

# St. John the Evangelist Church School

## NEWSLETTER



Term 3.5 Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018



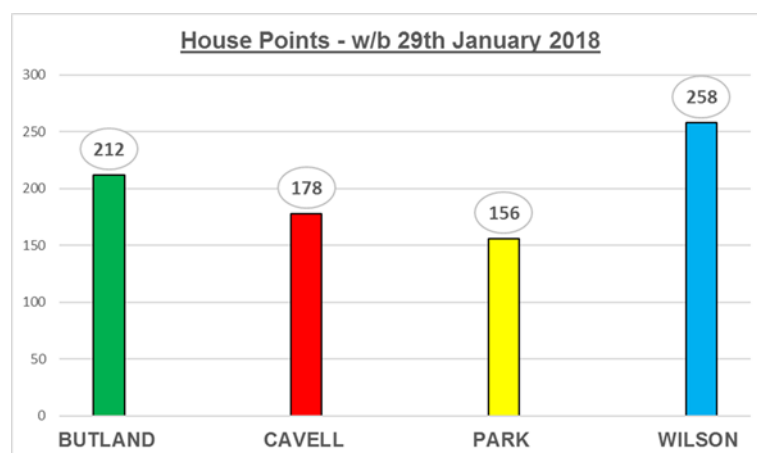
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Multi Academy Trust  
"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I have shared our School Development Plan with you. This has been communicated to you in what, I hope, is a user friendly and accessible format. The plan we use in school is much more detailed and aligned to the various roles and responsibilities of the staff. It is also reflective of the key priorities of the Bath and Wells Multi Academy Trust. It is designed to ensure that we are focussed on the key aspects of our work that will make the most impact on the children's learning experience here at St Johns. The plan is constantly reviewed and, where necessary, adapted throughout the year. I hope you find it useful. This document can also be found on the school website.

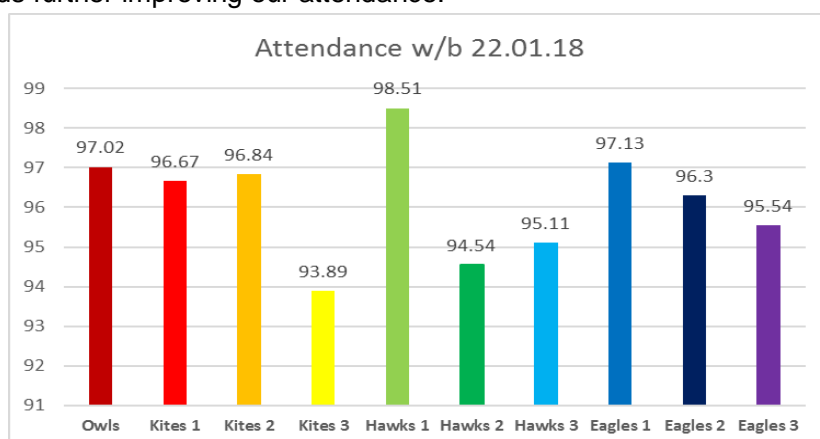
### Housepoints

We have been collecting housepoints across the school and I thought you might like to see the current totals.



### Attendance

Our year to date attendance continues to be strong, and above the national average of 96.6% as a whole school. From now on we will publish weekly attendance figures for each class in the newsletter for your information. As you are aware, regular attendance is vital to ensure that your children make the best of every possible learning opportunity and make the best possible progress. I would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring attendance at St John's is good and would ask for your continued support to ensure we sustain this, and work towards further improving our attendance.



Whole School Attendance  
(For last week): **96.7%**  
Whole School Attendance  
(Year to date): **97.1%**

### **Parking**

Once again we are experiencing issues with inconsiderate parking in Fosseway and surrounding cul-de-sacs. The Community Police Officer (CPO) has been to school this week and reported that a number of people she spoke with were not aware of our guidelines. Could you all please take note of these and inform others who may drop/collect your child from school.

A lot of congestion is caused by motorists not following the one-way system. Yesterday, for example, the coaches for an educational visit had difficulty reaching the school.

Further suggestions are to park in nearby public car parks and walk the last part of your journey to school. This also keeps children fit and healthy.

### **Parking using the one-way system**

- Please use Fosseway as a one-way system, entering at the Asda end when arriving to deliver or collect children and leaving via the Tesco end.
- Please park on the school side of the road only without blocking the entrance to the staff car park, or local residents' driveways.
- Please do not park on the zig-zags.
- This makes busy school times much safer for everyone and allows emergency vehicles to have access if needed.
- In addition, would you please ensure that anyone collecting or delivering your children is aware of this one-way system.

### **Sensory gardens**

A number of children tend to play in the sensory gardens before school. Please can you ensure that your children do not go into this area before or after school. The ground is wet and the area is becoming very muddy. Children are also entering school with dirty shoes and carrying the mess into the school.

### **Safer Internet Day 2018**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018, the whole school will be taking part in various activities during the school day, including a special assembly and workshop activities. Parents are invited to attend an e-safety presentation at 14:30 in the school hall (doors open at 14:20). This will be followed by short presentations by representatives from each class to showcase their learning from the day. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

### **Reminder: Owl Base Maths Workshop.**

Owl Base parents, grandparents and carers are warmly invited to join us for this event in the school hall, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018, from 14:15. We will provide information about the learning journey in early Maths, the expectations for the end of the Reception year and some activities that you can share with your children. The children will be join us during the session and we will play some Maths games together. It promises to be a lot of fun and we look forward to seeing you.

### **Forms**

Term 4 Booking forms for Breakfast Club and After School Care Club are now available. These can be downloaded from the school website or paper copies collected from the office hatch. Please hand in booking forms for Term 4 to the school office by the end of this term so staffing and catering can be arranged.

### **School Meal Special - Pancake Day!**

As Shrove Tuesday falls during the term break this academic year, for dessert on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 our school cook and his team will be offering pancakes, with a selection of toppings, to pupils having a school meal.

## Safeguarding

Next week in **Owls Base**, we will be doing some learning around the NSPCC's Talk PANTS campaign.

Talk PANTS centres on five key rules:

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no.
- Talk about secrets that upset you.
- Speak up, someone can help.

Some parents may feel this is a difficult area to discuss with their child but research from the NSPCC suggests that the messages are most valuable when taught at a young age. We will approach it gently and sensitively using resources ideally suited to young children, including the Pantosaurus song, which are available to view on the NSPCC website. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/> Please speak to one of the Owl Base teachers if you would like to know more.

Other bases will be exploring this initiative after half term and we will let you know when these sessions take place.

## Half term

It is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of the first half of the spring term. The school will close for the half term break on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm**. We will reopen on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018**, following the INSET day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>.

## School Vision and Values

We are currently undertaking a review of our school's vision and values. Children and staff have worked in collaborative groups to share ideas around how we might update them. As part of this consultation we would like to seek the thoughts and opinions of parents and carers too. We will be setting up a "Values" area so you can see some of our current thinking and add your own voice to the process. Please visit this in the Atrium before or after school on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week if you would like to take part.

## **And finally...**

Eagles base visited Wells yesterday to learn all about the history and importance of the famous cathedral. This morning a member of the public contacted the school to say how very impressed they were with the children's excellent attitudes and behaviour. This is another example of how well our children conduct themselves, both in and out of school. We are all very proud of Eagles for their exemplary conduct during this visit. Very well done indeed!

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful week ahead,

Ian Doswell

Headteacher



[Link to Parent Zone for weekly updates >](#)

*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).

RMC Sports are running Sports Zone Camps in North Somerset.

It is a fantastic opportunity for children who love sports and want to challenge themselves with different types of sports on different themed days.

These fun filled days will include popular sports such as football and will include other sports like dodgeball & archery plus lots more.

Also RMC Sports will be using their brand new Bubble football zorbs(Stroke only), where the children will get a chance to play football against friends in giant inflatable zorbs!

Stroke Leisure Centre 12th-16th Feb

Court de Wyck school 13th & 15th Feb

All sessions 9.00-3.00

These camps are for boys & girls from any school, of any ability & aged between 5-11 years old.

£12 per day per child or 2 siblings for £20.

We hope that you view our camps as good value for money, especially compared to other providers and always strive to ensure your children are well looked after and having fun!

To book please Email [info@rmcsports.co.uk](mailto:info@rmcsports.co.uk) or Call/Text 07725632214 and we will pass payment details on to you.

Kind Regards

Russell Cox



**Come & Join us for a fun filled day in the Woods**

**February Half Term**  
13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

Sessions start from 10am & 1pm.  
You are welcome to stay all day if you wish.

Price - £5 per child (max of 3 children for every adult)  
At least one adult must stay with each group.

Please visit the website for more information  
<http://AtPlayInTheWoods.co.uk>

**Limited Spaces Available**  
Please Book Online

An opportunity to explore woodlands and play outside.  
We'll cook snacks over a campfire, play woodland games and have fun.

Children should wear clothing appropriate for the weather conditions and environment (i.e. woodland, mud). Layered clothing is best for warmth and flexibility. Footwear should be sturdy, such as trainers or hiking boots. Wellies are ok but are harder to run in and feet can get cold. Long trousers are important for protecting legs. Thermal socks, gloves and hats are also good ideas and waterproofs for rain and mud. Spare clothes are a good idea, as well as a bag to put mucky clothes in for the homeward journey.

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Come along and register with us for the opportunity of paid work on Film and TV productions!

You will need to bring a few things with you to register:

- A Copy of the child's **Birth Certificate**
  - Professional Standard **Headshot AND Full Length Photograph** (digital format)
- OR

**Get Photos done on the day!** We work with a lovely Professional Headshot Photographer who will be with us all day. Opt to use this service (£25 per child) and we'll send you copies of the photos.



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