



Autumn Newsletter 2

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2017

Message from Mrs Farley: What a week we've had at St John and St Francis Church School. As always our children started the week ready to learn. We held our first Team Captain learning walk looking at reading across the school. However we didn't get to feedback as I had to take an important phone call! As you know this week Ofsted visited our school. Your positive comments were held in high regard by the team and we look forward to sharing our report with you when we are able. Thank you to all parents who have attended curriculum information sessions this week. Lots of information has been shared with you, as ever please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any concerns. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Online safety workshops for parents on Monday

As part of this, the NSPCC are running free online safety workshops for parents and carers and will be hosting one at St John and St Francis Church School at 9.00am on Monday 18th September in the school hall. We would like to invite all parents, grandparents and carers to attend this meeting and we really hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. It is so important that we all work together to help keep our children safe when working and playing online.

Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge



YR: What shapes can you find in your house?

KS1: Hansel and Gretel had to walk 18 miles to the gingerbread house. They ran out of bread crumbs half way. How much further did they have to walk until they arrived at the gingerbread house?

Y3/Y4: I am thinking of a number, I multiply it by 4 and I end up with 32. What number am I?

Y5/Y6: I am 8 more than a 1/3 of double 75. What number am I?

Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

This week is a Reading Challenge

How many times can you read between today, Friday, and next Thursday?

Are you going to go for GOLD - 7 times, which is every day?

Rise to the challenge everyone and read every day!
Remember to record your reading in your Home School Diary.



Our Christian Value this half term is Friendship.

Friends are like stars. You can't always see them, but you know they are always there.



Don't forget: To book your children's hot lunches online via ParentPay. They can be booked right up until Christmas. Please visit www.parentpay.com



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 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.

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.

Open Door Policy

Our staff are always happy to speak to you if you have anything you would like to ask and they will be on the playground to greet you and your child in the morning and will be ensuring your child returns to you safely at the end of the day. If you have any complaints, concerns or even compliments, please speak with your Class Teacher initially, then Senior Leadership Team: Mrs Kendrick, Mrs Craven, Mrs Wells, Mr Piper and Miss Walsh. Mr Piper and Mrs Farley will be available if your child's class teacher or Senior Leadership Team member is unable to help in the circumstances.



School premises before and after school.

Can we please remind you that the children are not allowed on their scooter or bike around the playground or on any of the school equipment before the start and the end of the school day.

Please ensure any younger siblings adhere to these rules as well.



After School Clubs

If you have returned the After School club reply slip, please check your child's book bag for a Gold slip to confirm whether they have a place. If your child does not have a place (as indicated on the slip), they will automatically be added to the waiting list.

Many thanks.



Wet weather.

Unfortunately the sunshine we had over the summer appears to be disappearing and rainier and colder days are more frequent. PLEASE ensure your child comes to school with a coat. We still take the children outside for play, even if it is light rain, to have a run around and enjoy the fresh air!

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Amazing Attendance

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The Class with the best attendance this week is

Eagle Class

Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

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:

Blackbird of the Week: Ryan W
Sparrow of the Week: Frankie T
Chaffinch of the Week: Toby C
Goldfinch of the Week: Jordan R
Woodpecker of the Week: Louie T
Jay of the Week: Jorja H
Barn Owl of the Week: Xaan S
Tawny Owl of the Week: Not provided by Teacher
Kingfisher of the Week: Trinity F
Heron of the week: Todd S
Crane of the week: Lillie S
Kestrel of the week: Tyler I
Eagle of the week: Ava D

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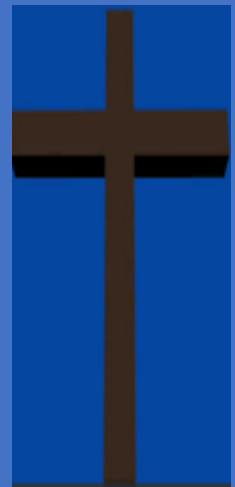
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Class Worship

Thank You to the following children who led their class worship.

Well done to all of you!

Blackbird Class: Katie
Sparrow Class: Mariana
Chaffinch Class: Whole Class
Goldfinch Class: Whole Class
Woodpecker Class: Whole class
Jay Class: Callum K
Barn Owl Class: Whole Class
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class
Kingfisher Class: Whole Class
Heron Class: Whole Class
Eagle Class: Whole Class
Kestrel Class: Rene G and Natalya I



SCHOOL DATES—

(THESE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE)

September	
18th	Monday 18th September 9.00am - 10.00am in Main Hall 02 Parent Workshop - NSPCC 'Speak out! Stay safe!' On line safety workshop for all parents and grandparents.
22nd	PTA Bingo night. More details to follow.
28th	Reading Café. Parents are invited into Class for a reading session led by Class teachers, 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
29th	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils.
October	
2nd	PTA Meeting in School Hall at 6.45pm - This meeting is the AGM everyone welcome to attend.
3rd	Open Morning and Afternoon for parents whose child is due to start school in September 2018. 9.30am & 2pm – to book a place please contact the School Office. Please feel free to bring your child.
5th	Kestrel Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Kestrel Class.
6th	Open Morning and Afternoon for parents whose child is due to start school in September 2018. 9.30am & 2pm – to book a place please contact the School Office. Please feel free to bring your child.
9th	Year 6 visit to Fleet Air Arm Museum.
12th	Eagle Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Eagle Class.
13th	PTA Film Night – more details to follow.
17th	Harvest Service @ St Francis Church. Times to be confirmed.
20th	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils.
HALF TERM 23rd – 27th October.	
30th	School re-opens following the Half Term break.
November	
2nd	Maths Session. Parents are invited into Class for a maths session led by Class teachers. 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.
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6th	PTA Meeting in School Hall at 6.45pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
7th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Parents will be given details of our online parents evening system to book an appointment with class teachers.
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16th	Heron Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Heron Class.