



Week beginning: 12th November 2018

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Message from Mr Gordon

We are currently exploring our value of compassion. This has been seen in spades over the past few days.

Thank you for all of your support during what has been an emotional time for our school community following the death of Mrs Kendrick. Some parents have asked about ways to mark their respect. Speaking to Mrs Kendrick's family, they have requested no flowers, but if people would like to make a donation, to do so for either The Beacon Centre or St Margaret's Hospice. We have also put a book of condolence in the school entrance. Please feel free to write a message or prayer at any time. If children would like to stick in a photo or picture, that would be lovely too. The book will be incorporated in the funeral service and presented to the family afterwards.

School closure:

Some advanced notice that the school will be closed on **Thursday 6th December**. This is to allow all who wish to attend Mrs Kendrick's funeral and pay their respects to do so. I am sure that you will appreciate the importance of this act and hope that with the advanced notice, you will be able to arrange any child care required. On behalf of the school, thank you for your understanding.

Parental Information:

As discussed with parents and carers during this week's Parents' Evening, following the recommendation of the national Chadwick Review, all of the schools in the Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust are asking parents and carers to provide any additional parental information that they feel is relevant to help keep children safe. If you did not complete a blue form with your child's Class Teacher this week, please pop into the School Office to complete this.

Communication during school trips:

In a change to our previous arrangements, we will no longer be sending regular texts to parents during a school trip. Instead, texts will be limited to alerts such as delayed return to school. Where practical, we will update our Facebook page with photographs of children taking part in activities.

Medicines during the school day:

In line with our agreement to administer short-term pain relief remedies, where your child needs to take a medicine on a short-term basis, and subject to a completed and signed medicine permission form, we will insert a label in your child's Home School Diary to confirm when it was taken.

Reminder - 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

Celebration Assembly:

Each Friday, we hold a Celebration Assembly, to recognise children's achievements both in and out of school. If your child/ren has achieved a badge, medal or certificate, or has an out of school exam, performance etc. please let your Class Teacher know so that this can be shared on Fridays!

PTA News:

Christmas Performance DVD's

The PTA will be recording the performances and putting them on DVD again this year for you to purchase.

As the performances are in the last week of term it is going to be a bit more of a challenge for the PTA to get them out before Christmas...but they are going to do my best, and will need your help.

1. DVD cover competition – if your child would like to enter please draw their design on an A4 piece of plain paper, colours look good, and no writing is necessary. Put the child's full name and class on the back of the drawing and **hand it into the office by Friday 7th December**
2. DVD order forms will be sent out in the coming weeks – to pre-book your DVD forms and money must be returned to the School Office by **Wednesday 12th Dec**. Only DVD's ordered by 12th December will be ready before Christmas.

Thank you for your help, the PTA will do their absolute best to produce a good quality memory for you and your children.

Amazing attendance:

The class with the best attendance this week is Goldfinch Class with 100%. Well done for achieving perfect attendance! Goldfinch Class can wear non-uniform on Friday 23rd November 2018.

Weekly awards:

Bird of the week

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| Robin | Alice G |
| Wren | Finley M |
| Blackbird | Trystan C |
| Sparrow | Ruby J |
| Chaffinch | Scarlett W |
| Goldfinch | Zack W |
| Woodpecker | Ellis S |
| Jay | Lily-Mae H |
| Barn Owl | Marcio F-L |
| Tawny Owl | Travis B |
| Crane | Taija K |
| Heron | Aleah F |
| Kingfisher | Patryk P |
| Eagle | Lillie S |
| Kestrel | Carlo F |

Class Worship Leaders

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| Robin | Whole Class |
| Wren | Whole Class |
| Blackbird | Whole Class |
| Sparrow | Elanie E |
| Chaffinch | Whole Class |
| Goldfinch | Alysha M |
| Woodpecker | Whole Class |
| Jay | Whole Class |
| Barn Owl | Miley C |
| Tawny Owl | Fabien S |
| Kingfisher | Danny O |
| Heron | Dwayne G and Charlie G |
| Eagle | Ella S, Freiya OS and Harry G |
| Kestrel | Whole Class |

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. Please see leaflets which were sent home 16th November 2018 and book online at www.premier-education.com

Monday : Year 3-6 Girls Netball & Football, run by Miss Bryant. Please see letter home 24th October 2018. Places are still available, Club starts Monday 19th November.

Monday : Year 3-6 Tag Rugby Club, run by Miss Webber. Please see letter home 24th October 2018. Places are still available, Club starts Monday 19th November.

Wednesday : Street Surfing Club, run by Premier Sport for Year 3-6. Please see leaflets which were sent home 16th November 2018 and 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 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 | |
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| 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 |
| 6 th | SCHOOL CLOSURE – School closed to all pupils. Please see newsletter 16.11.2018 |
| 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 | Christmas Lunch. Please book online at www.parentpay.com |
| 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. |
| 14 th – 18 th | Science Focus Week. |
| 14 th – 15 th | Year 5 Bikeability Cycle Training. |
| 14 th | PTA Meeting in School Hall @ 6.30pm |
| 17 th | Tawny Owl Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Tawny Owl Class. |
| 18 th | Year 4 swimming sessions begin at 1610 Chilton. |
| 21 st | Science Showcase. Parents invited into class to see work from our Science week @ 2.45pm. |
| 28 th – 1 st | Storytelling Week. More details to follow. |