

21st April 2023

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

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy a little bit of Spring (and chocolate!!) The Spring sunshine has certainly been a welcome sight this week. Let's hope we see more of it as we all look forward to a busy term 5!

The staff returned on Monday with a training day, led by the Specialist Autism Support Service Team, where we further developed our understanding of supporting children with autism within the school setting. It was a really informative day and we hope that all of the children, not only those with autism, will benefit from the strategies being implemented within the classroom.

Whilst most of our children enjoyed an extra day of their holidays, our Year 4 children arrived at school, with their bags packed, ready for their journey to Kilve Court! The children had an amazing time and, along with the photos on the St John's Facebook page, I am sure you will have heard all about their adventures. Thank you to all the adults who took time away from their own families to make their first residential so special!

On Thursday we welcomed Energy Sparks into school. Energy Sparks help schools become more energy efficient and fight climate change. They led a whole school assembly and met with the School Council to discuss how we can continue to reduce our school's energy consumption and do our bit for the planet. The children are really keen to do as much as they can and, along with the school leaders and Governors support, have come up with a number of ways to cut the use of energy in our school. You will hear more about this throughout the year and in to the next.

We ended the week with 'Earth Day'. Earth Day is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Each year group focussed on a different climate zone but all the children developed their understanding of that zone and the threats to humans and biodiversity. Classes also learned about the solutions and how, even living in Midsomer Norton, we can still play our part in reducing the problems. Look out for next week's Purple Pages for some examples of the children's learning.

Thank you to those of you who donated cakes for the cake sale. We are hoping to raise enough funds to adopt an amur leopard for our school community. We are busy calculating how much we raised and will keep you informed!

Term 5 is certainly a busy one with a more than normal number of Bank Holidays! Below are just some of the things we have to look forward to:

celebrating the King's Coronation with a tea party - more on that to follow!

- Y6 and Y2 children will take part in their SATs assessments.

- Y6 will jet off on their residential trip to the Mendips

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Monks

CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: FRIENDSHIP



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

Dates for Your Diary

25 April	Rescheduled Parents Evening
25 April	Year 5 Visit to Bristol
1 May	May Bank Holiday
4 May	Mini Police Trip to Portishead
5 May	Coronation Celebration
8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday
9-12 May	KS2 SATs Week
15-19 May	Year 6 Residential Trip
22 May	School Photographs
26 May	PTA Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale

We Need Your Help!

We are in need of some support from our parents and school community - if you are able to help in any of the following ways, we would be most grateful...

- Any keen gardeners: our raised flower beds have been left unused since before Covid, and we would love to get them back in use. We would be really grateful for any volunteers to turn the soil over and weed, in order that we can plant them up with the children.
- We are looking for a piece of marine plywood, to renovate the chalk board in the front playground—if you are able to help, let us know.

If you can help - please contact the office. Thank you!

Awards of the Week

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



Top Doodling Class

DoodleMaths: 3B

DoodleTables: 3B

Congratulations to all the pupils in the green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Frankie Harvey	Casey James
Ash class	Lucas	Albie
Birch class	Myla	Emilee
Chestnut class	Harry	Elise
Elm class	Josh	Zena
Hazel class	Jude	Maisy
Holly class	Nate	Taylor
Maple class	Zachary	Lucy
Oak class	Frank	Phoebe
Pine class	Reeva	Darragh
Rowan class	Jayke	Rosie
Sycamore class	Ella-Rose	Semih
Willow class	Sandy	Olivia

Earth Day - Talking to Children about Climate Change

Saturday 22nd April is Earth Day, which is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection and is celebrated by people all around the world. Here at St. John's, we are promoting Earth Day on Friday 21st April (we will include some pictures of the children's activities in next week's Purple Pages). This year's theme is 'Invest in our planet.'



Our Earth Day activities will inevitably involve some discussion about climate change and we really hope that the children will have the desire to continue these discussions at home. Therefore, it is important that we think carefully about how we talk to children about climate change in order to avoid fuelling any anxiety or frustration about the future.

We want children to understand why climate change is happening and what problems it is now causing, but more importantly, we want them to know that there are solutions to these problems and that small changes in our daily lives can make a big difference if we all work together. Therefore, the children's main focus on Friday will be on the solutions to the environmental problems that they explore. We hope that the children will feel empowered enough to share these solutions with you at home and to take small actions where possible.

Here are some links with guidance for adults on how to talk to children about climate change, including a very valuable video clip:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/ideas/videos/how-to-talk-with-children-about-climate-change/p0fgdjtz>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z9fnp4j>



Year 4 Residential Trip: Kilve Court 2023

Year 4 had an amazing time at Kilve Court this week!

The children were all wonderful representatives of St John's and really enjoyed the activities including climbing, archery, grass sledging and low ropes.

We were really impressed at how the children supported one another and saw lots of them challenge themselves and do things outside their comfort zone.

Well done Year 4!



Sports Day: Wednesday 7 June 2023

This year Sports Day will take a slightly different outline. Sports Day will last all day for the children with each key stage taking part in differing sports. Parents are welcome to attend the track events as normal but we ask that they do not wander to the top end of the field where the field events are taking place. Key Stage Two track events will begin at 9am and Key Stage One track events will begin at 1pm.



Sports Day will start at 9am with one of the key stages taking part in field events, while the other key stage takes part in the track events. There will be break times throughout the morning, where the children will return inside for a break and the PTA will set up a 'Refreshment Area' for adults wanting drinks. In the afternoon the key stages will take part in events that they didn't complete in the morning.

Parents will be able to enter the spectator areas once all of the children have gone in for registration in the morning. For lunchtime, parents will need to leave the school premises by 12pm and can return after 1pm for the resumption of the afternoon session.

We look forward to a super active and fun Sports Day this year!

Reading in Year 6

Many of our year 6 students have really embraced reading for pleasure during the Easter holidays and have been very keen to share their book reviews with the school community.

Here are books reviews by Amelie (*The Legend of Kevin* by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre), Rebecca (*Gangsta Granny Strikes Again* by David Walliams) and Olivia (*The Graveyard Riddle* by Lisa Thompson).

Book Review	
Book Title: <u>The Graveyard Riddle</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why? I recommend this book to 10 year olds, as it's a bit scary.
Author: <u>Lisa Thompson</u>	
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Fiction</u>	
What is the book about? This book is about a girl called Melody and she finds an old plague house but when she gets home she finds out that she is missing because her mum can't afford it.	
Book Illustration:	Rating: ★★★★★
Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters?	
1. Melody is a very adventurous. 2. She has a dog called Max. 3. She has lots of friends.	

Book Review	
Book Title: <u>Gangsta Granny Strikes Again</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why? I recommend this Book to people who love drama.
Author: <u>David Walliams</u>	
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Fiction</u>	
What is the book about? The Book is about a boy called Ben he is trying to find out who stole the crown jewels. Tutanankamon mask and the queen's crown. The thief has left no clues and the only thing that has been left is a china sock. When he finds out the queen stole it all he has had to help her return them back without being caught.	
Book Illustration:	Rating: ★★★★★
Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters?	
1. Ben's his parents love dancing 2. Queen loves to steal for no reason 3. Dad loves to hurt himself.	

Book Review	
Book Title: <u>The Legend of Kevin</u>	Who would you recommend the book to? Why? I recommend the book to young readers. It is very funny and the illustration of the main character (Kevin) is very funny. It has a very happy ending!
Author: <u>Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre</u>	
Fiction or Non-fiction: <u>Fiction</u>	
What is the book about? One day there is a storm and Kevin's dog goes missing. Kevin's home is a pigsty. There is a massive flood so everyone is standing on their rooftops and Kevin and his new friend Max stay round fighting sea monsters and saving people.	
Book Illustration:	Rating: ★★★★★
Can you write three facts you have learnt or three things you have learnt about one of the characters?	
1. Kevin is a pig dog saving some. 2. He likes biscuits. 3. He likes grass.	



Learning in Acorns

This term in Reception we will be 'Roaming through the Rainforest'!

We have enjoyed using the new role play area which has become a rainforest animal rescue centre and we have already found out lots of facts about it including some of the animals that live there.

We have been excited to share the home learning that we have already done!



Road Safety

We have had reports from BANES that there have been a number of failures to stop on the junction by the crossways.

This had led to aggressive behaviour towards the crossing patrol and as a result BANES have provided her with a bodycam to wear.

For GDPR reasons this will be stored in school and only the BANES team will be able to view the images when required.

Please be aware that Ms Noel will begin wearing the bodycam from Monday 24th April 2023.



Acorns Easter Garden



Acorns Class designed an Easter Garden which was displayed over the Easter period under the Alter in St. John's Church.

Reverend Philip Hopper said: "Thank you from all of us at St John's Church, we are delighted with our Easter garden. Thank you for helping us. If you would like to see it, it will be inside the altar for a month, until May 18th."

Year 5 Geography Fieldwork

Last term, Pine Class carried out an investigation into perceptions of Fair Trade in our local community.

Firstly, children investigated the cost of 'everyday' products in their local supermarket and made comparisons between Fair Trade products and their non-Fair Trade equivalents. The children then conducted their own questionnaires in Midsomer Norton town centre in order to find out what members of the public thought about these products.

They did a really good job of discussing the concepts of Fair Trade and ethical shopping with members of the public and people were really impressed with their geographical knowledge and communication skills. Rowan Class will also be doing their own geography fieldwork in the local area later this term, so watch this space for more pictures.



School Council Eco Update

On Thursday, we were lucky enough to be visited by Paula Malone from Energy Sparks, which is an organisation that helps schools to reduce their energy consumption and carbon footprint.

Paula delivered a whole-school assembly, in which she informed our children about climate change and how many of our actions contribute to this problem. Most importantly, she spoke about how we can all make small changes in our daily lives to reduce our energy consumption around school and at home, whilst still doing all of the things that we enjoy doing. The children were really engaged and enthusiastic to contribute, so it would be great if you could continue these conversations at home.



Paula also ran a workshop with our school council, providing the children with some amazing tips on how they can become successful eco-leads within school. One of the ideas that came out of this workshop was that we could have a weekly 'eco-update' in the Purple Pages to inform you of what we're doing to reduce our carbon footprint.

The school council are now bursting with ideas, so watch this space for our upcoming weekly updates!



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VAPING WEBINAR

HAZEL CHEESMAN
Deputy Chief Executive
Action on Smoking and Health

CLARE LAKER
Public Health B&NES
Development & Commissioning Manager

RUTH SAMPSON
Health Improvement Officer - Tobacco Control, Public Health B&NES

THIS WEBINAR IS AIMED AT PARENTS & CARERS

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY
ON ZOOM
19:00 - 20:00PM

To book a free space on this webinar click on the link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vaping-webinar-for-parents-and-carers-tickets-597745632277>

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Care Group

Cook it

FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join a group session to discover how to make easy, healthy budget friendly recipes in person or online

- Free recipe book and NEW video recipe links
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients provided or funded with £30 voucher

Upcoming start dates (one session per week);

- Wed 3rd May - 31st May, 4-5.30pm, Orchard Hall, Midsomer Norton.
- Wed 19th April- 17th May, 4.30-5.30pm, online via Microsoft Teams.
- Thurs 18th May- 22nd June, 4-5.30pm, Oldfield Park Junior School, Bath (no session 2nd June).
- Tues 30th May- Fri 2nd June, 11-12.30pm, St Michael's Junior Church school, Twerton (May half term course).
- Wed 7th June- 5th July, 4-5.30pm, Castle Primary School, Keynsham.

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to book on
Tel: 0300 247 0050 Email: BATHNES.thehub@hcrgrcaregroup.com

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Coronation Events

Join us for some coronation themed fun at the Library!

Library	Activity	Suitable for	Date & Time
Bath Central Library	Crown Making	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 1.00 - 4.00pm
	Coronation Crafts	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 1.00 - 4.00pm
	Nature Trail	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May During opening hours
	Ghillie Wakes up	Open to ages 4 - 8	Saturday 29 April 2.00pm
	Recycled Gardens	For Adults and Children	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 1.00 - 4.00pm
Midsomer Norton Library	Crown Making	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 10.00 - 12.30pm
	Coronation Crafts	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 10.00 - 12.30pm
	Nature Trail	Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May During opening hours
	Recycled Gardens	For Adults and Children	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 10.00 - 12.30pm
	Keynsham Library	Crown Making	Suitable for children of all ages
Coronation Crafts		Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 1.00 - 4.00pm
Nature Trail		Suitable for children of all ages	Saturday 29 April and 6 May During opening hours
Recycled Gardens		For Adults and Children	Saturday 29 April and 6 May 1.00 - 4.00pm

All our activities are free, just drop in and enjoy yourself!

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 24 April

Bath Central Library

Activity	Date & Time
Storytime Session	Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 25 April
Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun	Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 26 April

Art in the Library - New Found Lands, Photography by Austen O'Hanlon
Mon - Sat During opening hours 4 - 29 April

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In
Mon - Sat During opening hours

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Keynsham Library

Activity	Date & Time
Baby Bounce & Rhyme	Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 10.30 - 11.00am 25 April
Storytime & Craft	Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 27 April

Midsomer Norton Library

Activity	Date & Time
Baby Bounce & Rhyme	Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 24 April
Storytime Sessions	Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 26 April

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition
11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library

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