



# St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Message from Mr Piper:

Unfortunately, Mrs Farley is poorly at the moment. I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and we are all looking forward to seeing her again soon.

The Christmas feel is in the air!! I am writing this having walked around the school on Thursday evening to see all the teachers having worked so hard to make their inside doors Christmassy. I can't wait for the children to see them in the morning as they all look amazing- you must ask them what their teacher has done to their door.

There will be a post box on the play ground- you may have already seen it- outside Jay class. If your child would like to post a Christmas card it will be collected by some year 6 pupils each afternoon and delivered to the right class. Please make sure the **child's name and class** is clearly written on the front, otherwise they will not know where to take it.

We are all very excited about meeting you all next week at the Salvation Army for the nativity performances. If you have not yet booked your tickets, these can be booked on our online booking system:

[stjohnstfrancischurch.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://stjohnstfrancischurch.parentseveningsystem.co.uk). There will be a collection on the door, organised by our team captains, the proceeds of which will go to help the Salvation Army supporting the local community.

## Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge



### Maths Challenge

**YR:** Who has the biggest hands in your family?

Who has the smallest hands? How can you tell?

**KS1:** 6 children are invited to a Jubilee party.

There are 20 balloons on the table. Each child takes a balloon. How many balloons are left?

**Y3/Y4:** A bucket holds 2.5 L of water. How many buckets are needed to fill a tank, which holds 25 L?

**Y5/Y6:** Can you express 35% as a fraction and a decimal?  
Can you simplify the fraction?



## Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

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### Christmas Alphabet

Can you think of something associated with Christmas for every letter of the alphabet? You might have to think a bit creatively for some of the letters!

**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

**KS1 Hot Lunches** – please note that following the price increase, children in Reception and Years 1 & 2, who all receive Universal Free School Meals, are fully funded for lunches booked. Please ignore the credit balance of £5 shown on Parent Pay as this is a school adjustment.

**Don't forget: Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 13th December. Please book via Parent Pay before Monday 11th.**



## **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.



St John  
And St Francis  
Church School

The PTA Christmas Fair was a great

success and we have been handing out lots of generously donated raffle prizes this week.

Thank you to you all for supporting and attending the Fair last Friday. You helped the PTA raise a staggering £1,225.50!



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 17**



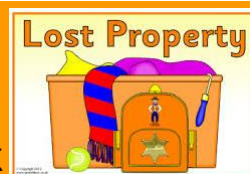
**Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper with their normal school skirt/trousers.**

## **PTA: DVD Orders**

Following the letter home earlier in the week, please ensure all DVD orders (including payment) are returned to school no later than Friday 15th December.

## **Lost Property**

Please make sure you check lost property for any misplaced items by next Friday 15th December. Any items left after this date will be recycled.



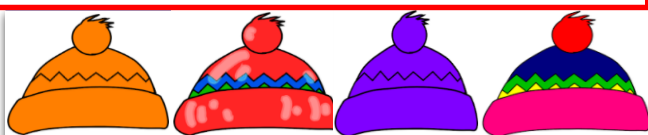
School Applications for 2018 Entry PRIMARY SCHOOL -  
Will your child be 4 before September 2018? If so, you  
must apply for a Primary School place by 23.59 on 15  
January 2018. The preferred method of application is  
online at [www.somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.gov.uk).



There will be a collection at each of next week's  
Christmas Performances, with donations to the  
Salvation Army and the Children's Hospice South West.



The Christmas Post Box is  
now in place outside of  
Jay class, for children  
to share Christmas cards.  
Class lists are available  
from your Class Teacher.  
Please ensure all cards  
clearly show the child's name &  
Class.



### Coats and Hats in School -

Now the weather is wet  
and colder, please make  
sure that your child has a  
warm, NAMED, coat in  
school every day. Please  
also make sure that your  
child has a warm hat with  
them. Thank you.



Year 6 SATS  
week - 14-17 May  
2018

The Year 6 SATS  
will be held during  
the week  
beginning 14<sup>th</sup>  
May. Please look  
in your child's  
book bag for a  
letter regarding a  
Parents meeting  
on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>  
January 2018.

**AMAZING!**

## Amazing Attendance

The Classes with the best attendance this week are

### Blackbird & Eagle Class!

Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

Blackbird & Eagle classes can wear non-uniform next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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: Whole Class  
Sparrow Class: Whole Class  
Chaffinch Class: Talisha F  
Goldfinch Class: Jordan R  
Woodpecker Class: Finleigh J  
Jay Class: Carlos M  
Barn Owl Class: Joel A  
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class  
Kingfisher Class: Ashton O, Kira F, Poppy C, Lillie S, Ella C, Rachel L  
Heron Class: Whole Class  
Eagle Class: Leah, Jasmin, Nicole  
Kestrel Class: Phoebe W

## 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 Class Teacher  
Robin of the Week: Grace C  
Blackbird of the Week: Held for next week as on a school trip  
Sparrow of the Week: Held for next week as on a school trip  
Chaffinch of the Week: Maci R  
Goldfinch of the Week: Ruth P  
Woodpecker of the Week: Greg Z  
Jay of the Week: Maison O-S  
Barn Owl of the Week: Danny O  
Tawny Owl of the Week: Dominic C  
Kingfisher of the Week: Ella S  
Heron of the week: Kurtus J  
Crane of the week: Dominic J  
Kestrel of the week: Charlie G  
Eagle of the week: Oakley CN

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

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

11 <sup>th</sup> @ 1.45pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
12 <sup>th</sup> @ 1.45pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
13 <sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
13 <sup>th</sup> @ 1.45pm	Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes
14 <sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am	Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes
14 <sup>th</sup> @ 1.45pm	Nativity 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes
15 <sup>th</sup> @ 9.30am	Nativity 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes
18 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sparkle and Shine Week. Please send in a decorated shoe box.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper with their normal school trousers/skirt.
21 <sup>st</sup>	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<sup>nd</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January

## January

8 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens following the Christmas break.
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Science Focus Week.
15 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Barn Owl Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Barn Owl Class.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents invited into class to see work from our Science week @ 2.45pm.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Tawny Owl Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Tawny Owl Class.

## February

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jay Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Jay Class.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Film Night. More details to follow.
5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
6 <sup>th</sup>	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 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpecker Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Woodpecker Class.

## 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half Term break