Bridgwater TA6 4JS or call 01278 422568.

Gifts need to be received by Friday 1st Dec ready for Santa to deliver.



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