

# St. John the Evangelist Church School

## NEWSLETTER



**Term 4.1 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018**



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

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a very enjoyable week with your children and enjoyed some quality family time last week. The children have come back to school with their usual enthusiasm for learning and have settled very well.

We have a short term ahead again, with plenty happening and some important key dates coming up.

### **Parent Consultations**

These take place, as follows:-

- Eagles Base - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- Kites Base - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- Hawks Base - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018
- Owls Base - Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

You will have received an email asking you to book a suitable time with the school office. In response to parental requests, we have extended the timings of these days so that the last appointment is now at 17:45. On most days there are lettings in school, starting at 18:00 and these have been agreed a long time in advance, preventing us from going on later. I appreciate many of you would like an appointment after 18:00 and we will look at this for the next academic year ahead in advance of agreeing the lettings schedule.

### **Pupil Information Sheets**

If you have not already done so, please return these tomorrow (Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February) so that we can update the school records. It is very important that we have up to date contact and medical information for your child. This is part of our duty of care and safeguarding responsibility to them and to you. Please note that the form requires alternative contact details and these must be provided wherever possible.

### **Staff Training (Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018)**

On Monday of this week the staff came together to review the school curriculum and look at ways to improve, enhance and broaden the learning experience for every child in the school. We are committed to ensuring that our curriculum is relevant to all children and really prepares them for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It was the first small step in what will be a long piece of work for us, and one that we intend to evolve over the coming months into the next academic year. As we make further progress with this I will share the details of this and we hope that there will be new and exciting curriculum plans for you to access via the school's website soon

As part of the day I had interviewed many of the children to collect their thoughts on what they enjoyed about school, what they would like to do more of and what their aspirations for the future are. Many of these responses were then put into a short film that started our day on Monday. This film will soon be available for you to view also, via the screens in the Atrium and the small playground. I will let you know when this has been uploaded.

### **Thinking Day**

Today members of Girlguiding and the Scouts Association celebrated 'Thinking Day' to mark their founders birthdays. Pupils from these organisations were allowed to come to school in their respective uniforms. The children who participated looked splendid in their respective uniforms.

### **Class Worship**

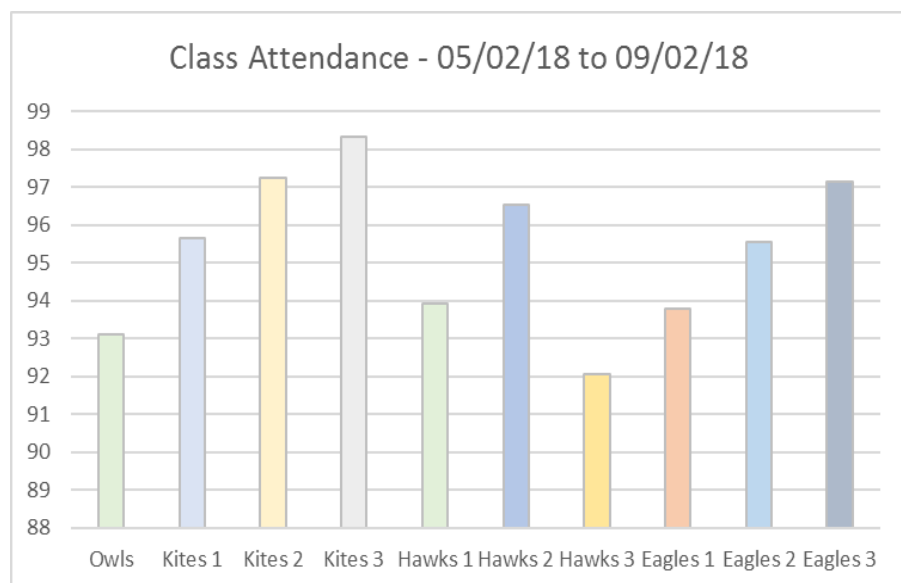
Dates for Class Worship are set and published at the beginning of each term, and an invitation to attend will be sent to the parents of pupils in the relevant class. For Term 4 these will be:

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Kites 2

**World Book Day**

This takes place next week on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Information was sent out before the break to let you know that children can come to school dressed as a character or representation from their current class novel. If you require more information or direction about what they can wear then do please see your child's class teacher.

**Attendance**



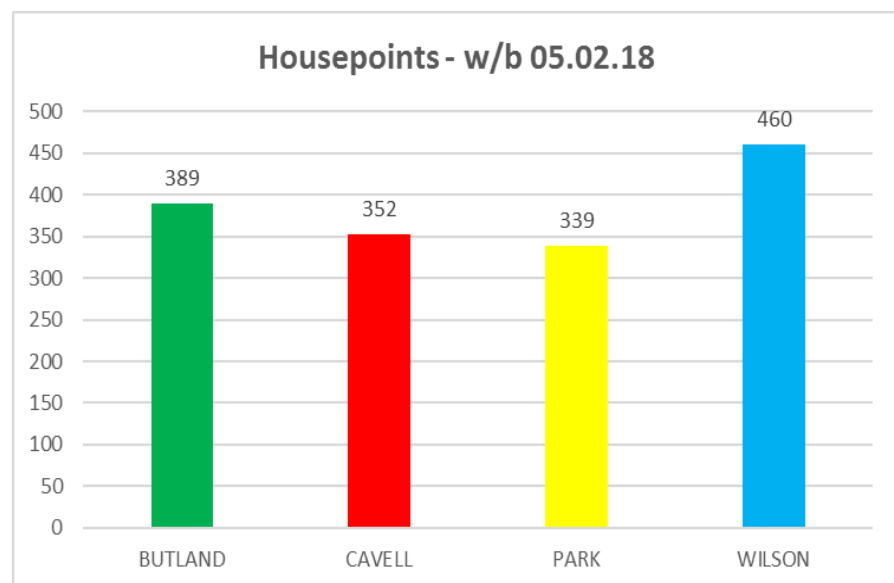
Our whole school attendance for the last week of last half term dipped to **95.25%**.

This is a very low figure for St John's as we are usually above 96%. St John's attendance, both in the BWMAT and the local authority, is also usually high and it would be a shame if we began to slip.

Please can I ask that you ensure your child is in school every day, unless they are too unwell to attend or there is an extremely exceptional circumstance. In each case of non-attendance, you must phone the office on each day of absence and then provide, where possible, a written confirmation upon your child's return.

Thank you

**House Points**



Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful week ahead,

Ian Doswell  
Headteacher

**Reminder**

The closing date for the ICT design a desktop competition is 26.02.18 at 17:00. We have received some lovely entries so far!

**Shoebboxes Needed for a Science and Technology focus**

Our school will soon be holding an inter-house shoebox buggy building competition with the winners competing against other schools in North Somerset, in March 2018. As the children will be

organised into small groups, we will require 75 shoeboxes as competition resources. If you have any spare boxes, please send your child into class with them by 02.03.18 I will arrange for Eagles' pupils to collect and store them. Thank you.

Mr. Lilley - Science subject leader

E-Safety



[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).