

Message from the Headteacher

We have had another wonderful week at St John's. All the pupils have settled into their new routines and it has been lovely to see and hear the classes engaging in their learning.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during the past two weeks which are always a busy time of year. Teachers are available to chat to at the start and end of the day should you wish. Alternatively please email the school office with any questions or information to be passed to teachers as this is the most effective way of them communicating to the relevant person. The school office is fully staffed between 8am and 3.30pm. Please can we remind you that medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible.

On Friday morning next week we will be holding a PTA coffee morning in the hall for our reception parents run. Please come to the school office after drop off on Friday to sign in.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul

Headteacher

Star of the week

Well done to all our pupils who achieved star of the week this week.

Ash class	Max
Birch class	Jayden
Chestnut class	Teddy
Elm class	Rudi
Holly class	Mason
Hazel class	Seth
Maple class	Alicia
Oak class	Freddie
Pine class	Ben
Rowan class	Taylor
Sycamore class	Holly
Willow class	Elizabeth

School Tours

We are thrilled to be able to offer school tours to 2022 reception starters on the following dates: **Monday 11th October 9am - 10am, Wednesday 13th October 9am - 10am, Tuesday 19th October 9am - 10am and Wednesday 20th October 9am - 10am.** Tours can be booked by emailing the school office.

If your child is attending a Secondary School tour in the coming weeks please email the school office with the date and time of your child's appointment so that we can make a note on the register.

School Photos

Nigel Coles will be in school on Monday 20th September to take individual pupil photos and again on Tuesday to take sibling photos. Please can all pupils come into school wearing school uniform. If your child has forest school or swimming lessons on either of those days, please bring the required kit into school with them so that they can change into it after they have had their photo taken.

Living eggs

On Monday we had an egg-citing delivery from the Living Egg project of 10 embryo eggs and an incubator which we set up in the Key Stage 1 library area. The children eagerly waited to see if the eggs would hatch and by Thursday all 10 chicks had safely emerged. Over the coming week we will be able to see how much they grow and the children will be given the opportunity to hold and stroke the chicks. It has been wonderful to see the excitement in the children each morning as they experience nature and science appear before their eyes!



Donations

Wood for DT - Please can we ask for donations of offcuts of wood that we can use for DT projects around the school. Ideally the offcuts would be 4-5cms in thickness so that they can be used to hammer nails into.

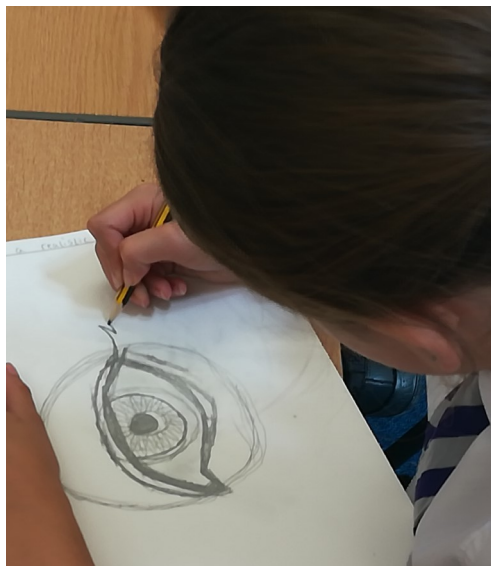
Pots and pans - We are looking to replenish stock in our Nursery and EYFS mud kitchen so any old pots and pans would be gratefully received.

Please email the school office if you have any suitable wood that could be donated.



Year 6 reading

This week, Year 6 have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. They have worked on their skills of retrieval, inference and explanation. Throughout the term, they will be using clay, crepe paper, pastels and paints to re-create some of the scenes from the book. Last week the children enjoyed learning how to add texture, which helped them to produce a realistic drawing of an eye.



Learning in Reception

We have had a great first two weeks in school and have enjoyed exploring our learning environment! This term our topic is 'All About Me' so we have already started talking about things that we like to do. Here are some of the activities we have enjoyed this week in school!



Midsomer Norton Rugby Football Club

The forthcoming season starts in September 2021 with rugby training sessions being held at Midsomer Norton Rugby Football Club every Sunday morning. There are weekly coaching sessions available for every year group from Under 6s (Year 1) to Under 18s (Year 13). Each session is led by a qualified Rugby Football Union coach. The sessions are designed to introduce children to rugby using enjoyable and engaging practices. We love to see as many children as possible enjoying playing rugby on a Sunday morning.

Dates: Every Sunday

Times: 10am-11.15am (Arrive 9.50am)

Venue: Midsomer Norton Rugby Football Club

Cost: Each child can have two free taster sessions. All subsequent sessions are also free, however it is expected that parents/carers do purchase a £60 annual family club membership if the child decides to continue to attend sessions. Only one membership needs to be purchased per family.



JUNIOR RUGBY IS BACK!

INTERESTED IN PLAYING?

Midsomer Norton Rugby Club has a thriving, inclusive, mini and junior section for boys and girls aged between 6 - 18. Come along for a free taster session, with no commitment.



If you are interested in giving it a try come along to Norton Down BA3 2UE on Sunday's at 10.00

You can contact us by email if you have any questions etc: MNRFC.Memberships@gmail.com

Midsomer Norton Football Club

Will be recommencing from Saturday 18th September for children in Year One. Training takes place from 10am to 11am at Midsomer Norton Rugby Club.

Additionally, the club are looking for more children to join its Under 7's age group (School Year Two). Training also takes place on Saturday at 10 to 11am at Midsomer Norton Rugby Club.

For more details on either please email gareth@msnfc1990.co.uk

Music lessons

B&NES Music Service has a team of over 40 qualified music teachers, delivering individual and small group instrumental lessons to students in schools throughout Bath and North East Somerset. Any instrument can be catered for, with lessons currently being provided on all orchestral instruments, guitar, piano and voice.



Music is good for your brain

Regularly singing or playing an instrument is linked with improvements in your brain, especially memory and focus.

#GetPlaying

Teachers are encouraged to enter pupils for instrumental exams providing pupils and parents with recognised accreditation. Schools are provided with an annual report for each student providing valuable feedback and targets for progression to students and parents.

If you would like further information regarding instrumental lessons, please email music@bathnes.gov.uk

