

14th October 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

We are at the end of another week, and almost the end of our first term. This week it has been lovely to start our tours for new Reception 2023 and be able to celebrate everything that is St John's.

This week we launched our 'Black History Month' work with a collective worship focussing on kindness and in the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu how "we grow in kindness when our kindness is tested". The children were set the challenge to explore black history and find out about someone they didn't already know and the great things they did. If you want to explore this further with your child at home we used the following CBeebies clip as a whole school introduction - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JxDqg6c_r3I.



On Thursday we finally resolved our IT issues, a huge thanks to Mrs Roberts in the office for dealing with these, so if you haven't already please check ParentMail for instructions on how to book your parent consultation meetings next week. Today you should have received your child's interim report which will be discussed in more depth at this meeting. We will be following the same procedure as last year with parents entering school through the pottery room and looking at children's books in the two Year 4 classrooms. At your allotted time we ask that you make your way through to the hall and wait for your child's teacher to be available.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

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.

Parents' Evenings

Parents evenings will take place next week **18th & 19th October**.

Bookings are now live (apologies for the delay!) If you have been unable to book, or need additional appointments please contact the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Tues 18th & Wed 19th Oct: Parents Evenings
Thurs 20th Oct: PTA Disco & Mufti Day
Fri 21st Oct: INSET Day
24th - 27th Oct: Half Term Holiday
Mon 31st Oct: Term 2 starts
Fri 11th Nov: Wear Red - Poppy Appeal
Mon 14th Nov: Wear Blue - Diabetes Awareness
Sat 26th Nov: PTA Christmas Fete
Tues 6th Dec: Year 2 Carols by Candlelight
Wed 7th Dec: Reception Nativity, 1.30pm
Thurs 8th Dec: Year 1 Nativity, 5pm
Wed 14th Dec: Christmas Dinners
Thurs 15th Dec: Christmas Services
Fri 16th Dec: PTA Christmas Mufti Day

School Dinners

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

Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: Birch Class

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Melania Hugh	
Ash class	Thea T	Evelyn
Birch class	Jake	Matilda
Chestnut class	Jack	Harry
Elm class	Oscar	Joshua
Hazel class	Elsie	Mabel
Holly class	Charlie	Owen
Maple class	Reid	Lucy
Oak class	Dougie	Phoebe
Pine class	Zack	Sebastian
Rowan class	Charlie	James
Sycamore class	Stanley	Olivia
Willow class	Freddie	Ciaran

St John's Goes Blue! Monday 14th November

St John's are 'going blue for a day' to help raise awareness on World Diabetes Day. On November 14th we are inviting you to 'go blue' by wearing a blue accessory along with your normal school uniform. For example; a blue hair accessory or wig, blue socks or tights, a blue badge or ribbon etc.

If you would like to donate to a wonderful cause, there will be collections in classrooms and any money raised will be donated to the Mendip Diabetes Support Group who support people with diabetes and their families.

Thank you for your support.



Year 5 Activities



Year 5 have made an excellent start to their learning journey so far this term! We have seen fantastic progress from our students, and great examples of what Ready, Respectful and Caring should look like at St Johns. Here are some examples of what they have been learning this term:



In PSHE, Year 5 students developed their collaboration and communication skills through a group challenge. They had to build the tallest tower, with limited materials, that could stand upright in just 5 minutes! We had some fantastic efforts and creative techniques, as well as some



excellent communication and teamwork from our students. After this, the students had thoughtful discussions about what went well and how they could improve. They then identified 6 rules they believe are important for working in a team. This was great fun and a chance to develop their interpersonal skills.



During RE, pupils had the chance to role-play an interview with Mary and Joseph about the birth of Jesus, and whether they believed he would be the Messiah. This was part of a project where students would explore this topic as though they were investigative journalists. There were lots of high quality interview questions, as well as some dynamic performances from our Marys and Josephs! We look forward to more interview opportunities in the future.

Our Year 5 students had the exciting opportunity to apply for Mini Police with Avon and Somerset Police. They went through an application and interview to demonstrate how you would apply for a real-life police role. The successful candidates began their sessions with the Police officers this week, and were very enthusiastic about their new uniform! They will be able to participate in some fantastic opportunities to lead within the school and learn more about the life and role of a police officer in their community, and to share this learning with their peers.



We are so proud of the amazing start our pupils have made this autumn at St Johns, and can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings!

Miss Drew and Miss Blackmore



Reading in Year 3

This week Year 3 visited Midsomer Norton Library. We started our visit with a story read to us. Some children acted as characters from the story and Mr Cracknell also took part!



Out of School Achievements



Don't forget to let us know if your child has achieved something new outside of school - whether at a club or at home - we always love to see how they are meeting their personal goals and contributing to their local community. We want to show the children that all of their efforts are appreciated, and we want to celebrate with you!



SCHOOL DISCO TIME

Thursday 20th October
KS1 5-6pm
KS2 6:30-7:30pm

Tickets will be sold each day after school from Friday 15th October outside the pottery room and include unlimited drinks and a tattoo on arrival.

£3 PER TICKET

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c 17 October

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 18 October

Art in the Library - Sarah Targett, Charlotte Farmer, Jude McGuire, Kate Bernstein:

Monday - Saturday 3 - 29 October

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am 18 October
10.30 - 11.00 am

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am 17 October

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am 19 October

Digital All Social Media

Black History Month, October

Family Learning Festival, 15 - 30 October

Get Online Week, 17 - 23 October

Children's Book Review 22 October
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