



Week beginning: 24th September

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Message from Mr Gordon

This week we have been thinking about the story of the Good Samaritan and the Christian value of showing kindness towards others. It has been lovely to see children demonstrating this value towards each other this week through a variety of activities. I was particularly impressed with children in Year 6 who have been working together to solve tricky maths reasoning questions. The demonstrated skills of listening, understanding, resilience and kindness to make sure that everybody could achieve success by the end of the task. I have put a couple of photos up on our Facebook site, do take a moment to have a look.

Open Days for Reception children starting school in September 2018:

We have held our first Open Day this week, which our Team Captains take part in by showing parents and children around our school. We are thrilled, and very proud, of the feedback received from parents, which includes 'the children were brilliant, very informative, and polite', 'we were impressed with their energy and enthusiasm', it was good that the children showed us around, very good school'. Our next and final Open Day is Friday 12th October 2018. Please contact the School Office if you would like to book a place.

Lunchboxes:

It is our school policy that any unfinished lunchbox items will come home with your child in their lunch box at the end of the school day. This is in order that parents are aware, and can monitor, what their child has eaten each day. If you have any concerns, please speak to your child's Class Teacher.

Employment Opportunity:

Our Breakfast/After-school provider, Whizzkids, are looking to recruit a playworker. If you are interested, or would like further details, please contact Marie Finnis on 01278 431868 or at mfinnis@butterfliesdaynurseries.com

Data Collection & Consent Forms:

Thank you for returning these promptly to the School Office, which will enable us to update our records, and also Class Teacher's of permissions for your child. If you have not yet returned these, please pop them into the post box in the School Office before Friday 5th October.

Flu Immunisation Consent Forms:

A final reminder that consent forms must be returned to the School Office no later than Friday 5th October, as the School Nursing Team will be collecting on this date. If forms are returned after this date, we cannot guarantee that your child will receive their immunisation in school on 18th October.

Whole School Photos:

Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 25th October to take photos of each child. Pre-school siblings are welcome from 8.30am.

Car Park:

Please help to keep your child safe walking into and from school by keeping to the paths around the car park.

Parking outside the school:

Thank you to our parents and families for parking considerately during the mornings and at home times. Unfortunately a small number of children are being dropped off on the zig-zag lines immediately outside of school. Please avoid dropping children off here, our local PCSO does patrol the area regularly.

Absence due to Diarrhoea and Vomiting

A reminder that if your child is unwell due to diarrhoea and/or vomiting, our school policy is to remain home for 48 hours after the last episode.

Reporting illness absences

Please ensure you call the School Office on **each** day of absence with a reason why your child is not in school.

Message from our Chair of Governors:

On behalf of the school Governors, I would like to thank Mrs Samantha Onslow for time spent as parent governor. She has made many valuable contributions to the governing body, which have been appreciated by all concerned. For my part, it has been a privilege to have worked alongside her and witnessed her care and attention for those she was elected to serve. Details concerning nominations for a new parent governor will be advertised in our next newsletter. **Major Yvonne Rouffet, Chair of Governors**

Amazing attendance:

The class with the best attendance this week is Tawny Owl with 98.83%. Well done for achieving great attendance! Tawny Owl class can wear non-uniform on Friday 5th October 2018.

Weekly awards:

Bird of the week

Robin	Ayda C
Wren	Cayden K
Blackbird	Grace C
Sparrow	Ethan A
Chaffinch	Sasha H
Goldfinch	Frankie T
Woodpecker	Harvey T
Jay	Bonnie M
Barn Owl	Mollie Y
Tawny Owl	Cayleigh B
Crane	Leo H
Heron	Lorna G
Kingfisher	Finley S
Eagle	Sam S
Kestrel	Ryley M

Class Worship Leaders

Robin	Whole Class
Wren	Whole Class
Blackbird	Orion B
Sparrow	Finley R
Chaffinch	Whole Class
Goldfinch	Brooklyn K
Woodpecker	Whole Class
Jay	Rafi G
Barn Owl	Leticia A
Tawny	Jack B
Kingfisher	Charlie G
Heron	Whole Class
Eagle	Ebony, Ella C, Kiera & Poppy
Kestrel	Whole Class

Christian value:

Our Christian value for this half term is: **Friendship**. "A friend is someone who gives you total freedom to be yourself."



Community News

Local Church Services:

Salvation Army, Moorland Road, Bridgwater

- 10am Prayer Meeting
- 10.30am Family Worship
- 11am Sunday Club from 4 years to 11 years

St Francis Church, Saxon Green, Bridgwater

- 10am Holy Communion
- 10am Lighthouse Club for Junior Church activities
- 10am Midweek Communion Wednesday

Extra-curricular opportunities:

Monday : Gymnastics Club, run by Premier Sports for Years R-6. Please visit <https://schools.premier-education.com/>

Monday : Girls Football, run by Miss Bryant. Please complete a consent form available from the school office.

Thursday : Boys Football, run by Miss Bryant. Please complete a consent form available from the school office.

Thursday : Choir, run by Mrs Elson. This club is now full.

*Please note that all clubs finish at 4.15pm

Safeguarding is high priority at St John and St Francis Church School. We take every opportunity to ensure that our pupil's safety is paramount. We want our pupils to be healthy and happy and to develop well both physically and mentally. The school follows the latest Government Guidance to ensure we are fulfilling our duties in this important area.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and contact at School is myself (Mr Duncan Gordon), and our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs Claire Craven, Mrs Suzanne Crane, Mrs Karen Kendrick, Mrs Laura Rendell & Mrs Emily Wells. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mr David Durston.

The School's Safeguarding policy can be found online at: <http://stjohnstfrancisbwmat.org/about-us/policies/local-policies/>

If you have any concerns about the safety of a child you can phone Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224.

There is lots of online safety advice on our website- [please follow this link](#) to help keep your child safe.



October	
1 st	PTA Meeting in School Hall @ 6.30pm
8 th	Year 6 trip to Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovil. Further details to follow.
11 th	Eagle Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Eagle Class.
12 th	Open Morning and Afternoon for parents whose child is due to start school in September 2019. 9.30am & 2pm – to book a place please contact the School Office. Please feel free to bring your child.
12 th	PTA Friday Night Film Club – further details to follow nearer the event.
18 th	School Flu Immunisation sessions Years R-5. Consent forms went home with your child w/c 10 th September. Completed forms to be returned to School Office post box by Friday 5 th October.
18 th	Kestrel Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Kestrel Class.
23 rd	Harvest Service @ St Francis Church. Year 1 and 2 : 9.30am, Year 3 and 4 : 10.10am, Year 5 and 6 : 10.50am. Reception classes (In School Hall) : 2.30pm
25 th	Whole School Photos with Tempest Photography. Pre-school siblings welcome from 8.30am.
26 th	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils.
HALF TERM 29 th October – 2 nd November.	
November	
5 th	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils.
6 th	School re-opens following the Half Term break.
9 th	Maths Cafe. Parents are invited into Class for a maths session led by Classteachers. Please note as this is a working session we ask that younger siblings do not attend. Reception classes and Key Stage 1 (Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch) – 9.00am - 10.00am Key Stage 2 (Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl, Tawny Owl, Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle) – 10.00am - 11.00am.
12 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Parents will be given details of our online parents evening system to book an appointment with classteachers.
12 th	PTA Meeting in School Hall @ 6.30pm
13 th	Year 3 trip to Cheddar Caves. Please see letter home 14.09.18.
14 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Parents will be given details of our online parents evening system to book an appointment with classteachers.
22 nd	Kingfisher Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Kingfisher Class.
29 th	Heron Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Heron Class.
30 th	Non-school uniform in lieu of donations for PTA Christmas Fair.
30 th	Festival of Light Day. The children will focus on different religious festivals that celebrates lights.
30 th	PTA School Disco – further details to follow nearer the event.
December	
Our Nativity performances will be at The Salvation Army Hall in Moorland Road.	
3 rd	PTA Meeting in School Hall @ 6.30pm
14 th	PTA Christmas Fair – further details to follow nearer the event.
17 th - 21 st	Sparkle and Shine Week. Please send in a decorated shoe box.
17 th @ 2.00pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
18 th @ 2.00pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes