

# St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018



**Message from Mrs Farley:** Mrs Craven and I visited a School in Bristol this week to gain more ideas to inspire our children to read more – we found lots! Please make sure that you are reading with your child at home every day. Daily practice helps children to consolidate reading skills and make faster progress. It doesn't take long to practise; 10 minutes every day can make a big difference. Don't forget to make a note in your child's Home School Diary and use the reading questions that are at the front of the book to help. Discussing vocabulary and the meaning of unknown words is also key to further development.

As ever if you have any concern or question please speak with your child's classteacher or a member of the senior leadership team. We are here to work with you all.

## Mr Piper's Weekly Maths challenge



**YR:** Ask your grown up if you can count the coins they have got? How many are 1 p coins? Practise writing these numbers at home.

**KS1:** I'm thinking of a shape. It has at least 1 curved face. What two shapes could it be?

**Y3/Y4:** A packet has 15 biscuits. Five packets are put in a box. Kim eats 34 biscuits from the box. How many biscuits are left in the box?

**Y5/Y6:** Angus is serving pizzas at a party. Each person is given  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a pizza. How many people can Angus serve if he has 12 pizzas?

## Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

Can you design a new front cover for your favourite book? It could be a story book, a non-fiction book or a poetry book. Remember to include the title of your book and the author's name.

Write a blurb for your book as well.

### **Important Notice : Unauthorised Absences & Term Time Leave**

The school's Attendance Policy can be found online on our website:

<http://stjohnstfrancisbwmatt.org/about-us/policies/local-policies/>

In line with Government expectations, any unauthorised absences of 10 sessions or more within a 12 week period, resulting in an attendance of less than 96%, a Penalty Notice of £60 will be applied per parent/carer per child.



**Our Christian Value this half term is Perseverance.**  
We will try our best in everything we do inside  
and outside of school



**Don't forget: Year 6 - The 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of £60 for Kilve residential trip is due 9<sup>th</sup> February, via Parent Pay.**

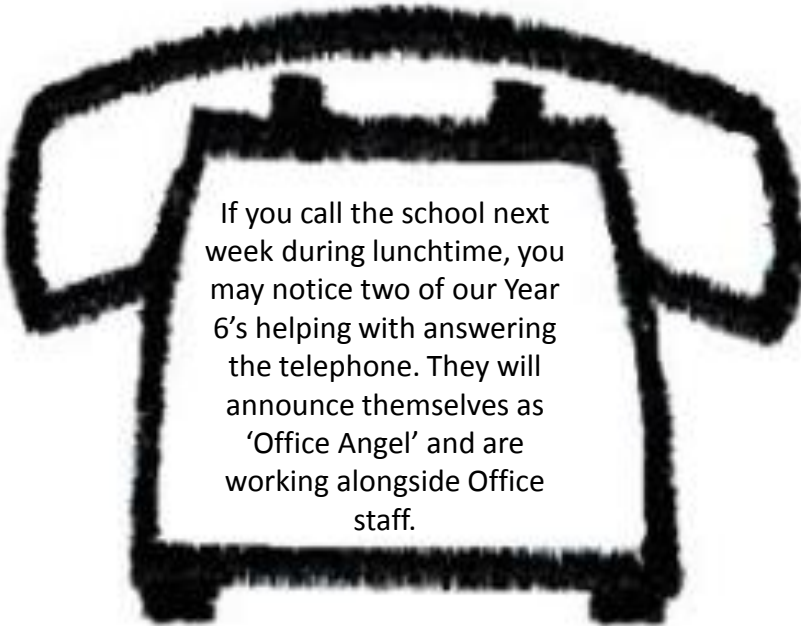


## **SAFEGUARDING**

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.**

There is lots of online safety advice on our website- [please follow this link](#) to help keep your child safe.

**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.



If you call the school next week during lunchtime, you may notice two of our Year 6's helping with answering the telephone. They will announce themselves as 'Office Angel' and are working alongside Office staff.

### **\*\* Advance Notice - PTA News \*\***

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – Non Uniform day for everyone, in lieu of donations for the Easter Bingo Night on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please donate chocolate Easter eggs, Mini eggs or an Easter craft activity set. All items will be put together in Hampers as prizes of Line and House prizes. If you have a family of children at our school you may prefer to buy one bigger Egg or a separate donation for each child – you decide.

Many thanks, the PTA really appreciate your support.



### **PTA Clothing Bin**

The PTA's clothing bin has arrived, and is located in the school car park by the recycling containers. The bin is labelled with items it will accept such as old clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, bags & belts. Unfortunately old bedding, plastic toys, etc can not be accepted.



# AMAZING!

## Amazing Attendance

The Class with the best attendance this week is

### Tawny Owl Class!

Well done to all of you for achieving great attendance!

Tawny Owl Class can wear non-uniform next Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018.



## 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: Charles H  
Sparrow Class: Mariana G  
Chaffinch Class: Whole Class  
Goldfinch Class: Ruth P  
Woodpecker Class: Louie W  
Jay Class: Whole Class  
Barn Owl Class: Ella D  
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class  
Kingfisher Class: Ebony T, Poppy C, Jake H – perseverance in sport!  
Heron Class: Jay C, Carlo F and Peter W  
Eagle Class: Blossom W  
Kestrel Class: Whole Class

## 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: Kurtis F  
Robin of the Week: Callum S  
Blackbird of the Week: Maddison W  
Sparrow of the Week: Logan M  
Chaffinch of the Week: Collette G  
Goldfinch of the Week: Ella H  
Woodpecker of the Week: Cayleigh B  
Jay of the Week: Jayden M  
Barn Owl of the Week: Megan M  
Tawny Owl of the Week: Archie D  
Kingfisher of the Week: Ella S  
Heron of the week: Ryan S  
Crane of the week: Ella H  
Kestrel of the week: Tyler I  
Eagle of the week: Malcolm G  
Peregrine of the week: Thomas E

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

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

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

### February

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jay Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Jay Class.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	PTA Film Night. More details to follow.
5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day. Parents invited into school to work 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
8 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpecker Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Woodpecker Class.

### 12th – 16th Half Term break

19 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens following the Half Term break.
19 <sup>th</sup>	I wonder Why Day. The children will spend the day investigating and finding out about a particular subject...it's all a surprise
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Storytelling Week
27 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Session. Parents are invited into Class for a maths session led by Classteachers. 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

### March

1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. Reading Café. Parents are invited into Class for a reading session led by Classteachers, 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
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-school uniform in lieu of donations for PTA Easter Bingo eg: easter eggs
5 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Road Safety TACS visit
5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Chaffinch Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Chaffinch Class.
9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Easter Bingo. Doors open 7pm, eyes down at 7.30
15 <sup>th</sup>	Goldfinch Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Goldfinch Class.
16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Easter Disco. KS1 6pm-7pm, KS2 7pm-8.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Focus week – 40 acts of Kindness
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Services more information to follow. Bonnet Parade on the School Playground. All children are asked to make an Easter Bonnet. Parade will be at 2.00pm followed by hot cross buns in the school hall.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents invited into class to make an Easter 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





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## Easter Prize Bingo

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

7pm Doors Open

7.30pm Eyes Down

£1 per book

OR £5 for 6 books

Cash Flyer £1 ticket or £5 for 6

*Limited seating available*

Children must be accompanied by an adult  
and are expected to be quiet during games.

**Raffle & Refreshments**