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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 to the Summer Term! It has been an absolute joy to return to St John's after my maternity leave and I have enjoyed visiting all of the classes to see their learning to date.

Upon my return there has been a slight change to our leadership structure, I am sure you will all join me in congratulating Mrs Stone in her appointment as Assistant Head. Mrs Stone will remain as a class teacher in Acorns but during her Leadership time she will continue to work alongside the senior leadership team to monitor teaching and learning across the school. Mrs Monks returns to her position as Deputy Head and Mr Cracknell and Mr Yarlett remain as Senior Teachers.

This term our Christian value is friendship. During collective worship we have explored the story of the paralyzed man and his four friends who used their faith and determination to get him the help that he needed from Jesus. Attached to this week's purple pages is our values newsletter, this will give you some ideas of how to explore the value of friendship with your children at home.

This week we have also reminded the children of the importance of hand washing, particularly before eating. The children have been reminded of various songs and prompts around school that they can use to help them keep clean and healthy. In many classes the NHS song was used, <u>https://</u> <u>www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjelWLnEg</u>, so please feel free to use at home as well! Our school council have been busy reinstating our

hand washing stations and posters around school. Fingers crossed for a germ free term!

Best wishes, Mrs West-Gaul



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: FRIENDSHIP

Christians believe that they can call God their friend because of the relationship made possible through Jesus.

Dates for Your Diary

APRIL			
22nd - 24th	Year Four Kilve Court Camp		
23rd	St. George's Day - pupils may wear Scout and Guide uniforms		
MAY			
13th - 7th	Year 6 SATS week		
21st	Class Photos		
24th	PTA Non-uniform day and cake sale Last Day of Term 5		
JUNE			
3rd	Start of Term 6		
3rd - 7th	Year Six Residential		

School Crossing Patrol

Please note that we have been advised there will not be a School Crossing Patrol on duty near Crossways for the afternoon of 22nd April.

If there is no alternative controlled crossing or pedestrian facility do continue to use the same location to cross, as the flashing warning lights and signage inform drivers that children will be crossing at that location.

Awards of the Week

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

	Star of the Week	Star Readers	Top Doodling Class
Acorns	Zac Leo W	Eva Albert	2A Well done!
Ash	Fletcher	Ayda	
Birch	Poppy-Rose	Sofia	Forever Sport Stars of the Day: Year 6 Sycamore - Pheonix and Jayden Year 6 Willow - Evie and Harry Year 5 Pine - Reggie Year 5 Rowan - Mollie and Zachary Year 4 Maple - Amber and Henry M Year 4 Oak - Mabel and Matthew Year 3 Hazel - Jayden and Darcey Year 3 Holly - Bethany and Caiden Year 2 Elm - Mackenzie Year 2 Chestnut - Riley Year 1 Birch - Toby and Sofia Year 1 Ash - Isobelle
Chestnut	Sam	Evelyn	
Elm	Senna	Kara	
Hazel	Elise	Freya	
Holly	Tommy H	Zena	
Maple	Rudi	Josh	
Oak	April	Mabel	
Pine	Reggie	Mason R	
Rowan	lssy R	Lucy	
Sycamore	Fabien	Taylor	Great Work!
Willow	Josh V	Charlie	

Cross Country

This week, our runners from Year Six took part in the Cross Country event at Somervale. They had to run one mile with a very steep hill right in the middle.



All of our runners did amazingly, setting some amazing times and getting the 1st place in the girls event. The children were a credit to the school and we were really impressed by the way they supported their classmates and friends.





Reading in Year Two

In guided reading this week we started a great book called, 'Dave Pigeon', which is written by Swapna Haddow.

During our sessions we take turns to read out loud, discuss the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary and answer questions to support our understanding of the text.

The children are really enjoying it and here is what a few children have said:

"I liked the part when the Human Lady and the Small Human helped the pigeon"

"I thought the name Prince Googlybrain Sizzlepants Ninja Mallet face Jelli was a bad name for the pigeon and I found it really funny"

"I liked it when the boy helped the pigeon by putting its smelly sock on the pigeon's broken wing"





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Support for families and young people with special educational needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).

Explore the SEND Local Offer to find out what support there is available for young people with SEND and their families. Live Well B&NES includes details of wellbeing groups, social clubs, inclusive activities, holiday clubs, mental health support services and opportunities beyond formal education.

Dedicated information sections signpost to support around benefits and funding, Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP's), health services and how to access impartial advice and guidance from specialist teams.

Parent Carers of young people with SEND can identify ways they can access support for their role as a parent **carer** of a child with additional needs.

You can also apply for your child's free Rainbow Resource card providing discreet confirmation of their additional need, and enabling them to access dedicated activity sessions, quiet spaces and support, and in some cases concessions to venues across the South West.

Visit the SEND Local Offer to find out more.