



Autumn Newsletter 12

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2017

Message from Mrs Farley:

It's safe to say that Winter is here- the weather that we have seen this week has served as a reminder of that fact and, in case we were in any doubt, the Christmas trees have been erected around the school. It is always a magical time in school and I am very much looking forward to the Nativity rehearsals and shows over the next couple of weeks. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

We have spoken to the children about keeping safe once the class teacher has handed them over to you at the end of the day. Please can you remind your children that, if they become separated from you at the end of the day, they should head round to the office where someone will help them, rather than starting to walk home on their own.

Congratulations to the boys' football team who this week played their first match of the season and drew 0-0 with Eastover.

Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge



Maths Challenge

YR: Are you taller or shorter than a door?
Are you taller or shorter than an armchair?
Are you taller or shorter than a window sill?

KS1: In a class of 36, $\frac{1}{4}$ have green eyes.
Of those remaining, $\frac{1}{2}$ have brown eyes.

The rest have blue eyes. How many have blue eyes?

Y3/Y4: What is $\frac{1}{4}$ of 88?

Y5/Y6: MLXVI: Write this year in figures.

Can you write 2018 in Roman numerals?



Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

Yesterday in school we celebrated our Festival of Light Day. Across the school we learnt about Diwali, Christingle and Hanukkah.

YR & KS1: Draw a picture and write a fact about something that you learnt.

KS2: Create a fact file for the festival that you learnt about.

They might be displayed around the school.

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 e.g.: debit card with you.



**Our Christian Value this
half term is Kindness.**

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

Aesop **kindness**

**A polite reminder that hair longer than
shoulder length should be kept tied
back with a simple hair band. No flower
or large accessories. Tramline/shaved
heads are not acceptable.**

Don't forget: Tickets are still available for the Christmas Performances at the Salvation Army. Please visit: <https://stjohnstfrancischurch.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>



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.

Change of Collection Arrangements



We receive a high volume of calls most afternoons with details of changes to the collection arrangements for children, or notifying of early collection times eg: for appointments. Wherever possible, could you please ensure you inform your child's class teacher of this in the morning, especially on Fridays, as often the children are outside their classroom in the afternoon for their Golden Time.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Poppy Appeal – Our lovely families and staff raised an astonishing £298.70! Thank you



Older siblings are welcome to collect their younger siblings.

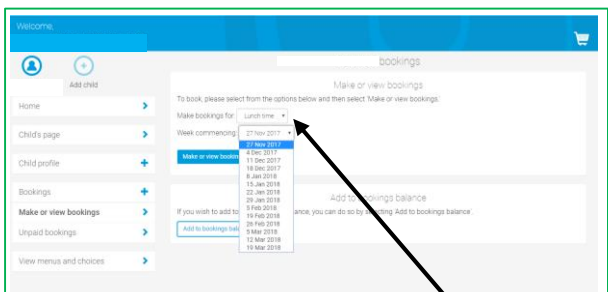
We do ask that you inform your child's Class Teacher in the morning and if this will be a regular arrangement, please

put in writing to your Class Teacher. Many thanks.

School Lunches

The menu for hot Lunches for the whole of Spring Term 2018 is now available online: www.parentpay.com

We strongly recommend booking before the Christmas holiday to ensure it is not overlooked.



Parent Pay Bookings.

Meals can be booked for before and after Spring half-term. This can be done by choosing 'Make or View bookings' → 'Make booking for' and selecting the week of 19th February from the drop down menu.

AMAZING!

Amazing Attendance

The Class with the best attendance this week is

Kingfisher Class!

Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

Kingfisher class can wear non-uniform next Friday, 8th 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: Sasha H
Sparrow Class: Whole Class
Chaffinch Class: Collette G
Goldfinch Class: Whole Class
Woodpecker Class: Oliver W
Jay Class: Sophie S
Barn Owl Class: Whole Class
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class
Kingfisher Class: Whole Class
Heron Class: Whole Class
Eagle Class: Leah and Josie
Kestrel Class: Zena S

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: Tallualah G
Robin of the Week: Reuben W
Blackbird of the Week: Sasha H
Sparrow of the Week: Alfie G
Chaffinch of the Week: Charlie P
Goldfinch of the Week: Cayden J
Woodpecker of the Week: Ava P
Jay of the Week: Marcio F L
Barn Owl of the Week: Alex C
Tawny Owl of the Week: Max M
Kingfisher of the Week: Ava F
Heron of the week: Natalie R
Crane of the week: William A
Kestrel of the week: Harry H
Eagle of the week: Leah 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

4th PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

8th PTA Christmas Disco. KS1 6pm-7pm, KS2 7pm-8.15pm

Our Nativity performances will be at The Salvation Army Hall in Moorland Road.

11th @ 1.45pm Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes

12th @ 1.45pm Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes

13th @ 9.30am Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes

13th @ 1.45pm Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes

14th @ 9.30am Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes

14th @ 1.45pm Nativity 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes

15th @ 9.30am Nativity 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes

18th - 21st Sparkle and Shine Week. Please send in a decorated shoe box.

21st 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

8th School reopens following the Christmas break.

15th – 19th Science Focus Week.

15th PTA Meeting in Peregrine class at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

18th Barn Owl Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Barn Owl Class.

22nd Parents invited into class to see work from our Science week @ 2.45pm.

25th Tawny Owl Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Tawny Owl Class.

February

1st Jay Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Jay Class.

2nd PTA Film Night. More details to follow.

5th PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

6th 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

8th Woodpecker Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Woodpecker Class.