



Autumn Newsletter 14

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2017

Message from Mr Piper:

Christmas is officially here- well that's what it feels like at least. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you to the Salvation Army this week, thank you so much to everyone for coming; I know it means a lot to the children! I was blown away again by the talent of both the teachers and children alike. We were able to share with you such a wide variety of Nativity performances this week, skilfully put together by our teachers but also expertly executed by the children. They showed such enthusiasm, spoke clearly and sang beautifully. I hope you enjoyed them as much as I did!

We now just have one week to go- Sparkle and Shine week. If you haven't already done so, please try to bring in an old shoe box or something equivalent. The children will be making lots of different Christmassy things next week that they will bring home to share with you and the family at the end of the week.

Don't forget that we are having our class parties next Wednesday- this will be our 'Christmas jumper' day- Children are free to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper. I can't wait to see them.



Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge

YR: How many baubles do you have on your Christmas tree? Count them and write the number down to bring into school.

KS1: 20 is Rudolph's favourite number. How many sums can you find with the answer 20?

KS2: How many gifts did 'My True Love' give to me over the Twelve Days of Christmas? How many were animals? People? Objects?

Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge



Do you know any Christmas jokes? Learn a joke to share with your class next week. See if you can make them laugh.

Ho! Ho! Ho!



What did the cow get for
Christmas?

A **COW**culator

School Lunches – January 2018 Please note that from January 2018, hot lunches will be charged at £2.40 per day. Also **all bookings** need to be made by parents. If you do not have internet access, please pop into the School Office after 9am and we will provide you with a laptop to use. You will need to bring your payment card eg: debit card with you.

Our Christian Value this half term is Kindness.

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

kindness

Aesop



Don't forget: To book online your child's hot lunch for the Spring Term, at www.parentpay.com. We currently have an average of 31 meals booked for the first week back, this is usually over 150. Many thanks.



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.

Thank you for getting your child/ren to class on time for classroom doors opening at 8.45am.

Registers are taken at 8.55am when the school day starts.

Be on time



at five to nine

If you drop your child off in the morning, to walk in on their own, can we please ask that you refrain from doing this in front of the school gates or on the zig-zag lines, to ensure everyone remains safe. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Christmas Jumper Day



Wednesday 20th December 17



Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper with their normal school skirt/trousers.

After School Clubs.

All school-run After School clubs finish this week.

**Please note that Premier Sports

Gymnastics club on Mondays finishes on 18th December.

Parents were given a letter this week inviting them to watch the children from 4pm.**

Sparkle & Shine Week

18th – 21st December 2017



A reminder that children are asked to bring in a decorated shoe box, or alternatively cardboard box or bag this week. Please send all decorated boxes or bags in no later than Monday 18th Dec.

PTA School Disco –

The PTA would like to give a big thank you to the DJ's at Reflex 2000 for a fab night at a reduced cost. We very much appreciate it.

The evening raised £313.16, thank you to all who came and helped.

Lunchtime Supervisor/Kitchen Assistant

Includes Cleaning Duties

10 hours per week (2 hours per day)

Grade 16 SCP 7 – 8 (£7.83 per hour)

The school wishes to appoint an enthusiastic lunchtime supervisor from January 2018. This is a great opportunity to work with a team who enjoy making the school day as enjoyable as possible.

You will work in the hall as part of the Lunchtime team to ensure the safety, general welfare and conduct of pupils during the midday break period. You will be expected to:-

- Maintain a calm atmosphere and encourage positive behaviour
- Deal with any minor first aid incidents (training will be provided)
- Assist in the setting up and removal of dining furniture
- Loading the dishwasher and cleaning duties following the lunch service

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 naomi.chandler@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.

Please download an Application Pack from our website and return, accompanied by a full letter of application to the school office by post, or email the School Business Manager – naomi.chandler@sjsf.bwmat.org.

Closing date: Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 12 noon

Interview date: 10th or 11th January 2018

This post will commence: As soon as candidate is able to commence.

AMAZING!

Amazing Attendance

The Class with the best attendance this half term is

Eagle Class!

Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

Eagle class can wear non-uniform next Thursday, 21st 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: Emerson O-S
Sparrow Class: Whole Class
Chaffinch Class: Whole Class
Goldfinch Class: Jordan R
Woodpecker Class: Joshua F
Jay Class: Leticia A
Barn Owl Class: Whole Class
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class
Kingfisher Class: Rachel L and Ebony T
Heron Class: Christmas whole class
Eagle Class: Christmas whole class
Kestrel Class: Mollie B

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: Finley R
Robin of the Week: Trystan C
Blackbird of the Week: Charles H & Luccian M-R
Sparrow of the Week: Alfie G
Chaffinch of the Week: Eleanor S
Goldfinch of the Week: Lanier R
Woodpecker of the Week: Alexandru D
Jay of the Week: Miley C
Barn Owl of the Week: Alexi S
Tawny Owl of the Week: Leo H
Kingfisher of the Week: Jake H
Heron of the week: Jay C
Crane of the week: Peter W
Kestrel of the week: Zena S
Eagle of the week: Lucy T

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>)

December

18 th - 21 st	Sparkle and Shine Week. Please send in a decorated shoe box.
20 th	Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper with their normal school trousers/skirt.
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 22nd December – 5th January

January

8 th	School reopens following the Christmas break.
15 th – 19 th	Science Focus Week.
15 th – 16 th	Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training.
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.
6 th	Safer Internet Day. Parents invited into school to work 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
8 th	Woodpecker Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Woodpecker Class.

12th – 16th Half Term break

19 th	School re-opens following the Half Term break.
19 th	I wonder Why Day. The children will spend the day investigating and finding out about a particular subject...it's all a surprise
19 th – 23 rd	Storytelling Week
27 th	Maths Session. Parents are invited into Class for a maths session led by Classteachers. 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

March

1 st	World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. Reading Café. Parents are invited into Class for a reading session led by Classteachers, followed by tea and coffee. 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
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