

Christian Value for this term: Love

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to the new school year, and particularly to all our new pupils and members of staff! After so many months away it has been lovely to see the children return and adapt so quickly to the new routines. We will be constantly reviewing our procedures so please do let us know if you have any feedback.

A huge congratulations to Miss Jones, who I am sure some of you have noticed is pregnant! She will hopefully be with us until October half term and is currently covering teachers PPA.

This term we are having a focus on resilience, children in key stage two have completed resilience checklists and following this we will be providing sessions in order to address some of the things they have highlighted. As a school we are aware of how resilience really aids pupils to achieve their best academically and ensures they are ready to cope with the ups and downs that life will undoubtedly throw at them in the future, including dealing with online safety.

One way that we have been looking to help pupils, which parents could also do at home, is to ensure that we are modelling resilient behaviour ourselves. Pupils will take their lead from how adults respond to situations and deal with minor things going wrong, so as a group we have been thinking about the example we set here at school in these situations and the message that sends to our pupils.

Understanding that making mistakes is OK and that we can learn from them is also a big part of becoming more resilient. Here at St John's we have been encouraging pupils to take risks with their learning, make mistakes and use these mistakes as learning opportunities. We are emphasising to the pupils that while it is good to know things and be correct, anytime that mistakes are made is a real opportunity to learn and move forward.

We greatly appreciate your support in this important regard as we look to best prepare our pupils for their future.



Hello I am a Tryatops. I persist when challenges occur. I bounce back after difficulties. I'm proud when I accomplish things.

Best wishes

Mrs West-Gaul

A few reminders

- We really appreciate everything you are doing at the beginning and end of the day to move off site quickly. We have had a few concerns from parents about people standing and waiting on the narrow pavement adjacent to the front of the school. Please feel free to use the grassy bank to the left of the school entrance or the car park to wait in if your drop off/pick up times are different for different children.
- Please book a telephone appointment if you wish to speak to a member of staff, this is to keep everyone safe.

Thank you

A huge thank you to the parents of last years Year 6 children who have donated £310 to the school. This was money which had been raised for the leavers party which didn't go ahead. It will be the school councils first project this year to look at how we spend it.

Family of Hope

As a school we have been helping to sponsor a child from the Family of Hope school in Uganda which Mrs Hebditch visited. Her name is Purity and she has Down's syndrome.

Next Tuesday, the 15th of September, is Purity's birthday and the children organising the fund raising events would love it if you could sponsor Purity through muffin on Tuesday and make a contribution for Purity and her school. Thank you.



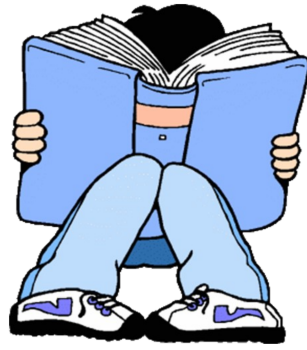
100 Great Black Britons Competitions

As part of our collective worship cycle this term we will be celebrating individuals across the world who have achieved great things. So far we have explored the life of George Matus, a drone engineer from the USA, and Ziyu He, a famous violinist from China.

As part of Black History month in October we will be focussing on exploring the stories of Great Black Britons. As part of this learning we will talk to the children about a competition they can enter at home, creating a project that celebrates the work and legacy of an individual or group of black Britons. For more information visit the competition website: <https://www.100greatblackbritons.co.uk/competition.html>

The closing date is 31st December 2020 and we would love to see any entries that are made! Prizes will include a voucher for the winners and black/multicultural educational resources (books, games, software packages) will be awarded in the following categories to the school.





We are pleased to bring you a brand new section to our Purple pages! This section is all about our love of reading!

As a school we are thinking a lot this year about how we can improve reading and how we can bring reading to life in all areas of our curriculum.

Your children will be beginning to bring a reading book home in the next few weeks. They will bring home one reading book from our reading scheme which they should be able to read independently to you and another sharing book which you can help them read or read to them. For more confident readers, they will bring home one longer book that they will be able to read independently to themselves (or you) and discuss with you.

Please remember to sign your child's home reading diary. It promotes the importance of reading and is a lovely way to spend time with your children at the end of a busy day. Let us know what they've read or even what you have read to them! Take it in turns, ask each other questions and explore picture books. We have books in school and also charity shops are a good place to find as good as new books.

Our 'Reading at Home' booklet can be found on our website. You will find lots of helpful tips and advice on reading with your child at home.

Why not visit www.lovelymybooks.co.uk for more ideas and tips for engaging your child in reading, There are loads of fun and creative activities to try!

Another great site is; www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk. It has great book reviews and recommendations!

Please see your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's reading.

Achievosaurus

Well done to everyone who has received an Achievosaurus Certificate this week:

Year 1	Ella Boanna	Year 4	Ozzie E Dylan P
Year 2	Reid Rory Finlay	Year 5	Minnie Rory
Year 3	Jayden-Lee April G	Year 6	Austin H Camille D



Pupil absences

As we all return to school and the weather turns colder it is only natural for children to develop seasonal coughs and colds. This is especially so given that we have all been apart for a long period of time. Obviously during this time we must ensure that we are following government Covid-19 advice however it is also important that children don't miss schooling unnecessarily.

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform the school office accordingly and provide details of their symptoms. If children have any Covid-19 symptoms (a persistent dry cough, a temperature of 38c or over or a loss of taste and smell) then they must have a coronavirus test before returning to school. If children have any other symptoms but are well enough to attend school then please send children in.

Children who were feeling slightly unwell in the morning often feel much better when they are distracted with school work and playing with their friends. Teachers will always alert the school office if a child is feeling unwell and we will contact parents if necessary.

COVID 19 Reminders

Please do not send your child to school if they are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19.

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back. The NHS website states that a high temperature is 38°C.
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get your result.

The following links might be useful:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



Management of COVID-19 in school-age children Actions for parents/carers

If your child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, and a loss of or change to taste or smell; do not send them to school

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus while at school

Your child will be taken to a separate room away from others and you will be asked to take them home*.

Your child must stay at home for 10 days from when they became unwell.

Use the [NHS 111 online portal](#) or call 119 to request a test for your child.

All of the people in your household must also stay at home for 14 days.

The school will not take any further action until the result of the test is known. This should take between 24-48 hours.

Result of test?

Negative for COVID-19

If the test is negative, your child can return to school and the rest of the household can leave the house.

If the test result is POSITIVE

You must notify the school of the positive test result.

Your child will need to stay at home for 10 days. All other people in the household will need to stay at home for 14 days.

The school will phone the SW Health Protection Team who will carry out a risk assessment of who your child has been in close contact with and who may also need to stay at home. This may also be done by NHS Test and Trace.

You will also be contacted by NHS Test and Trace and asked to tell them about all of the people your child has been in close contact with.

Anyone identified as a close contact will need to stay at home for 14 days. You will be helped to identify who the close contacts are.

The school may send home the other children in your child's class or year group.

Your child can return to school once they have been at home for 10 days.

If your child has not been at school during the period they were infectious then the school will not need to take any further action.

If there are more than one cases in a single class or group

Any child with a confirmed COVID-19 result must stay at home for 10 days. Everyone in their household will need to stay at home for 14 days.

The school will phone the SW Health Protection team who will carry out a rapid risk assessment to identify who the cases have been in close contact with.

Anyone who has symptoms will need to get a test.
Use the [NHS 111 online portal](#) or call 119.

Anyone identified as a close contact of the confirmed cases will need to stay at home for 14 days.

This may mean that whole classes or year groups will be sent home for 14 days.

Regular meetings will be held between the school, public health and the Local Authority to assess the situation and advise if any further action is required.

Once everyone has completed their stay at home periods they can return to school. This is 10 days for the children who have had a positive test result and 14 days for anyone identified as a close contact.

*Please talk to the school if you have any difficulties in collecting your child.

Further information:
 Guidance: [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)
 Testing: [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
 Somerset Children and Young People: <https://www.cypsomersethealth.org/>

