

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 2.4 Thursday 23rd November 2017



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Dear Parents/Carers,



As we move ever closer to our Christmas Fair next Friday (1st December) there is plenty going on in, and out, of school to ensure this will be a great success. Please remember that the Santa's Grotto Box Office is open each morning from 8.45 am to 9.00am and again at the end of the school day. This can be found at the front of the school, in the atrium, and you can purchase your tickets ahead of time.

Tomorrow (Friday 24th November) we would ask you to send in your chocolate donations please. Also, please remember that next Friday is a non-uniform day. We ask that children wear their own clothes to school in exchange for the donation of a bottle that will be used for the bottle tombola. Can I please ask that children wear suitable clothes on the day that are also appropriate for the weather. Thank you.

Your support of the school is always very much appreciated and I do hope to see as many of you as possible at next week's event.

Other forthcoming festive events to look forward to:

Thursday 14th December at 10:00
Thursday 14th December at 14:15
Friday 15th December at 14:15
Monday 18th December
Monday 18th December
Tuesday 19th December
Tuesday 19th December

KS1 Nativity, in the school hall
Owls Base Nativity, in the school hall
KS2 Carol Service, at St John's Church
School Christmas Dinner
Owls and Kites Base Christmas Party
Hawks and Eagles Base Christmas Party
Last day of term.

Further details regarding tickets etc will be sent to you shortly.



Another busy week in school again this week and I have seen some really wonderful learning taking place. I very much enjoyed taking part in Eagles writing lessons yesterday, where the children were using a short animation called "The Piano" to further their writing around the themes of war, memories and loss. It certainly stimulated their imaginations and there was some impressive thinking taking place in readiness for writing later in the week.

In Kites, I watched the children enjoying using writing for a range of purposes and combine this with their science learning to help them write reports about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. They were all able to share their subject knowledge and were very enthusiastic in their attitudes to learning.

Hawks base welcomed an Egyptologist into their classrooms yesterday, where they furthered their understanding of the Ancient Egyptian number system, and they played a game of bingo using the hieroglyphs. The children loved meeting and working with Ali, who even brought a 4000 year old artefact with her.

Owls base have been enjoying their topic of Celebrations. They are very busy preparing for their Nativity performance and I enjoyed watching them writing invitations to parents, along with enjoying some very special learning moments which were marked with the class grouping together to celebrate individual children's learning achievements. This was marked by the teachers pulling a party popper; the children cheering as gold confetti flew into the air. Just lovely!

St. Johns Church Event

St. John's Church will be holding their Autumn Fair on this Saturday 25th November 2017 in the church hall situated on Hillside Road. The fair will be held between 2.00 – 4.00pm and will include the sale of home made cakes, seasonal tombola, Christmas gifts, jewellery, fancy goods, refreshments, stocking fillers, children's crafts plus other seasonal and festive stalls. A prize draw is also being held with a good selection of prizes.

Finally, it is meant to be very cold over the weekend and into next week. Please ensure that children have the appropriate jumpers and coats in school. I am always surprised by the number of children who don't have a coat or jumper in the playground at lunchtime. Please support your children by checking that they have the correct clothing with them at all times.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and peaceful week ahead

Ian Doswell

Headteacher

E-Safety



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Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Child protection officer for the Primary school is Mr Ian Doswell, or Mrs Nicola Short in his absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.

Community News

(Although these events are not endorsed by the school, they are shared with you for your information).

Great Western Youth Theatre is looking for new members.

Great Western Youth Theatre is a drama group for children in school years 5 -10. We meet on Tuesday evenings in term time at St Andrew's Church hall from 7-9pm. There are no auditions and we work hard to make sure everyone is given an opportunity to shine. We put on a show at the end of each year and use the rehearsal process to develop confidence in our members and teach skills that are valuable both on and off stage.

Here's what one of our past members had to say about the group:

I was a member of GWYT from Year 6 to Year 10, and I can honestly say that it was one of the best experiences of my life. Not only did I make some of my best friends in this group (to this day), but I grew in confidence and was able to express myself in a manner that I was unable to at school or in any other group I was involved with. Even now, I'm still heavily involved with theatre at university and this is a testament to the fond memories I have of performing with my GWYT family for so many years. If you're thinking of joining this group, then do - you honestly won't regret it!

GWYT costs £35 per term. For more information please email info.gwyt@gmail.com

**CHRISTMAS
LIGHTS
SWITCH ON**

**CLEVEDON TOWN CENTRE
SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2017
FROM 1.00PM
SWITCH ON AT 4.30PM**

**LATE NIGHT OPENING OF TOWN CENTRE SHOPS
ENTERTAINMENT BY LOCAL GROUPS
STALLS AND FAIRGROUND RIDES
NEW LIGHTS ADDED TO 2017 DISPLAY**

BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS