

5th March 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Finally the period of home schooling is at an end and hopefully not returning any time soon. On behalf of all of the staff at St John's we would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the support that you have shown us over the last 9 weeks, and for the dedication and commitment that our children have had to home learning. We are all incredibly proud of our children and cannot wait to see them all back in school on Monday. I have attached the return to school letter that we sent out last week as a reminder of the measures we will continue to have in place.

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day and what a great end to home learning that was. I was incredibly impressed with all of the efforts made and hope you enjoy the Facebook updates over the coming days. A huge thanks go to our PTA for providing us with performances to watch in the afternoon.

Next week we look forward to reconnecting as a community, having a focus on wellbeing and the creative arts as we welcome the children back.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I will see you bright and early on Monday morning!

Mrs West-Gaul



Inspiring Hope

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



Growing our own!

We are very keen to make more of our class vegetable beds and polytunnel area this year and so we are very grateful to Tesco Midsomer Norton for donating some summer flowering bulbs and vegetable seeds to the school. We will be encouraging

pupils to help plant these over the coming weeks.



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

Coronavirus Information

Whole families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, will be able to test themselves twice every week from home as schools return from 8 March.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>

School Crossing Patrol

From Monday 8th March the School Crossing Patrol will be reinstated. Please could we remind parents/carers and pupils to keep two metres from the crossing patrol in order to maintain social distancing requirements, and to follow their instructions when crossing the road with them.

Forest School & PE kit

Please can we ask that all pupils bring their PE kit with them every Monday and leave it in school all week so that they have the correct clothes with them for PE.

We will be encouraging pupils to make full use of our outside facilities this term which may include some outdoor learning throughout the week. **Please can we ask pupils to bring in named wellies and waterproofs in a carrier bag next week to be left in school permanently.**

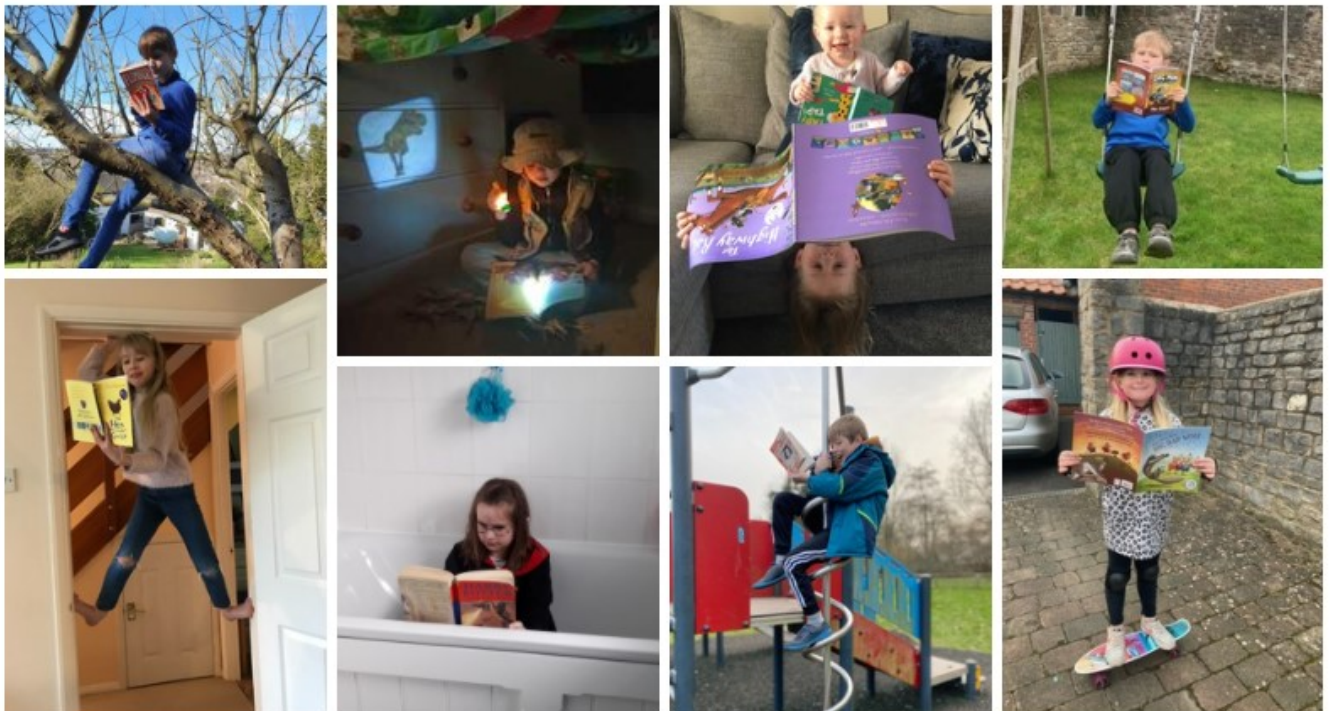


World Book Day 2021

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day yesterday. We have enjoyed listening to you reading your favourite book or poem as part of our 'share a story'. We will be sharing these on our school Facebook page over the coming days. It was also lovely to see so many of you getting dressed up as part of our special home learning activities!

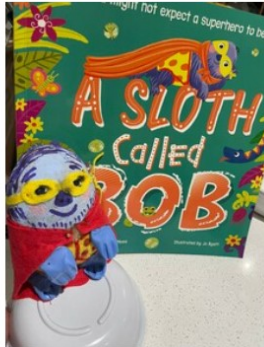


Thank you to all of you who have taken part in the 'Get caught reading' competition. We have been impressed with all of the different places that you've found to read a book!



World Book Day continued

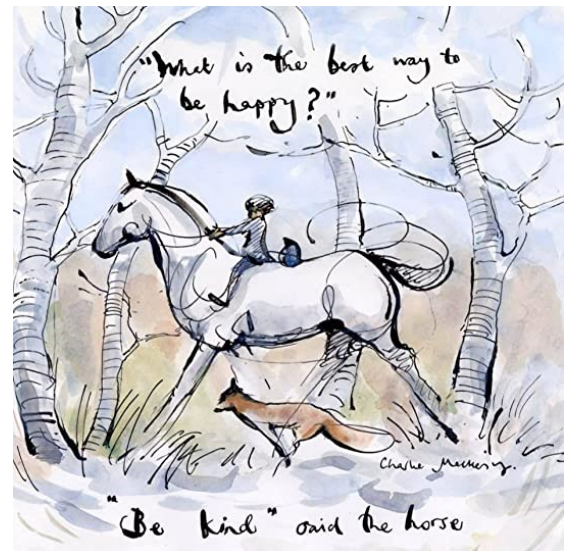
Lots of you have also been busy decorating a potato in the form of your favourite book characters. We have been amazed at your creativity and loved seeing all of your photos. Here is a small selection. You can see all of the photos that we received on our school Facebook page.



A note from the wellbeing team

Please see attached our last stand alone Wellbeing Newsletter of this term. Instead, there will be a designated wellbeing section of purple pages each week to support the mental health and wellbeing of our families. We will continue to share ideas to support your child's wellbeing at home.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children and their families back next week and rebuilding our school community. Emphasis will be placed on the children's wellbeing and teachers will be doing daily wellbeing activities with the children as well as encouraging them to learn outside as much as possible.



Midsomer Norton Community Pantry

Midsomer Norton Methodist Church has opened a Community Pantry in partnership with a member of the community. Non perishable items can be donated to the pantry and families in need are able to collect items anonymously day or night.

Further information is attached.



Strava Outdoor Year group Challenge

We have had a great response to our school Strava challenge and you still have this weekend to get in some more miles for your child's year group. 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.

So far the leader board is:

1st - Yr 3 (649.5 miles) **2nd - Yr 6 (533.25 miles)**
3rd - Yr 1 (373.33 miles) **4th - Yr 2 (371.08 miles)**
5th - Yr 5 (247.71 miles) **6th - Yr 4 (214.3 miles)**
7th - Reception (4.6 miles)



Lockdown Olympics

This week is week 2 of PH Sports' Lockdown Olympics which is a weekly set of challenges aimed to add an element of competition into the online resources they are providing for children at home and in school. This week the challenge is sock slinging! You can find out more information on the website:

http://phsports.co.uk/lockdown-olympics/?utm_medium=email&_hsmi=113717887&_hsenc=p2ANqtz--6HeFj1YX3Fvg1aFjG5HGOPeR4trwO-c3qgx8P5ZUO2LLQ1ftO-kn10TEdvEgJNi5wt7lqykcb9KCRrNJSxkbMyhUdgaecOyhad7p5qExPF8GR6wl&utm_content=113717887&utm_source=hs_email



You will also find a link to download a score card which must be submitted by 9.00am on Mondays. We'd love to see photos of our pupils doing the challenges so that we can share them with our school community.

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.



St John's Pen Pals

Year 4 Oak Class have been writing pen pal letters to children in the USA. We have linked with Lincoln Elementary School in Torrance, California and are aiming to write to each other once a month. Pupils have received one letter so far and have written a reply introducing themselves and talking about the different things that they are interested in. We have noticed a few differences between us but like us they have been learning online recently and receiving the letters has been something for us all to look forward to.

Lincoln Elementary School

11th February 2021

Dear Lucas

My name is Stanley and I am 8 years old. I have a cat named Bonnie and she is 4 years old and I have two sisters and one of them is 15 and the other one is 13 and their names are Emily and Olivia. I live in a town near the city of Bath in the South West of England. It is very cold here because it is winter. We had a big frost and everything is white.

My hobbies are playing computer games and my favourite sport is football and my favourite team is Liverpool. Before Covid I trained 3 times a week with matches on the weekend.

I have been to America twice on holiday to Florida. We went to Disney, Universal and stayed in a villa. It was a big plane and took 9 hours it was a lot of fun.

From Stanley, age 8

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10th February 2021

Dear Courtney,

My name is Isla-Rae and I am your new pen-pal. I am 9 years old. I had my birthday last Friday on the 5th of February. I live with my Mum, my dad, my brother and my Hamster. My favourite colour is Stripy Purple and Orange. I like High school Musical and the greatest showman too. I also like Mary Poppins. My favourite animals are Squirrels and pigs. They are really cute. My favourite book series is the Rainbow Magic books by Daisy Meadows. There is Isla the ice star fairy and Courtney the clownfish fairy and these are our names, there are a lot more Rainbow Magic books though.

My favourite subjects in school are Art and English. Last week in Art we drew a positive superhero whose power is positivity. I drew Super John the squirrel because squirrels are my favourite animal and my Dad drew his sidekick super-cucumber because I love cucumbers. Last week in English we were looking at poems, similes and metaphors.

My favourite sports are Football and swimming. I also like ice skating but I don't do it very often. My favourite football teams are Bristol City and England.

My favourite type of music is Pop music and I like the girl band Little mix, my favourite boy band is Westlife and I also like Ariana Grande.

It must be nice living near Disneyland one day I will go there but I have to save up my pennies first. Me and my friend love Las Vegas but neither of us have actually ever been there. At your school do you get to wear what you like, or do you have to wear a school uniform? At my school we wear school uniforms. My favourite meal is battered sausage and chips from a fish shop. What is your favourite meal? Do you have any pets? I have a pet hamster.

I hope I hear from you soon.
From your pen-pal Isla-Rae :)

BANES Music Service- Cancellation of Lessons

Unfortunately, Richard Jackson will no longer be teaching and delivering music sessions with us as from immediate effect. He would like to pass on his sincerest apologies to all the students, staff and parents impacted by this turn of events.

We will endeavour to try and find a replacement tutor as soon as we can, so will be seeking advice from BANES Music Services about other services available.

We wish Richard all the best moving forward and we thank him for all of his hard work and dedication to his students.

Guitar lessons will resume in person after the Easter Holidays. We will be in touch regarding other music tuition as soon as details have been confirmed.

For any queries regarding ongoing tuition please contact music@bathnes.gov.uk.

