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29th September 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

In true British style I seem to always begin these messages talking about the weather so, to be consistent what a beautiful sunny Autumnal day to end our week!

It was lovely to see some of our new and existing families this morning who joined us for coffee and biscuits. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet and mix with new members of our school community. Thank you to the PTA for setting up the event and providing the refreshments!

This week has been assessment week at St John's. The children have worked so hard to show us what they know and can do, particularly in Reading, Writing and Maths. The purpose of these assessments are for teachers to ensure they can plan the curriculum and build upon the children's existing knowledge.

To end a tiring week, the children have enjoyed their first Thrive afternoon of the year today. The Thrive Approach supports children with their emotional health, well being and social skills, all of which are needed to enable learning to take place. Thrive afternoons are planned with your children at the heart. Activities such as physical games, painting, role play activities exploring difficult situations, class projects, and comic strips are just a few of the activities planned to enable the children to build their resilience and resourcefulness, develop trusting relationships, increase confidence and overcome challenging situations. There has certainly

been a lot of laughter around the school this afternoon!

Have a lovely weekend - I will hopefully see some of you at the harvest service at St John's Church on Sunday.

Mrs Monks



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.

Parent Reminders

Additional Shoes/Boots for Lunchtime Play

If your child would like to play on the school field at lunchtime, please supply them with a spare pair of old shoes/boots - this not only protects your child's shoes, but the school's carpets and floors!

Forms for Return to School Office

We are aware that there has been a lot to return to school in these first few weeks of term. Here is a checklist for you to help ensure we have everything we need:

- Consent Form (Google Form)
- Data Collection Sheet (sent via class)
- Photo orders (sent via class)
- Sport for Champions sponsorship
- Agreement for the school to administer medicines form (if appropriate)

Lost Property

We are already seeing a huge amount of lost items that are not named. Any items that are not claimed will be disposed of at the end of each term. Please ensure you name all of your child's belongings, including forest school and PE kits. If you order nametags via:

www.mynametags.com and use code 31825, the school benefits from a commission.



Dates for Your Diary

1st Oct	St John's Church Harvest Festival Service
11th Oct	School Harvest Festival, 2pm at School (Acorns parents invited)
17&18 Oct	Parents Evenings
19th Oct	PTA Disco
20th Oct	Sports for Champions morning

Awards of the Week		Star of the Week	Star Readers
Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!	Acorns	-	-
	Ash class	Edward	Lexi
	Birch class	Elijah	Eric
doodlemaths	Chestnut class	Finn	Lucas
uouaematris	Elm class	Arianna	Mackenzie
Top Doodling Class	Hazel class	Jack H	Mollie
	Holly class	Millie	Zena
Willow	Maple class	Anna	Oliver
Well done!	Oak class	Mabel	Blake
Congratulations to all the	Pine class	Fin W	Albie
pupils in the green zone!	Rowan class	Ashley	Teddy
	Sycamore class	Nikita	Ronnie
	Willow class	Isla M	James

Bristol Sport Foundation's Stars of The Week

Bristol Sport Foundation deliver the 'Forever Sport' programme in school every week and form a major part of our PE offer.

Each day they award 'Stars of the Day' and this week these have been awarded to:

Year 6 – Alicia, Owen, Freddie, and Poppy

- Year 5- Albie, Pheobe, Rocco, Lucy, and Noah
- Year 4- Olivia and Luca, Ellis, Dewet, and Poppy
- Year 3- Todd, Brie, and Flynn
- Year 2- Sam, Eva, Jaxon, Darcey
- Year 1- Charlie and Poppy Rose
- Year 1 Ash Class got a whole class star of the day.



Well done everyone!

Bristol Sport Foundation - Rugby Tickets Offer

With Rugby World Cup fever taking hold, Bristol Bears (via Bristol Sport Foundation) are offering St John's reduced price tickets to the Bristol Bears v Harlequins Gallagher Premiership game on Saturday, October 28th at Ashton Gate. The offer allows a family of five (two adults and three children) to attend the game for £33, which is a fantastic price for topflight professional rugby.

How to claim your discounted ticket(s):

- Tickets can be claimed online only. Link to fixture here: https://rb.gy/62bpx
- Discount available in Atyeo Stand and Block E34 of Dolman Stand
- Select your seats and select the non-Member categories, then add tickets to basket
- At the checkout page enter the discount code in the 'Enter Coupon' box and click 'Activate'
- Tickets will be reduced to relevant discount

Please see the attached poster for more information.

Out of School Achievements

Sophia has successfully completed level 1 and 5 meter swim badges - brilliant!



Olivia in Maple Class achieved her stage 3 swimming and her 10 metres last week - well done!



Harvest Festival Donations

This year we will not be asking for donations for our harvest festival to be brought into school as we have in previous years. Instead we would ask that, if you are able to, to donate directly to Somer Valley Food Bank, which is part of the Trussell Trust.

For more information and how to donate, please see: https://somervalley.foodbank.org.uk/

ITEMS REQUESTED

Milk Powder Biscuits Instant Mash Mac Cheese Coffee Custard Sponge & Other Puddings Tuna Fruit Juice **Tinned Fruit Tinned Vegetables** Corned Beef Vegetable Soup Jam Pasta Sauce Squash

Toilet Rolls Household Cleaner Washing up Liquid Toilet Cleaner Hair Conditioner Shampoo Razors & Shaving Foam Deodorant









Inclusive Holiday Playschemes are co-ordinated by Bath Area Play Project, and include sessions and involvement from organisations such as Bath Rugby Foundation and Time 2 Share.

Holiday Playschemes run during the school holidays at locations across Bath & North East Somerset. They offer playschemes for children aged 3 - 5, 5 - 12 and 12 – 19 years based at BOP, The Hut and Three Ways School in Bath. Their SOFA programme is for disabled young people aged 12+ years and involves a variety of fun, off site activities. These playschemes are for B&NES residents only and children must meet the <u>Eligibility Criteria</u> which can be found on BAPP's website.

October 2023 - half term booking now open

For existing members, you will be able to book onto BAPP's half term October half term holiday bookings via <u>Magic Booking</u>.

If you have not yet created an account to book onto these playschemes, please follow the below instructions.

Parent carers will need to create an account on their <u>booking website</u>. Once registered, follow the following steps:

- Create your account by adding your details (please note there is an option to add an additional account holder for those who wish to have both parents details added or those who co-parent)
- You'll then need to add in your child/ren details (please select the **three lines** at the top of your accounts page and select children Then **+ Add Child**, individual children will need to be added separately)
- Add 'Bath Area Play Project' as your centre
- •There is a **HELP?** option on the main page with helpful guides if you require any assistance, at any time.
- Once you are registered, you will receive an email letting you know when sessions are available to book.
- When the activity dates go live Choose the Activity/setting you are interested in attending (Holiday Playscheme)
- We would prefer that you tick the **Ad-hoc** option when it comes to picking the dates that are your preference and **please avoid ticking all dates**. Then depending on demand, the allocations will be 1 or 2 spaces a week at Three Ways School and 3 or more days at other locations due to the level of demand.
- •Select the dates which are your preference.
- We will then either approve or decline each date depending on the number of places available.
- You will then receive an email confirming your dates allocated with an invoice attached.
- Going forward, all payments will be made to BAPP directly and we will then transfer fees to the correct provider.
- Once places are confirmed, if for any reason you need to cancel, you can do this on the system, but you will only be refunded or receive a credit (please allow 5 working days for this) if we have been notified about the cancellation and are able to reallocate the space to another child.

If you have any questions about the above process please contact BAPP directly: <u>bookings@bathreaplayproject.co.uk</u>

Are you choosing a school for your child for September 2024?

We know that choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you make as parents.

To provide parents with an opportunity to learn more about our school and our ethos, we are inviting you to visit the school for a presentation followed by a tour of the school.





Open Mornings

Tuesday, 17th October, 9.30am Tuesday, 31st October, 9.30am Friday, 3rd November, 9.30am

Places are limited so must be booked in advance by contacting the School Office on 01761 412019.

We can offer:

- Dedicated teaching rooms for cookery, music and pottery
- Forest school sessions
- Extra-curricular clubs
- Large playing fields and playgrounds with age-appropriate activity areas
- Outdoor classroom

St. John's Primary School is a 'Good' School:

"Pupils behave well in school... Classrooms are calm and pupils work hard. In the playground, pupils socialise happily together." "Pupils are taught a well-considered curriculum to support their broader development. This is a particular strength of the school." Ofsted Report, March 2023



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1st Radstock Scout Group Present SCARECROW FEST

30th September 2023 12.30 - 4.30



CLASSES

Garden on a plate with a scarecrow

Decorate a Victoria sandwich cake as the head of a scarecrow

Floral Display

Lego Scarecrow

Fruit and veg scarecrow

Handicraft Competition £1 covers all entries per person email radstockscouts@btinternet.com for further details and ages



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