

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Thursday 21st December 2017



Message from Mrs. Farley:

It's been glitter, glue and sparkle all week! Your children have been wonderfully creative. We hope you like all their decorations, cards and calendars. Thank you for helping your child create such wonderful Sparkle and Shine boxes, don't forget it's a good idea to save them and re-use again next year!

Thank you to all parents and children who have sent cards and gifts to the staff. We would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you a fun and peaceful Christmas filled with lots of magical memories! See you in 2018!

Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge

Over the Christmas break, use the time to practice, rehearse and learn the key facts that you need to know. In your reading record books, there is a whole range of different things that you will have been practicing in class that you need to know from number bonds to times tables, fractions to percentages.
Keep practicing.

Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

It's nearly Christmas. Yippee! I'm sure that Father Christmas is going to be delivering lots of presents to you all.
See if you can carry out an act of kindness by writing some Thank You cards or letters.
Happy Christmas to you all and remember to ... Keep Reading!

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: Each class posts up to date information on what your children are currently learning, etc on their class blog, which can be found on our website. Have a look at: <http://stjohnstfrancisbwmat.org/children/classpages>



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.

School Crossing Patrol

Please can you remind

your child/ren to walk

across the zebra crossing,

and not cycle, for

everyone's safety.

Many thanks.

Year 5 and 6 teachers from our school and Wembdon St George's - alongside our Academy Leaders - worked together for five days. We taught lessons at both schools and our academy ambassadors were able to experience lessons at Wembdon and then help lead the learning when we taught similar lessons at St John and St Francis. The project was such a success that Year 6 have decided to pair the children up and begin a pen pal project! Here are some quotes from the children:

"It's interesting to see how everyone learns in different ways."

I've learnt to mix with other children who I don't know."

"I've learnt how to explain things in different ways."

We were incredibly proud of our Academy Ambassadors, Jacob, Ava, Leo and Phoebe, who demonstrated superb behaviour, welcomed children to our school and represented us wonderfully. We believe this is just the start of a great friendship and collaboration with Wembdon St George's.

SAFEGUARDING E-Safety Update

BUYING DEVICES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

If you are thinking of buying technology for your children at Christmas, then you might like to read the advice from the UK Safer internet Centre.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advicecentre/parents-and-carers/parents-guidetechnology>

which includes buying guides to help you choose the best device. This is well worth a read.

Issues with any of our children

If, for any reason, you have an issue with something one of the children at school has done, please can you make sure this is passed on to the school rather than sorted out directly with the child. It can be very intimidating for them to be accused of something by someone they are not familiar with.

There was an unnecessary incident on Tuesday evening where one of our children accidentally bumped into an adult outside of school. The child was then grabbed by the scruff of the neck which caused the child considerable distress. It would have been better had we had the opportunity to follow this up more appropriately at school. Many thanks.



A huge THANK YOU to our families for raising an incredible £671.18 at the recent Christmas Performances.

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Class Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is currently 95.73%. This has fallen below our school target of 96%, however I am positive that we can improve on this during the coming term. I am very pleased to see 144 pupils with 100% attendance for the second half of this term, these children have received Platinum Attendance certificates today. 92 of these children have 100% attendance for the entire school year to date.

A large number of classes also have excellent attendance. A particular well done to Eagle, Goldfinch, Kingfisher, Blackbird and Woodpecker classes, who have attendance above the national average.

SECOND HALF OF AUTUMN TERM 2017



Class	%	100%ers	Non-uniform days - 2nd half Autumn term	Non-uniform days - this year	
Robin	93.48	9			
Wren	94.25	11			
Blackbird	96.12	10	✓	✓✓	
Sparrow	95.21	10			
Chaffinch	94.75	5			
Goldfinch	97.25	11	✓✓	✓✓✓	WOW!
Jay	95.98	12	✓	✓	
Woodpecker	96.67	10		✓	
Barn Owl	95.36	12			
Tawny Owl	95.56	9		✓✓	
Heron	95.05	7			
Kingfisher	96.52	10	✓✓	✓✓	
Eagle	97.88	14	✓✓✓	✓✓✓✓	WOW!
Kestrel	95.76	14	✓	✓	
TOTALS	95.73	144			Great!

Our Early Years classes, Wren and Robin, and Sparrow, Chaffinch, Jay, Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Heron and Kestrel classes have attendance below 96%. We know there are lots of different illnesses during this time of year, however it won't take much to get above 96%. If you are finding this tricky please see a member of staff to discuss it. You're all really close to 96%, so keep trying as we're sure you can get there!

School Matters!



Classroom doors
open at 8.45am
School officially
starts at 8.55am

We have today handed out 144 Certificates to children who have achieved 100% Attendance for the second half of Autumn Term. We will be handing these out every half-term, based on that half-term's attendance alone. We are also currently deciding upon an end of year treat for those children who have 100% attendance for the entire school year.



Star Readers



An award is given out at half term to children, who, for example, have completed the most reading quizzes, have the best points total this half term, or have applied the most effort to their reading.

Congratulations to the following children:-

- Robin Class : Jessie G
- Wren Class : William M
- Blackbird Class : Sasha H
- Sparrow Class : Alfie G
- Chaffinch Class : Lillie-Mae J
- Goldfinch Class : Zack P
- Jay Class : Oliver H
- Woodpecker Class : Beau H
- Barn Owl Class : Danny O
- Tawny Owl Class : Sarunas D
- Heron Class : Kelsey W
- Kingfisher Class : Jayden L
- Eagle Class : Oakley CN
- Kestrel Class : Christopher R

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: Jasmine C
- Woodpecker Class: Louie W
- Jay Class: Callum M
- Barn Owl Class: Whole Class
- Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class
- Kingfisher Class: Whole Class
- Heron Class: Whole Class
- Eagle Class: Hollie A and Satis G
- Kestrel Class: Phoebe G and Leo C



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: Elanie E
- Robin of the Week: Claire G
- Blackbird of the Week: Owen W
- Sparrow of the Week: Romarni C
- Chaffinch of the Week: Daniel W
- Goldfinch of the Week: Laila G
- Woodpecker of the Week: Fabien S
- Jay of the Week: Crystal R
- Barn Owl of the Week: Skyla S
- Tawny Owl of the Week: Amelia G
- Kingfisher of the Week: Ella C
- Heron of the week: Scarlett W
- Crane of the week: Aleksandra B
- Kestrel of the week: Natalya I
- Eagle of the week: Ava D

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

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