

4th November 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

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely, well deserved half term break and have got used to the darker evenings.

Our Monday Collective Worship helped to start Term 2 and introduce 'Peace'; our value of the term. The children were encouraged to think about times in their day when they enjoy 'quiet' and what things help them to feel peaceful.

At St John's, we work so hard to support our school community but I am always so impressed to hear from the children about how we can help others. The Rotakids demonstrated this in Collective Worship by presenting different charities and the work they do. You will hear more about how each house has voted upon and will continue to support their chosen charity throughout the year.

Our Open Mornings for 2023 Reception intake have been a huge success. If you know families whose child is starting school in September, please let them know we are still offering tours. If they would like to arrange a tour, please contact the school office.

With the colder, wet weather well and truly upon us, please help us by making sure your child has a coat and suitable footwear in school. We have had some soggy children this week!

Have a lovely weekend. I'm off to a firework display so hopefully the weather will stay dry!

Mrs West-Gaul



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Dates for your Diary

Fri 4th Nov: PTA Christmas Craft Workshop
Tues 8th Nov: Yr 4 Camp Info Session, 3.15pm
Fri 11th Nov: Wear Red - Poppy Appeal
Mon 14th Nov: Wear Blue - Diabetes Awareness
Fri 18th Nov: PTA Christmas Craft Workshop
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 Muffin Day

Healthy Eating at St John's



At St John's we work hard to be as healthy as possible and would really appreciate parents' help with this. Please can you ensure that pupils are given a healthy snack for break times such as a piece of fruit or similar.

Also, with regard to distributing sweets for occasions such as children's birthdays, these are much better saved for party bags at home and we are not able to give these out in class.

Thank you for your support with this.

Awards of the Week

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



Top Doodling Class

Doodle Maths: Chestnut (2A)

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

| | Star of the Week | Star Readers |
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| Acorns | Poppy Remy | - - |
| Ash class | Eva-Louise | Rosie |
| Birch class | Orri | Evie |
| Chestnut class | Elise | Jack |
| Elm class | Soraya | Dorothy |
| Hazel class | DeWet | Olivia |
| Holly class | Henry M | Leo |
| Maple class | Zachary | Marcus |
| Oak class | Teddy | Isla |
| Pine class | Ella | Elliott |
| Rowan class | Freddie M | Jacob |
| Sycamore class | Amelie | Stanley |
| Willow class | Layla | Freddie |

Netball Success!

St John's Netball team took part in The Netball Cup last night against a strong St Nicholas side. After a hard fought match, St John's came through with the win, winning 7-4. They will now progress to the next round - well done to the netball team!



Sports For Schools Visit

Sports for Champions are once again coming into school with another elite athlete, aspiring to get to the Olympic Games.



Maddi Tarrant will be coming into school on Thursday 17th November, to demonstrate her trampoline skills and put the children through their paces in an activity course!

<https://www.sportsforchampions.com/maddi-tarrant/>

Your child was sent home with a fundraising collection sheet a few weeks ago, for donations and fundraising to be collected. There is now a live link for a Crowdfunder, which will allow you to donate online instead of the hassle of collecting cash and bringing it into school. The link is below:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stjohnscofeprimaryschool>

The following prizes are up for grabs:

- Raising £5 - £14.99 - You will receive an A6 postcard of your athlete.
- Raising £15 - £34.99 - You will receive an autographed doubled sided poster of your athlete.
- Raising more than £35 - you will receive a polaroid picture of you and your athlete together, presented in a keep sake wallet.



This is a really great opportunity to raise funds for tomorrow's athletes and along the way raise money for the school and extra equipment for the children.

On the day, there will be a voluntary £1 donation for the children to wear their PE kit all day which can be handed to their class teacher or the office.

If the sponsorship for the children could be returned/completed ASAP to the office, it would be greatly appreciated.

Good luck with your fundraising!

Mr Cracknell

Poppy Selling for the Poppy Appeal



This week, our school council have been selling poppies at lunch time.

If your child has not yet had a chance to purchase a poppy but would like to, our school council will continue to sell them each day at lunchtime next week.

We have a suggested donation of 50p for a poppy and £1 for other items.



St John's Primary MSN Christmas Fete

Saturday 26th November
11am- 2pm
Everyone welcome!



Come along for a day of fun.
We have stalls, raffle, a games
room, Reindeer food making,
Cookie decorating, Hot food, A
Bar, and of course the Big man
himself!

St John's C of E Primary school, Redfield Road, MSN, BA3 2JN

Volunteers Needed!

If you can spare an hour or two to help out at the fayre, please get in touch - events like these rely on the whole school community getting involved to give the children a wonderful time while raising money to enhance their learning at St Johns.

Donations Needed!

Please have a rummage at home and help to fill our blue bin with goodies - bottles, gifts, teddies, decorations, all gratefully received.

Raffle Tickets

One of the highlights of the fete is the raffle— tickets have been sent out today, so please look out for them in bags this evening. If you need any more, please call into the office

Santa Storytime & £5 Passes

Santa slots and passes will be sold after school in the lead up to the fete - more details will follow soon.

Keep up to date with the PTA on Facebook, or to contact them: stjohnsmsnpta@outlook.com

Music In Year 3

Holly class had some great fun on Tuesday, learning to play the glockenspiel in their music lesson.

You can tell by the look on their faces that they were deep in concentration, following the instructions on the interactive board. Great work Holly Class!



Reading In Year 1



Little Wandle is now in full swing!

The children seem to be loving it and look forward to their reading sessions. They have enjoyed being able to read their books more fluently. The children are becoming more adept at reading with prosody (using storyteller voices) and answering comprehension questions.

We hope you have enjoyed reading with them at home and have noticed a difference in their fluency and prosody!





Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Senna in Birch Class for receiving her Badge 4 Trampolining Award during half term, and to Amber in Holly Class for passing her Stage 2 in Swimming.

Amazing achievements... well done!



Countdown to Christmas

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THURSDAY 17TH NOV Countdown to Christmas



Wearing your best Elf outfit, please join us, Bath Carnival and the Swapshop Elves at Milsom Street as we countdown to Christmas.

We want to create the biggest gathering of elves ever seen in Bath!

Get in the spirit with music and entertainment on the streets before we count down and switch on the Christmas Light Trail, shining a new light onto Bath's historic buildings with magical illuminations across the city.

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24TH NOV - 20TH DEC The Elves' Swapshop



Father Christmas and his elves have joined the upcycling revolution! Grab a pre-loved toy from home and donate it on a visit the Elves' Swapshop, where the Share and Repair volunteers mend toys and give them a new, loving home while you select a replacement toy from Santa, to take home!

Get your tickets now for this hugely popular Christmas event!

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