



Autumn Newsletter 6

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2017

Message from Mrs Farley:

We are speeding towards the end of our first Half Term. It is a real pleasure to see the progress all children have made in their learning. We have been able to give out our first 'Bronze Stars!' Children will be continue to be awarded with a pin badge when they complete their Team Point card. We would like children to wear their stars on their jumper / cardigan, or tie, so that we can continually celebrate their achievements and encourage others to aspire to complete their cards. Congratulations to children who have been awarded and we hope you soon start to spot the stars around the school!

Thank you to everyone who continues to arrive at school on time. We have noticed a great improvement across the whole school which is fantastic.

Don't forget to return your NSPCC Sponsor form and money by Tuesday 17th October. The NSPCC are returning to school on Wednesday 18th October. Thank you.

Mr Piper's weekly Maths challenge

Maths Challenge

YR: Find a shape pattern in your house, e.g. wallpaper, tiles, on the duvet. Can you describe it? (It could be squares/circles...) See if you can draw your own pattern.

KS1: Red Riding Hood had to walk 12 miles to Granny's house. She got lost half way. How much further did she have to walk until she arrived at Granny's house?

Y3/Y4: I am thinking of a number, I multiply it by 4 and I end up with 36. What number am I?

Y5/Y6: I am 8 more than a 1/6 of double 60. What number am I?



Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

YR/Y1/Y2: How many words can you find that rhyme with ...

cat like man ball

Y1/Y2: Write some sentences using them.

Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6: Make a list of all the homophones that you know.

Write some interesting sentences using them.



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: School is closed next Friday (20th October) for our INSET day.



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.**

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.

PTA Help Required

Weds 1st Nov

If you are available at 1.30pm on 1st November the PTA would welcome your help in wrapping presents for the Christmas party. Please give your name to the school office or to the PTA.



Roblox

You are probably aware of an online game called Roblox. Roblox is a gaming platform where multiple players interact and play together online. The site has a collection of games aimed at 8-18 year olds; however players of all ages can and do use the site. If your children use this site, you should be aware that as part of the game, they can be contacted by strangers. An alarming and growing number of paedophiles use these sites to make contact with children and make inappropriate suggestions. There are some parental controls available on Roblox, but it appears that these are often not used correctly or not used at all.

If your children play on this site, we strongly advise that you supervise them at all times and set the parental controls to the highest level. However, we have been advised that even when this has been done, children have still been subjected to inappropriate contact and content.

If you would like any support with this, please do pop in and see us – we will be happy to help you.

Flu vaccinations

The School Nursing Team will be here on Tuesday 14th November to administer flu vaccinations for Years Reception – 4. Please note the NHS will write to parents directly regarding this.



Don't forget
parents
evening!

**Parents Evening
(Monday 6th Nov
& Thurs 9th Nov)
Booking is open
from 3.30pm
today at:**

stjohnstfrancischurch.parents-eveningsystem.co.uk

AMAZING!

Amazing Attendance

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The Class with the best attendance this Half Term is

Goldfinch Class!

Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

Goldfinch class can wear non-uniform next Wednesday, 18th October.

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: Hollie C
Robin of the Week: Jessie G
Blackbird of the Week: Alisha G
Sparrow of the Week: Charlie C
Chaffinch of the Week: Lilly F
Goldfinch of the Week: Warren R
Woodpecker of the Week: Skye C
Jay of the Week: Jeremy R
Barn Owl of the Week: Lily-May B
Tawny Owl of the Week: Charlie G
Kingfisher of the Week: Poppy C
Heron of the week: Holly C
Crane of the week: Maria G
Kestrel of the week: Phoebe G
Eagle of the week: Jacob R
Peregrine of the week: Finley G

Fair & Honest
Listen to Others
Outstanding Attitudes
Careful with Property
Kind and Helpful

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: Reuben B
Sparrow Class: Whole Class
Chaffinch Class: Florence F
Goldfinch Class: Harry P
Woodpecker Class: Codie R
Jay Class: Jack A
Barn Owl Class: Ella D
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class
Kingfisher Class: Whole Class
Heron Class: Whole Class
Eagle Class: Jasmin B and Lucy T
Kestrel Class: Ellie T



SCHOOL DATES— (THESE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<http://stjohnstfrancisbwmat.org/school-calendar-dates>)

October	
17 th	Harvest Service @ St Francis Church. Year 1 and 2 : 9.30am, Year 3 and 4 : 10.10am, Year 5 and 6 : 10.50am. Reception classes (In School Hall) : 2.30pm
19 th	Whole School Photos with Tempest Photography. Pre-school siblings welcome from 8.30am.
20 th	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils.
HALF TERM 23rd – 27th October.	
30 th	School re-opens following the Half Term break.
November	
2 nd	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.
3 rd	INSET DAY- School closed to all pupils
6 th	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
7 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm.
9 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm.
14 th	School Nursing Team to administer flu vaccinations, Year R – 4. NHS to write to parents directly.
16 th	Heron Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Heron Class.
23 rd	Kingfisher Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Kingfisher Class.
24 th	PTA Christmas Bingo. Doors open 7pm, eyes down at 7.30.
30 th	Festival of Light Day. The children will focus on different religious festivals that celebrates lights.
December	
1 st	PTA Christmas Fair 3.15pm
4 th	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
8 th	PTA Christmas Disco. KS1 6pm-7pm, KS2 7pm-8.15pm
Our Nativity performances will be at The Salvation Army Hall in Moorland Road.	
11 th @ 1.45pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
12 th @ 1.45pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
13 th @ 9.30am	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
13 th @ 2.00pm	Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes
14 th @ 9.30am	Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes
14 th @ 2.00pm	Nativity 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes
15 th @ 9.30am	Nativity 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes
18 th - 21 st	Sparkle and Shine Week. Please send in a decorated shoe box.
21 st	Parents invited into Class to make a Christmas decoration 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