



St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2018

Message from Mrs Farley: Welcome back to school and on behalf of all Governors and Staff we wish you a Happy New Year. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week; the children all seem to have grown over the festive period! All classes have very quickly got into learning and the school has been very busy. Children have been earning team points for positive behaviour and good work and it is lovely to see so many bronze, silver and gold stars on ties and jumpers. Please encourage your child to wear theirs every day – it is something to be proud of. It has been a lovely start to the year and we are looking forward to the rest of the term ahead.

Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge



YR: Who is the tallest person in your house? Who is the shortest person in your house? How did you measure them?
KS1: It takes Miss Pile 20 minutes to walk around the field 4 times. How long does each lap of the field take?
Y3/Y4: In a 100 metre race, Mr Brewer finishes 16.5 metres behind Freddy the Fox. How far has Mr Brewer run when Freddy passes the winning post?
Y5/Y6: In a race, the winner finishes in 1 minute 18 seconds. The second placed person was 15 seconds slower, but 12 seconds quicker than 3rd place. How long did it take the third place runner to complete the race?

Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge



Let's get back into READING!
Read at least 5 times before next Friday. How many books or pages can you read? Set yourself a challenge. Remember to **PERSEVERE!** You can do it.
EXTRA CHALLENGE: Can you write about your favourite character in a book that you have read. Or write some facts if you've read a non-fiction book.

HAPPY READING

School Applications for 2018. Will your child be 4 before September (2018)? If so, you must apply for a Primary School place by **NEXT MONDAY, 15 January 2018.** The preferred method of application is online: at www.somerset.gov.uk/education-learning-and-schools/choosing-a-school/apply-to-start-school/www.somerset.gov.uk



Our Christian Value this half term is Perseverance.
We will try our best in everything we do inside and outside of school



Don't forget: Year 5 remember its Bikeability on Monday and Tuesday- don't forget your bike!



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.

Collection of children

In line with our safeguarding procedures, we ask that if parents are not collecting their children at the end of the day, Class Teachers are informed in the morning of alternative arrangements. For your child's safety, we are unable to allow children to leave with adults, where we have not been given prior permission by the parent

Sickness & Diarrhoea

If your child is unwell with sickness or diarrhoea, we ask that you keep them home from school for 48 hours from the last episode. Please ensure you advise us of their expected return to school, in order that we can note our records of their absence. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Coats and Hats in School

Now that the weather is cold, please make sure that your child has a **NAMED** coat and hat in school **every day**. Thank you.



St John
And St Francis
Church School

Christmas
Performance DVD's
can still be ordered
until Friday 19th
January.

****The next PTA
meeting is on
Monday 15th January
at 6.30pm in
Peregrine class. We
look forward to
seeing you!****

Sports Notice Board

Letters have gone home today in Home School Diaries, for after school clubs for Years 1-6 for the Spring Term. Please return the slip attached to the letter if your child would like to attend.

A couple of reminders:

- Target Sports club is available before school on Tuesday mornings with Premier Sport. Please book online at: www.premier-education.com
- Weekly Sports challenges continue to be posted in the children's Home School Diaries.



Gryffindor Common Room comes to St John & St Francis

Eagle class have been working hard at creating their own Gryffindor common room, as a reading corner within the

classroom. Pupils have recreated the Gryffindor crest as well as the Hogwarts Portraits!



AMAZING!

Amazing Attendance

The Class with the best attendance this week is

Woodpecker Class!

Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

Woodpecker Class can wear non-uniform next Friday, 19th January 2018.



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: Whole Class
Sparrow Class: Whole Class
Chaffinch Class: Whole Class
Goldfinch Class: Whole Class
Woodpecker Class: Whole Class
Jay Class: Whole Class
Barn Owl Class: Whole Class
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class
Kingfisher Class: Ryan H, Corey S, Dylan A
Heron Class: Jay C
Eagle Class: Malcolm G & Blossom W
Kestrel Class: Whole Class

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: Lily Y
Robin of the Week: Taliha E
Blackbird of the Week: Nirvarna S-B
Sparrow of the Week: Dionisa S
Chaffinch of the Week: Maddison B
Goldfinch of the Week: Ellis S
Woodpecker of the Week: Finleigh J
Jay of the Week: Keira H
Barn Owl of the Week: Joel A
Tawny Owl of the Week: Lorna G
Kingfisher of the Week: Dylan A
Heron of the week: Dovydas K
Crane of the week: Ryan A-S
Kestrel of the week: Thomas W
Eagle of the week: Toby A
Peregrine of the week: Jade A

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>)

January

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
| 5 th | KS1 Road Safety TACS visit |
| 5 th | PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend. |
| 8 th | Chaffinch Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Chaffinch Class. |
| 15 th | Goldfinch Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Goldfinch Class. |
| 16 th | PTA Easter Disco. KS1 6pm-7pm, KS2 7pm-8.15pm |
| 19 th – 23 rd | Easter Focus week – 40 acts of Kindness |