



Week beginning: 15th October 2018

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Message from Mr Gordon

This week's newsletter is a time to think of thankfulness. With nearly 50 years' worth of combined experience in supporting the children at our school, Mrs Elson and Mrs Vigors have decided to explore new ventures after half term. Mrs Elson has supported learning in classes and been pivotal in introducing a passion for music for many children through her teaching and leadership of the choir. Mrs Vigors has been a constant in our Reception classrooms, being part of the team who aid our children in making a successful start to their primary school education. I have only been at school for a number of weeks, but in that time, I have been impressed with their professionalism and dedication to their work. Both will be greatly missed, but we wish them well for their futures.

Christmas lunch - Thursday 20th December 2018:

Our caterers have confirmed that our Christmas lunch will be held on Thursday 20th December. If you would like your child to take part in this lunch, please book online at: www.parentpay.com

** We have contacted the parents who have already booked meals for this day, and also Wednesday 19th December, to ask them to rebook meals due to the menu change.**

Parents Evening – Monday 12th & Wednesday 14th November 2018:

Booking is open from 3.30pm today at: www.stjohnstfrancischurch.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/ For parents new to the school and as a reminder, to book your appointment, please log in to the website using your own name and your child's details as your log-in, eg:

Your details:	This is the name, and importantly salutation (eg Mr, Mrs, Ms, Miss) you have provided to the school
Pupils First Name:	Jack
Pupils Surname:	Smith
Pupil's Date of Birth:	dd/mm/yyyy

Year 6 Kilve:

Please note that the second payment of £65 is due on 2nd November 2018. Please pay via www.parentpay.com

Harvest Service – Tuesday 23rd October:

We look forward to seeing our parents and carers at the Harvest Services next Tuesday. As shown in our Diary Dates, services for Year 1-6 are in St Francis Church at the times listed, while Reception classes are in the school hall at 2.30pm.

Whole School Photos:

A reminder that Tempest Photography will be in school on Thursday 25th October to take photos of each child. Pre-school siblings are welcome from 8.30am. Please come to the school hall via the school office.

Clothes bank:

With the change in season, you may be looking at getting your children's autumnal clothing out and putting away their summer items. Now is a good time to look through and see if there are any items of clothing that your children have outgrown and could go in our clothes bank. All of the material in there earns the school money, so please think of us if you are getting rid of anything.

Late Arrivals:

We have noticed a huge improvement over the last fortnight, with children arriving on time. Thank you for getting your child to school on time and with all the equipment they will need throughout the day.

Harvest Festival offerings:

With our Harvest Festival services fast approaching next week, it is still not too late to bring in any spare tins or packets of dried goods that you may have at home. All of the produce goes to the food bank, a worthy cause, so please have one final look.

Miss Smith Choir Club:

From the start of the new half-term, Miss Smith will be taking over the Thursday Choir club. All details remain the same, and the club is currently full.

PTA News:

Thank you for supporting our first event of the year. Friday night film club raised an amazing £512.79! A huge thank you to the staff and parent volunteers that helped make the event happen.

Children in Need Day : 16th November 2018

As in previous years, children are welcome to wear non-uniform to school on this day, for a donation to this worthy cause.

Amazing attendance:

The class with the best attendance this week is with Jay Class with 98.81%. Well done for achieving great attendance! Jay class can wear non-uniform on Wednesday 24th October 2018.

Weekly awards:

Bird of the week

Robin	Alfie T
Wren	Jacob S
Blackbird	Aston L
Sparrow	Malachi C
Chaffinch	Kafie F
Goldfinch	Charlie C
Woodpecker	Daniel L
Jay	Eli P
Barn Owl	Ella S
Tawny Owl	Freya C
Crane	Travis W
Heron	Toby M
Kingfisher	Danny O
Eagle	Kira F
Kestrel	Freddie F

Class Worship Leaders

Robin	Whole Class
Wren	Whole Class
Blackbird	Isabelle N
Sparrow	Lily Y
Chaffinch	Whole Class
Goldfinch	Whole Class
Woodpecker	Whole Class
Jay	Maci R
Barn Owl	Liam M & Connor M
Tawny Owl	Jermaine S
Kingfisher	Imogen E, Libby J, Megan M & Courtney P
Heron	Leo H
Eagle	Jake H & Sam S
Kestrel	Whole Class

Christian value:

Our Christian value for this half term is: **Friendship**. "A good friend is like a four-leaf clove; hard to find and lucky to have."



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 : Girls Football, run by Miss Bryant. Places still available - please complete a consent form available from the school office.

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

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	
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.
16 th	Children in Need day. 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
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