

# St John & St Francis Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018



**Message from Mrs Farley:** As we come to the end of the half term I would like to thank all parents and members of the community for their continued support and kind words of encouragement as we continue to make St John and St Francis Church School a place of excellence.

**Staffing:** For the rest of the academic year Mrs Wells is working at Churchfield School. Mr Hole will teach Jay class with Mrs Hill and Miss Bailey will be with Barn Owl class full time. We have also said goodbye to Mrs Hyam who has had a very long association with our school as parent, PTA treasurer and lunchtime supervisor. We wish Mrs Hyam and her family good luck in their new home.

Sadly Mrs Howe will be leaving the school at Easter. She will be greatly missed by us all. We have appointed staff to fill her role as our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) and will keep you informed when everything has been confirmed.

*I hope you all have an enjoyable Half Term.*

## Mr Piper's Weekly Maths challenge



**Year 8**  
Start with the numbers 1-5 written on 5 small pieces of paper. How quickly can you choose the right one when a grown up holds up that many fingers? Can you try it with the numbers 1-10?

**KS1**  
Before Sally went to bed, she counted the eggs that her chickens had laid in their coup. She counted 63 (she had a lot of chickens!) when she woke up in the morning she counted them again but she was surprised that there were now 94. Can you draw a bar mode to show how many eggs they laid over night?

**Years 3 and 4**  
Usually a fraction is less than 1. Can you draw a picture to help you explain what has happened in these two naughty fractions?

$$\frac{4}{3} \quad \frac{3}{2}$$

**Years 5 and 6**  
 $4x + 3 = 3y$   
Use your times tables, what could x and y be? Try putting some different numbers in to prove whether you are right or not.  
x =                      y =  
Can you make your own algebraic formula?

## Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

**It's Shrove Tuesday next week. How many pancakes will you eat?**

- YR:** Draw a picture of a pancake with your favourite topping on it.
- KS1:** Create your own pancake and write a list of ingredients that you will need.
- KS2:** Create your own pancake and write the instructions that you will need to follow to make it.

**Happy Pancake Eating!!**

The Book People Book Fair is coming to our school after half term. It will be open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 3.00pm – 3.30pm in Peregrine Class.



**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: To book lunches for after half term. We currently have 39 meals booked for the first day back, usually this is 180.**



## **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 Miss Laura Walsh. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mr David Durston. The School's Safeguarding policy can be found online at:

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

**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.

### **Star Readers**

An award is given out at half term to children, who, for example, have completed the most reading quizzes, have the best points total this half term, or have applied the most effort to their reading.

**Congratulations to the following children:-**

Robin Class: Joyce HH  
Wren Class: Finley R  
Blackbird Class: Tyler H  
Sparrow Class: Alana P  
Goldfinch Class: Flynn C  
Chaffinch Class: Lilly F  
Jay Class: Keira H  
Woodpecker Class: Finley F  
Barn Owl Class: Elisha D  
Tawny Owl Class: Akville K  
Heron Class: Holly C  
Kingfisher Class: Jake H  
Crane Class: Rebecca B  
Kestrel Class: Thomas W  
Eagle Class: Nicole A  
Peregrine Class: Harvey L-M



Please can you ensure your child does not bring 'putty' into school, as it is becoming a distraction during lessons.  
Thank you.



A very big well done to all children who took part in the gymnastics competitions on Monday at St Joseph's and St Mary's Schools. Both our Year 3/4 team and Year 1/2 team performed exceptionally well, having learnt the routine at gymnastics club, as well as having time to practise and refine the skills at the competition in preparation for the routine. Special mention to Jorja Higgs for a first place finish in her competition. Well done to all, and thank you to parents/carers for help and support with transport. Miss Bryant.

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## Class Attendance:

Our whole school attendance for the year to date is currently 95.57%. Whilst this is below our school target of 96%, there have been a number of illnesses reported as we work through the Winter months and into Spring. I am delighted that we have 214 pupils with 100% attendance for the first half of Spring term, and these children have received Platinum Attendance certificates today. 63 of these children have 100% attendance for the entire school year, to date.

Thank you for ensuring your children come to school regularly.

### FIRST HALF OF SPRING TERM 2018

Class	%	100%ers	Non-uniform days - 1 <sup>st</sup> half Spring term	Non-uniform days - this year	
Robin	94.06	17			
Wren	93.55	11		✓	
Blackbird	96.44	21	✓	✓✓✓	
Sparrow	95.36	17			
Chaffinch	94.69	11			
Goldfinch	97.40	21	✓	✓✓✓	Fantastic!
Jay	96.18	18	✓	✓✓	
Woodpecker	96.53	19	✓	✓✓	
Barn Owl	95.01	11			
Tawny Owl	95.73	18	✓	✓✓✓	
Heron	95.11	11			
Kingfisher	96.05	15		✓✓	
Eagle	96.91	15		✓✓✓✓✓	Amazing!
Kestrel	94.19	9		✓	
TOTALS	95.53	214			We need to improve



Goldfinch class have achieved the best attendance this half term.

We are confident that our whole school attendance will improve over the next half term, with the warmer weather.

If you are experiencing difficulties with your child's attendance, please see a member of staff as we are here to help.

#### School Matters!



Classroom doors  
open at 8.45am  
School officially  
starts at 8.55am

We have today handed out 214 Certificates to children who have achieved 100% Attendance for the first half of Spring Term. We will be handing these out every half-term, based on that half-term's attendance alone.

# AMAZING!

## Amazing Attendance

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 Friday, 23<sup>rd</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: Jack S  
Sparrow Class: Whole Class  
Chaffinch Class: Maci R  
Goldfinch Class: Lanier R  
Woodpecker Class: Isabella H  
Jay Class: Jay S  
Barn Owl Class: Whole Class  
Tawny Owl Class: Whole Class  
Kingfisher Class: Ella C and Rachel L  
Heron Class: Whole Class  
Eagle Class: Leah and Jasmin  
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: Ruby J  
Robin of the Week: Huxley C  
Blackbird of the Week: Berat S  
Sparrow of the Week: Carina M  
Chaffinch of the Week: Riley B  
Goldfinch of the Week: Flossie E  
Woodpecker of the Week: Lilly-May O  
Jay of the Week: Charlie K  
Barn Owl of the Week: Alex C  
Tawny Owl of the Week: Not provided by teacher  
Kingfisher of the Week: Ellis H  
Heron of the week: Riley R  
Crane of the week: Freiya O-S  
Kestrel of the week: Ellie T  
Eagle of the week: Leighla H  
Peregrine of the week: Not provided by teacher

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

#### 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 The Book People Book Fair – 3.00 - 3.30pm every day in Peregrine Class.
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

#### Easter break 26th March – 6th April

### April

9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Parents will be given details of our online parents evening system to book an appointment with classteachers.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Parents will be given details of our online parents evening system to book an appointment with classteachers.



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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**



**Moorland Road**  
**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
**3.30pm - 5.30pm**



An afternoon of **FUN & FOOD**  
for all the **FAMILY**.

*Children please bring an adult with you.*

For more info-

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