



Week beginning: 5th November 2018

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Message from Mr Gordon

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a lovely holiday last week, enjoying time together and recharging your batteries. With the clocks changing, it is very much starting to feel like we are in the grips of Autumn.

We are focussing on our Christian Value of 'Compassion' this half term. This will include understanding the story of the Good Samaritan, and seeing how this still has relevance to our lives in school and the wider community. Understanding the feelings of others is a real strength of our school, so I will be updating our website with images and examples of the children's work related to this theme.

On Monday, our staff worked together with colleagues from our local BWMAT school, Wembdon St George's on developing our curriculum offer. There are lots of interactive things planned in the pipeline for sharing resources and both staff and children working together at each other's schools. Exciting times ahead!

Parent's Evening – Monday 12th & Wednesday 14th November 2018:

Booking is open at: www.stjohnstfrancischurch.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ until 9am on the morning of the Parent's Evenings. We look forward to seeing both you and your child next week, in order that they can hear of their achievements. Please enter through the main entrance.

Whole School Photo orders:

Please note that today is the final order date via school. Any orders not yet returned will need to be placed directly with Tempest and will be subject to postage charges.

Vacancies:

There are currently vacancies at our school for 2x SEN Teaching Assistants. Please visit www.stjohnstfrancisbwmatt.org/about-us/vacancies/ for more details including an application pack.

Severe Weather Procedure:

Please familiarise yourself with our Emergency and Severe Weather procedure on our website: www.stjohnstfrancisbwmatt.org/parents/severe-weather-procedure/

Absence Reporting:

As from Monday, if your child is absent from school without any explanation from yourself, you will receive a text asking you to call the school as soon as possible with a reason for absence. We appreciate your co-operation with this, as your child's safety is of paramount importance.

Diary Dates:

Please remember to check these online as they are regularly updated.

Diocese of Bath & Wells Education Team Christmas Card design:

Separate to the recent Christmas Card design orders organised by our PTA, the Diocese of Bath & Wells Education Team are looking for a design for their Christmas Cards this year. If your child would like to enter their design to be considered, please return it via the School Office postbox in a sealed envelope marked 'Diocese of Bath & Wells Education Team Christmas Card design' also stating your child's name-please do not include children's names on the design. The card must include Christian content, in Portrait or Landscape layout and the card can be in any form, crayon, paint, digital, etc. Entries must be returned no later than Wednesday 14th November,

Uniform/Clothing donations:

With the change in season/weather, if your child has any school uniform which they have outgrown, our PTA would be grateful for any donations. Likewise, any other clothing donations can be made in our clothing recycling bank, found in the car park. This also raises funds for our PTA.

Sparkle & Shine Week – 17th to 21st December:

A reminder that children are asked to bring in a decorated shoe box, or alternatively cardboard box or bag this week. Please send all decorated boxes or bags on Monday 10th December.

Children in Need:

A reminder that as previously advised in our newsletter, children are welcome to wear non-uniform next Friday (16th November) in lieu of a donation to this worthy cause. Miss Bryant also sent home a letter yesterday outlining our ambition as a school to achieve 423 miles walked/ran/cycled or scooted next week. Thank you as always for your support.



Amazing attendance:

The classes with the best attendance this week are Sparrow & Woodpecker Class with **100%**. Well done for achieving perfect attendance! Sparrow & Woodpecker Class can wear non-uniform on Thursday 15th 2018.

Our whole school attendance this week, 97.13%, is also worthy of a mention! Thank you for ensuring your child attends school regularly.

Weekly awards:

Bird of the week

Robin	Blake A
Wren	Oliver D
Blackbird	Hubert K
Sparrow	Jack P
Chaffinch	Charles H
Goldfinch	Romarni C
Woodpecker	Ella H
Jay	Amber M
Barn Owl	Owen C
Tawny Owl	Tom P
Crane	Ella D
Heron	Lainey B
Kingfisher	Rihanna D C
Eagle	Rachel M
Kestrel	Kurtus J

Class Worship Leaders

Robin	Whole Class
Wren	Whole Class
Blackbird	Callum S
Sparrow	Leni R
Chaffinch	Whole Class
Goldfinch	Whole Class
Woodpecker	Roisin K
Jay	Whole class
Barn Owl	Whole Class
Tawny Owl	Lilly-May O
Kingfisher	Finley S
Heron	Niamh W and Sienna H
Eagle	Whole Class
Kestrel	Todd S and William A

Christian value:

Our Christian value for this half term is: **Compassion**. "Compassion is the wish to see others free from suffering."



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. This club is now full.

Monday : Year 3-6 Girls Netball & Football, run by Miss Bryant. Please see letter home 24th October 2018. Please return completed consent forms to the School Office by 8th November. Places will be confirmed on 9th November, club starts Monday 19th November.

Monday : Year 3-6 Tag Rugby Club, run by Miss Webber. Please see letter home 24th October 2018. Please return completed consent forms to the School Office by 8th November. Places will be confirmed on 9th November, club starts Monday 19th November.

Wednesday : Street Surfing Club, run by Premier Sport for Year 3-6. Please book online at www.premier-education.com

Thursday : Boys Football, run by Miss Bryant. This club is now full.

Thursday : Choir, run by Miss Smith. 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.



November	
12 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Parents have been 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 have been given details of our online parents evening system to book an appointment with classteachers.
15 th	Year 4 Tudor Day. Please see letter home 25.10.18
16 th	Children in Need day. Children are welcome to wear non uniform to school on this day, for a donation.
22 nd	Year 1 trip to Bristol Zoo. Please see letter home 04.10.18
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
19 th @ 9.30am	Nativity Year 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes
19 th @ 2.00pm	Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes
20 th @ 9.30am	Nativity Year 3 and 4 Jay, Woodpecker, Barn Owl and Tawny Owl classes
20 th @ 2.00pm	Nativity Year 5 and 6 Heron, Kingfisher, Kestrel and Eagle classes
21 st	Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper with their normal school trousers/skirt.
21 st	Parents invited into Class to make a Christmas decoration with their child. 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
21 st	PTA Christmas Parties – these will be held in children’s classes during the school day.
Christmas break 23 rd December – 4 th January	
January	
7 th	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils.
8 th	School reopens following the Christmas break.