

4th March 2022

Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a great start to the new term here at St John's. This week the children have been working hard on their assessments to show all of the progress they have made since September. We will shortly be announcing the dates and times for parents evening this term so keep an eye out for those.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day. The children met their reading buddies from other year groups and shared their favourite books with one another, teachers swapped class for



the end of day stories and all of the children were treated to an assembly by the staff at Midsomer Norton library. Thank you to everyone for the effort that went into all of the costumes; we had a huge variety ranging from Emmeline Pankhurst, to Zog and lots of princesses! The children enjoyed activities exploring their favourite books and making recommendations to others.

This term our Christian value is hope. With the children we will be exploring how they can bring hope to our world, signs of hope that we can all relate to as well as discussing hopes for the future.

On that note, I hope you all have a lovely weekend whatever the weather may bring!

Dates for your Diary

8th March - Scholastics Book Fair
14th March - British Science Week
18th March - Red Nose Day
21st March - Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel
21st March - Odd Socks for World Down Syndrome Day
4th-6th April - Year 4 Kilve Court Trip

Term 3 Christian Value: Hope



'Hope is coupled with faith and love as one of the three most enduring gifts of the Spirit' (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Stars of the week

Well done to all of our pupils who have been awarded a certificate this week!



Acorn class	Aurelia Kara
Ash class	Fleur
Birch class	Rhodri
Chestnut class	Gabriel
Elm class	Luca
Holly class	Sidney
Hazel class	Reid
Maple class	Seb
Oak class	Jayden
Pine class	Leo
Rowan class	Stanley
Sycamore class	Jaxon
Willow class	Hugo

World Book Day

Here is a selection of photos showing some of the amazing costumes which pupils and staff wore for World Book Day yesterday. You all looked amazing!



Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to St Johns next week from Wednesday 9th to Monday 14th March! The children will have the opportunity to browse the books beforehand at school and the fair will be open to parents and carers to visit after school from 3-4pm. In order to purchase any books, you can use the online payment system www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay (there will be a QR code at the fair which will take you to this too).

We will also be taking cash payments but we will not be taking gift vouchers. The £1 World Book Day tokens can be used against the cost of any books that are £2.99 or more. St Johns can earn FREE BOOKS for every book sold at the Fair so this is a great opportunity to stock up our classrooms with brand new resources too!



Ukraine Appeal

One of our parents, Jenny Dando, has volunteered to organise a collection for the Ukraine appeal. There will be a blue dustbin located outside of the main office which will be emptied every Monday morning.

If you are able to donate any of the following items to the appeal then please place them in the blue bin:



Baby

Baby wipes
Soothers
Baby food with a long expiration date
baby milk
nappies
sudocrem/nappy cream
baby bottles
baby shampoo/bath bubbles

Children

colouring books
Colouring pencils
crayons
hairbrush
sponge
face flannel
shower gel
shampoo

Adults

Shampoo
Shower gel
Sanitary pads
Deodorant
Toothpaste
Toothbrush



Reading in Acorn class

Acorn class have had a wonderful World Book Day! We all looked amazing in our costumes - we had princesses, superheroes, dragons, traditional story characters and lots of story animals!



During the morning we really enjoyed getting together with our reading buddies in Year 6 to share and read stories.



We love reading in Reception and this term we have loved bringing in some of our favourites books from home to share with our class!



Learning in Year 5

This term we have been learning all about materials, studying their properties through observation and comparative fair testing. In science this week, the children in Year 5 have been investigating the ways in which liquids mix with various substances.



They conducted observations of the interactions to test which substances were soluble and which were not, which remained in suspension and which sank, and which altered the colour of the liquid. They worked in groups to carry this out and then recorded results in tables like real scientists!



Red Nose Day

We will once again be fundraising for this great cause and we would like to try and raise more than we ever have! Every bit of money we raise will help people to live free from poverty, violence and discrimination.



What will we be doing?

- Red Noses will be on sale every day at break time from next week.
- On Friday 18th March you can pay £1 to wear your own Red Nose Day Muffin. This can be wearing red, something Red Nose crazy or just your own clothes - whatever you are comfortable with! In school there will also be different fun activities going on!
- The kitchen staff will also be serving special red nose day puddings instead of ice cream (which will be served instead on Thursday)
- We would also like all budding star bakers to have a go at making some Red Nose bakes of your choice! In the morning bring them to the cookery room, making sure they are labelled with your name and class, and at lunchtime School Council will judge the winning bakes. We will then sell them all at the end of the day. You can choose what you make - if you would like the recipes from this year (Tallulah's Funky Flapjacks or Raspberry Cookies) we will have copies available when we are selling the Red Noses.



Please help us to raise as much as possible for this brilliant cause and, most of all, let's have some fun!

Top Doodlers this week!



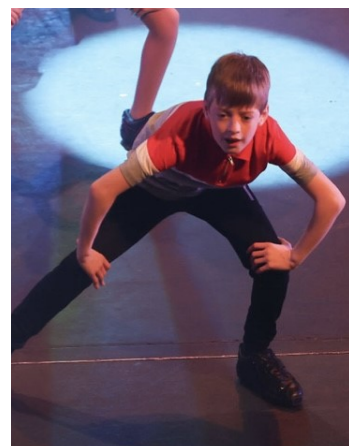
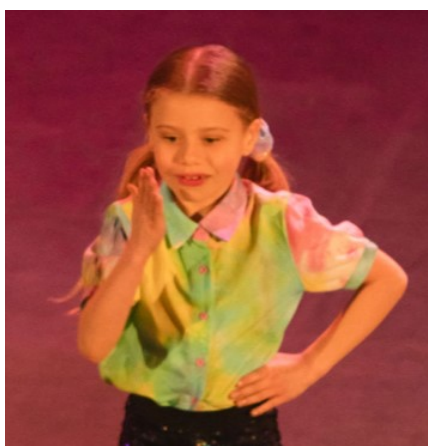
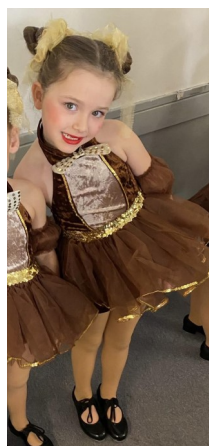
Acorn - Myka
Chestnut - Mabel
Hazel - Macus
Pine - Sandy
Willow - Izzy

Ash - Charlie H
Elm - Aoife
Maple - Fabien
Rowan - Thomas

Birch - Flynn
Holly - Flynn
Oak - Jacob
Sycamore - Melissa

Out of school Achievement

Congratulations to Lola and Elise from Ash class, April from Oak class and Sam from Pine class who all took part in the Sue Hill 40th Anniversary dance show at the Bath Forum last weekend,



Citizenship and Character Award

Here are some suggestions for those of you who wish to work towards your Citizenship and Character Award this weekend:

- All about me (Developing Me) - Why not create a poster, a speech or a comic book strip about yourself to share with your teacher! You could include details about your hobbies, favourite films, favourite music, favourite books, what makes you special and your achievements.
- Create something (Wellbeing Me) - If you have any art resources lying around, why not create your own masterpiece this weekend! Even better - perhaps you could turn some bits of rubbish (such as cereal packets and milk bottle lids) into a piece of art.
- Challenge prejudice (Local Me) - This week in assembly we talked about discrimination, which is linked to prejudice. Can you remember which groups of people have been discriminated against in the past? Why could you do to challenge this and promote kindness and respect in our society?

Sustrans big walk and wheel

We're taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2022, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 21st March to 1st April.



This event is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of active journeys to school to be in with the chance of winning a school prize!

Picture news



Whose responsibility is it to help endangered animals?



In the news this week

Australia has announced that koalas are now listed as an endangered species across most of its east coast, after a huge drop in numbers. The country's environment minister, Sussan Ley, said that koalas, which had been listed as being vulnerable, would now be listed as endangered in the states of New South Wales, Queensland, and the Australian Capital Territory. Scientists have been warning for many years that the native marsupial's habitats were being hit by drought, bushfires, and land development.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you know any other animals that are at risk of extinction?
- > Can you think of ways that we can help animals that are endangered? E.g., raising awareness or giving donations to charity.
- > Currently, do you think enough is being done to help, when a species becomes at risk of extinction?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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