

16th September 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 Deputy Headteacher

What a wonderful week we have had in school! I can't believe we are already at the end of the second week of Term 1.

Mrs West-Gaul and I have had the pleasure this week of visiting most classrooms to see the fantastic learning happening, but what has struck us the most is the children's attitudes to learning and to each other. As I write, I can hear enthusiastic conversations of Shackleton's Journey, wonderful singing in music lessons, happy chattering in the library and children helping each other remember the school rules of Ready, Respectful and Caring as they move through the school.

Please join us in warmly welcoming our new families who have joined their St John's journey. The children in Acorns class are settling in to school life well and, next week, will have the opportunity to come together as a class for the first time as they spend the whole morning at school and even stay for lunch! They have already begun learning to read and may have come home sharing their new phonics knowledge!

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, you will shortly receive a letter inviting you to an information evening on Wednesday 28th September where we will give you an overview of our new Early Reading and Phonics Programme - Little Wandle. This is a new programme for us and we are excited to share with you the journey your child will take when learning to read and spell.

Have a lovely weekend. It's amazing how in the space of a couple of weeks, with chilly mornings and darker evenings, it feels like Autumn has suddenly arrived!

Mrs Monks

### Queen Elizabeth II Funeral

**In line with DFE advice St. John's will be closed on Monday 19th October.**

Attached to this week's email are some resources to help aid conversations that may be taking place at home about the Queen's funeral, from age appropriate definitions of 'funeral' and 'hearse' to the meaning of 'Vigil of the Princes' and 'lying in State'.

### VALUE OF THE TERM - LOVE



**Christians believe that their attitudes and actions must reflect the kindness, mercy and compassion of Jesus and the love of God for everyone.**

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th September: Bank Holiday  
20th & 21st September: Individual and sibling photos  
23rd September EYFS New Parents Coffee Morning  
26th September PTA AGM, 3.15pm.  
7th October, 9am Harvest Festival in St. John's Church  
18th & 19th October: Parents Evenings  
20th October: PTA Disco & Mufti Day  
21st October: INSET Day  
24th - 27th October Half Term

### School Photographs - New Date

Please note that individual and sibling photographs will now take place next week on **Tuesday and Wednesday (20th and 21st September)**. **All children should come into school wearing their school uniform.**

If Forest School or PE are due to take place during these days, children will change into the appropriate clothes after the photos or the activities will be something which can be done wearing uniform.

### Road Safety Concerns

It has been brought to our attention that several school children were seen play fighting and scooting around the petrol station area with no sense of personal safety or awareness of cars. Whilst we do not know if these were pupils of St. John's, could we please take this opportunity to ask you to remind the children to be careful and aware of road safety whilst walking home.

In addition, there has been an increase of parents using the Pets Corner car park at drop off and collection times which is affecting their customers being able to park and we have been asked therefore to remind you that the car park there is for customer use only and that vehicles left unattended can result in a £70 parking charge notice.

Please be considerate when parking as this can be an issue for a number of local companies. Please consider walking to school when you can and note that there is free parking available in South Road. Thank you

### School Dinners

A reminder that school dinners should be booked by Midday on a Thursday for the following week. Should, for any reason, you fail to book meals by this deadline, please arrange to provide packed lunches for your children.

### School Council

Last week, all children were involved in electing this year's school council representatives and the new members have already met to discuss the very busy and exciting year ahead.

The school council's first initiative will be to raise awareness of the environment during Recycling Week, which starts on 19th September.

On Wednesday 21st September, the school council members invite their classmates to take part in a recycling-themed scavenger hunt at lunchtime.

Who can score the most points?

### Stars of the Week

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



<b>Ash class</b>	Albie
<b>Birch class</b>	Betsy
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Jesse M
<b>Elm class</b>	Reuben
<b>Hazel class</b>	Ella
<b>Holly class</b>	Bo
<b>Maple class</b>	Ralphie
<b>Oak class</b>	Harry
<b>Pine class</b>	Reeva
<b>Rowan class</b>	Ruben
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Lillie
<b>Willow class</b>	Zara



## Out of School Achievements

At the start of the summer holidays Avery passed her swimming badge.

Well done Avery.



Well done to Isla in Year 5 who has achieved her final stage 1 gymnastic proficiency award.



Bobby in Year 6 grew his hair for 3 years and donated an incredible 19 inches of his hair to The Little Princess Trust, to be made into a wig for children who have lost their hair to cancer. Alongside this he also raised £245 to go towards making the wig.



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c 19 September

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

### Bath Central Library

#### Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 20 September

#### Banned Books Week Display

Monday - Saturday 24 - 30 September

#### Bath Children's Literature Festival Venue

23 September - 1 October

\*Book Tickets Directly with Lit Fest

### Keynsham Library

#### Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 20 September  
10.30 - 11.00 am

### Midsomer Norton Library

#### Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 22 September

### Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

### Digital All Social Media

NHS Better Health  
August - September

Banned Books Week,  
24 - 30 September

Climate & Biodiversity  
Festival, 24 September  
- 2 October

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24 September  
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