

26th February 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Finally we are beginning to see the signs of spring around us, I feel this week has been a real turning point for everyone. We had the good news that we would be fully reopening as of the 8th March, the sun has begun to shine and the daylight hours seem to be extending.

Attached to this weeks newsletter is an additional letter outlining the plans for our return. In line with other schools in the MAT, and in order to fully prepare for the children's return, we will not be presenting any online sessions on Friday 5th March. Packs will still be available online for this day, so



your child's structure can still be followed should you wish, but equally please use it as an opportunity if you can to have a screen free day and enjoy time as a family.

If your child currently attends school but you are able to keep them at home this day please let us know as it would help us to release staff for the preparations.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs West-Gaul

Christian Value of the Term: Hope

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

Bible story link: God's promise to Abraham
Genesis 13



Inspiring Hope

Inspiring Hope is a simple social media project for Lent 2021. The idea is to share messages of hope, written by young people, across social media platforms each weekday during Lent. Send your ideas to the office email and we will share them with our school community.



St John's COVID 19 Time Capsule

We are making history at St John's! We are inviting the children to explore our time capsule templates, or use them as inspiration, to create a memento of this extraordinary time! You may like to choose one page to complete with colours, pictures and words. The past 12 months have been unprecedented and we want to hear what memories the children have



of Covid-19 so that they can be preserved for future generations!

Return this to the office and we will create a time capsule on our return to school and bury it in the woodland area for people of the future. Simply, click on the attachments on the ParentMail to download the templates.

School Uniform

We will be returning to school with an expectation of full school uniform, this includes ties. With the warmer weather approaching some children may wish to return in summer uniform.

Large headbands and jewellery are not part of school uniform. Small stud earrings may be worn but must be removed by your child for PE.

	Summer uniform	Winter uniform	PE Kit
Boys	White shirt St John's tie Grey V-neck jumper Grey shorts Grey socks Black shoes	White shirt St John's tie Grey V-neck jumper Grey long trousers Grey socks Black shoes	Purple St John's t-shirt Black shorts Black tracksuit bottoms Purple St John's hoodie Black daps Black Trainers
Girls	White shirt St John's tie Grey or purple cardigan Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers Purple summer dress White socks Black shoes	White shirt St John's tie Grey or purple cardigan Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers Grey socks / tights Black shoes	Purple St John's t-shirt Black shorts/leggings Black tracksuit bottoms Purple St John's hoodie Black daps Black Trainers



World Book Day 2021

Thursday 4th March 2021 will be World Book Day and we will be celebrating the day with lots of activities:

- We are holding a 'Get caught reading' competition. We would love you to send photo's of pupils reading in funny places to office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk for us to share on our Facebook page.
- We are inviting pupils to 'Share a story' with the school. Please send recordings of pupils reading a story for us to share on our school YouTube channel.
- Design a potato book character. Be as creative as you like to turn a potato into your favourite book character. Send you photos to the office email. (please see details attached)
- We would like to thank the PTA for funding a performance from the Hobgoblin Theatre company for World Book Day. There are two performances for you to watch at home on Thursday afternoon; Treasure Island and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



Please note there will be no afternoon live sessions on Thursday 4th March.

Treasure island <https://vimeo.com/503196115>
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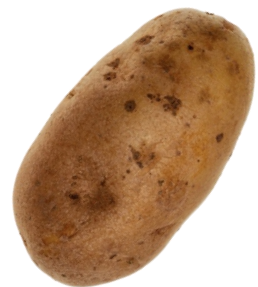
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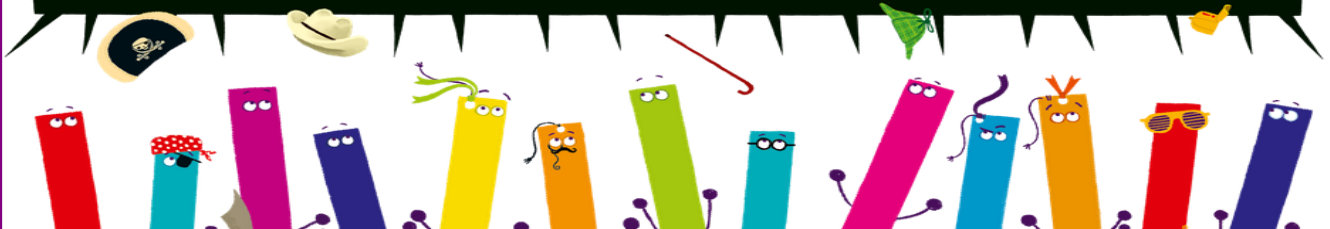
Your challenge is to design a potato book character.

Use a potato and be as creative as you like to turn it into a book character of your choice.

You may use any materials you like. Use whatever you have at home. If you prefer, you can make a poster of your favourite character instead.



IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!

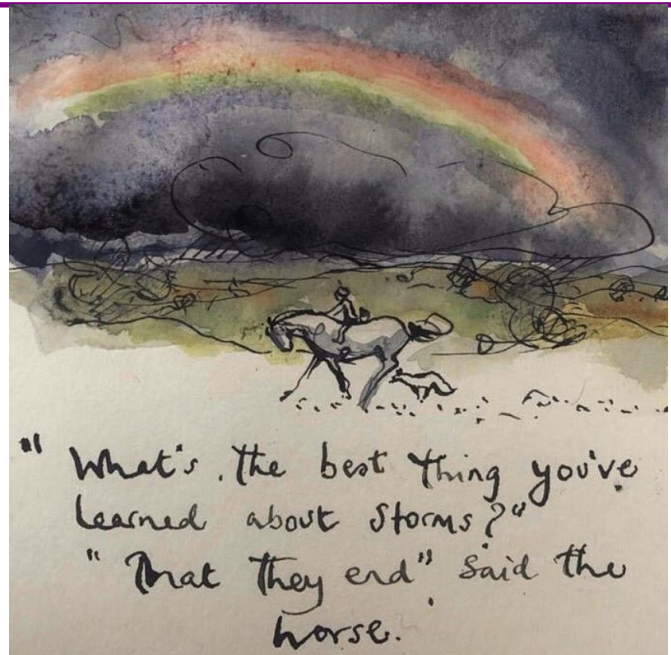


A note from the wellbeing team

With this weeks Government announcement it does feel that the end is in sight. We would like to thank all of our parents who have done such a wonderful job at home learning. However we are aware that as well as catching up on their academic work, we all have a duty to look after the mental wellbeing of our pupils.

Please make sure that you check out the new links that have been added to the wellbeing page on our website.

<http://www.st-johnscofe.bathnes.sch.uk/our-school/wellbeing-st-johns/>



School Dinner booking

From 8th March we will be reverting to the 3 week rolling menu attached starting on week 1. All school dinners need to be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay. Bookings can be made for individual days, a whole week or for the whole term.

The cut off for making bookings is midnight on Thursday of the week before, **therefore please book by Thursday 4th March 2021**. If you forget to book school dinners please provide your child with a packed lunch. We will contact the parents of any pupils who haven't booked a dinner and/or haven't bought a packed lunch to ask them to bring in a packed lunch for their child.

BANES Music Service

In association with BANES music service we are able to offer KS2 pupils music lessons in a variety of instruments. Currently on offer are lessons on recorder, fife, flute, clarinet, and saxophone which during the pandemic are being delivered safely online but will move back to face to face in school when permitted. Pupils are encouraged to begin on a recorder (approx. £10 to purchase) as this will prepare them for which ever instrument they choose to learn.



There are a variety of lesson options available to suit most budgets. Please get in touch with me at Banes Music Hub on the following email for more details Sophie_Holden@BATHNES.GOV.UK.

You can also browse our website banesmusiconline.co.uk to see what we offer.

Strava Outdoor Year group Challenge

Join our school's Strava outdoors challenge from **12th February until 8th March**. The aim of the challenge is to complete as many outdoor miles as you and your family can, each week, to win points for your child's class.

If you would like to take part all you will need to do is to download the Strava app from the app store on your phone, and set up a free account. You can then use the app to track your runs, including route and distance covered, using the 'Record' button'. Set your activity to run even if you are walking. You can also search the 'Clubs' section of the app for 'St John's' and select your child's year group.

So far the leader board is:

1st Year 3 (357.6 miles)	4th Year 6 (205.75 miles)
2nd Year 2 (236.98 miles)	5th Year 5 (173.21 miles)
3rd Year 1 (222.43 miles)	6th Year 4 (133.73 miles)



Lockdown Olympics

PH Sport are running a Lockdown Olympics which is a weekly set of challenges aimed to add an element of competition into the online resources that they are providing for children at home and in school.

phsports.co.uk/lockdown-olympics

For the next 4 weeks, they will be uploading activity cards that include a simple explanation of the challenge and a link to a video demonstration of how it's done.



The card will also include a link for scores to be uploaded, make sure you check out their twitter account or website each week to see where our school stands in the leader board! Scores must be submitted by 9.00am on Mondays.

PTA School Uniform donations

If you have any unwanted, good condition school uniform collecting dust and are happy to donate to the PTA, they will be doing a collection at the school gates.

A box will be left by the gates on the morning of **Friday 12th March** which will be taken away straight after pick up. The PTA will then store the uniform until summer when restrictions have eased and a uniform sale can be arranged.

