

13th May 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

This week has been assessment week for some pupils and we are very proud of how well they have all coped. I have been particularly impressed with the resilience and confidence shown by our Year 6 pupils who have tried their very best and kept going even when things were tricky. It has been lovely to see so many Year 6 pupils join us for breakfast in the hall each morning. This was a great opportunity for them to relax with their friends before school and to relieve any worries.

Don't forget next Tuesday (weather permitting) we will be welcoming Nigel Coles to school to take our class photos. Year 5 and Year 1 will need to come into school in their school uniform and those doing forest school will need to bring their forest school clothes to change in to later in the day.

You will have received a parent mail yesterday regarding our SIAMS inspection next Wednesday. Although a parent questionnaire isn't required for this inspection, it would be lovely to receive some statements from parents regarding their views of the school and its Christian vision. These can be sent directly to the school office or popped in the mailbox outside.

On Monday 23rd May Rota Kids will be holding a cake sale after school to raise money for Water Survival Box and the Ukraine crisis. Each slice of cake will cost 50p. Please come along to support these two causes. If you would be willing to donate cakes this would be greatly appreciated. Please can pupils bring any donations to the cookery room in the morning.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs West-Gaul
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

17th May - Class school photos
23rd May - Cake sale
30th May - 3rd June - Half Term
5th July - Sports Day (parents invited to attend)
7th July - Move up Day
8th July - PTA Summer Fete
14th & 15th July - school reports sent out

Term 3 Christian Value: Friendship



The writer of Ecclesiastes puts it very simply: 'if one falls down, a friend can lift him up'. **Ecclesiastes 4:10**

Stars of the week

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



Acorn class	Myla Aoife
Ash class	Indigo
Birch class	Brie
Chestnut class	Maisy
Elm class	Amber
Holly class	Olive
Hazel class	Marcus
Maple class	Ethan
Oak class	Freddie
Pine class	Lily-Marie
Rowan class	Tyler
Sycamore class	Bailey
Willow class	Talulah

Car Park Supervisor

7.5 hours per week (8am - 8.45am & 2.50pm - 3.35pm)
Term Time only, £9.79 per hour (Pay award pending)

To supervise the safe use of Somervale School car park by parents and students from Somervale and St John's Schools. To maintain the traffic flow in and out of the car park during peak times.

Please contact the Somervale School office or email hjones@somervaleschool.com for an application pack.

Closing date for Vacancy: 9am, Friday 20th May

Top Doodlers this week!

Acorn - Myka
Ash - Charlie
Birch - Isaac
Chestnut - William

Elm - Ceejay
Holly - Fin
Hazel - Isabelle
Maple - Isla

Oak - James
Pine - Erin
Rowan - Thomas
Sycamore - Melissa

Willow - Amos



Out of School Achievement



Freddie from Oak class has had two football presentations over the last week and won Player's Player of the Year Award at JPL Paulton Rovers and the Manager's Player of the Year Award for U9's Chilcompton Football Club.

Lottie from Chestnut class achieved her 25 metre swimming certificate and badge last week with Begin2Swim in Radstock.



School Meals Price Increases

We have been informed that from Term 1 (2022/23) the cost of school meals will increase to:

Nursery £2.20 per meal

Paid Meals Primary £2.60 per meal

There has not been any price increase for school meals in the past three years but it is now necessary to make these increases to offset some of the rising costs of supplies.

New school menus will be shared with parents nearer the time.



The Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

As part of the Jubilee celebrations we will be holding several events for the pupils at St John's. There will be a children's tea party on Thursday 9th June with parents invited to join us at 2:30pm. The pupils will entertain you with some songs and there will be a display of work for you to see.

Each year group will focus on a decade of the Queen's reign. You might like to talk your children about memories that you or members of your family have of their decade. Pupils can choose to wear either party clothes or an outfit reflecting their decade for the tea party.

Year 6 - 1950's

Year 5 - 1960's

Year 4 - 1970's

Year 3 - 1980's

Year 2 - 1990's

Year 1 - 2000's

Reception - 2010's

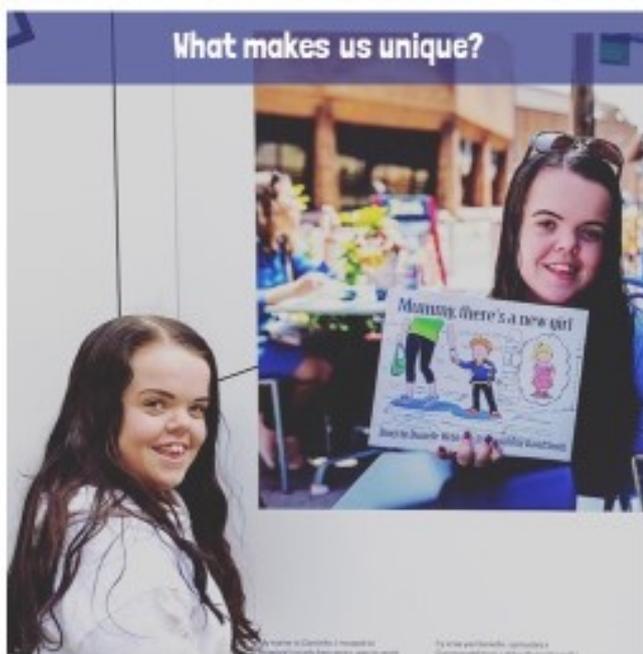
Pupils will also be encouraged to produce a piece of work e.g. a poster, painting or fact file for their decade. This can be undertaken during half term as an activity if you wish.

Holidays in Term Time

If you are intending to take your child out of school during term time please complete a Student Absence Request Form which will be submitted to the Head Teacher. Forms can either be collected from the school office or requested via email. Absences are only able to be approved under exceptional circumstances.

We are required to report absences to BANES Children Missing in Education Services and you may be liable for a fine and/or legal action.

Picture News



In the news this week

Danielle Webb, who is 23 and lives with dwarfism, recently wrote a book and regularly visits schools to help educate others about her condition in a bid to stamp out prejudice. Danielle said that changing the minds of adults was difficult, so her focus was on educating children. The student, who is 3ft 11.5in (1.2m), said being called names and laughed at "just becomes our norm"; so her new book, 'Mummy, there's a new girl', tells the story of a girl who is picked on for her looks before a brave child looks past her differences and learns that size is no big deal.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think Danielle decided to write the book? How do you think Danielle's book might help people to understand differences?
- > Discuss the phrase 'never judge a book by its cover'. What do you think this means and do you agree?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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