



Week beginning: 26th November 2018

St John & St Francis Newsletter

Message from Mr Gordon

Heron Class put on a fantastic community assembly this week, demonstrating the wide range of their learning this term through their topic of the Romans. I watched part of their rehearsal and was particularly impressed with the enthusiasm with which they sang about Boucica. What struck me was the amount of effort that the staff have put in to providing our children with learning experiences that both entertain and educate.

During the November INSET, Mrs Hill lead a piece of work on planning entitlements for all children to have during their topics, covering safeguarding, our Christian values, use of technology, outside learning, presentations and much more. The creativity of the staff has created some interesting opportunities for everybody; watch this space!

Questions from the gate:

I have received a message that the website to book places for the Christmas performances appears misleading as the header still mentions parents' evenings. Exploring this further, there is nothing to worry about, it is just that this is the name of the website we use. Since that time, they have increased functionality to include the event booking that we have used in recent years.

Storm damage:

You will have noticed that there is fencing up around the end of the school building by the KS1 jungle gym. This is as a result of us losing a couple of roof tiles during the winds on Thursday. We are looking at getting the roof repaired, but in the meantime, please take extra care around that part of the building and keep clear of the safety fencing. The children have been told to keep clear during breaktimes.

Parents' meetings for Wren Class:

We are trying to organise parents' meetings for Wren class. These were due to take place with Mr Craven and Mr Kunc, but we have had to delay them as Mrs Craven is currently poorly. We are planning to have these for the w/c 10th December. More detailed dates and timings will be sent out as soon as possible.

** Reminder*** Autumn Term Menu:

Please note that in a change to previous arrangements, our Caterers Aspen have advised their current Autumn Term menu will now run for the whole of Winter, until half-term in February 2019. Our online booking system: www.parentpay.com has been amended accordingly, therefore you can now book meals up until 15th February 2019.

Late Arrivals:

Following the whole school text message sent earlier this week, due to the increasing number of children arriving late at school, we are sending texts to parents if their child arrives late. Classroom doors open at 8.45am, and registers are taken at 8.55am, so children arriving after this time will be marked late. Please note if your child arrives after 9.10am, this will be marked Unauthorised.

Christmas Performance DVDs:

Order forms for the PTA Christmas Performance DVD's were sent home in book bags yesterday. Please complete these and return to the School Office with payment by 12th December. DVD covers need to be returned to the School Office by 7th December.

****A reminder that if you have received a text confirming that your child does not have permission to be photographed/filmed, the PTA will be unable to include them in the DVD. Please complete a consent form (available from the School Office) if you would like them to be included.****

Feedback from BCA:

Four of our former pupils have been successful in their application to be Girls Sports Ambassadors, responsible for promoting girl's sport at Bridgwater College Academy. It is wonderful to hear updates of our pupils who have gone onto Secondary school and is a testament to the teaching of our staff that they were named as inspiring the pupils in their applications. We are proud of you all!

School Entrance & Car Park:

For everyone's safety, please keep to the pathways around the school grounds and car park. We would also ask that families do not walk across the grass area in front of school.

Parking outside of school:

We have had a report from Dunwear House that parents are parking cars in their car park. A polite request that cars are not parked in this car park, which is private property.

Hair Accessories:

In accordance with our school uniform, hair accessories should be kept to simple bands and clips. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up and we ask no flower or large hair accessories are worn.

The Christmas Post Box:

From Monday, the post box will be in place outside of Jay class, for children to share Christmas cards. Class lists are available from your Class Teacher. Please ensure all cards clearly show the child's name & Class.

Message from the PTA:

A HUGE thank you to Stuart Tomkins and Morrisons Bridgwater for the donation of the HUGE Christmas Tree and decorations. We really appreciate this!

Amazing attendance:

The class with the best attendance this week is Barn Owl Class. Well done for achieving perfect attendance, 100%! Barn Owl Class can wear non-uniform on Friday 7th December 2018.

Weekly awards:

Bird of the week

Robin	Alfie P
Wren	Jessica S
Blackbird	Jasmin T
Sparrow	Torran I
Chaffinch	Jenson B
Goldfinch	Alana P
Woodpecker	Holly G
Jay	Lillie – Mae J
Barn Owl	Leticia A
Tawny Owl	Louie T
Crane	Tyler T
Heron	Whole Class
Kingfisher	Elisha D
Eagle	Harvey F
Kestrel	William A

Class Worship Leaders

Robin	Whole Class
Wren	Whole Class
Blackbird	Aston L
Sparrow	Whole Class
Chaffinch	Whole Class
Goldfinch	Whole Class
Woodpecker	Holly G
Jay	Kian S
Barn Owl	Sophie S
Tawny Owl	Whole Class
Kingfisher	Leighton W
Heron	Lainey and Sienna
Eagle	Lillie S
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

St John & St Francis Church School present,

Christmas Fair

Friday 14th December
3.15pm—5.00pm

Many Stalls, Inflatable, Raffle ,
Hot Dogs, Refreshments, Santa's
Grotto

Father Christmas will be appearing in his
Christmas cottage. £3 per child including a
gift. **PAY ON THE DAY**

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your church on Saxon Green TA6 4JA

**SERVICES FOR DECEMBER
and CHRISTMAS**

Join your local church family to add Christ's
peace and love to your own celebrations

Midweek Communion 10am Weds 5th 12th & 19th Dec

2 Dec. 10am **Toy Service with Holy Communion**

9 Dec. 10am **Christingle & Holy Communion**

11 Dec. 11am **Carols at Sydenham House**

16 Dec. 10am **Holy Communion & Sunday School**
6 pm **9 Lessons & Carols** followed by
mince pies and drinks in the Hall

Fri 21 Dec. 7pm **Carols on Saxon Green with the
Salvation Army** wrap up warm, bring a torch
Enjoy a cuppa in the Hall after

23 Dec. 10am **Pop-up Nativity & Holy Communion**

24 Dec. 4 pm **Crib Service** for all ages
11.15pm **Midnight Mass**

25 Dec. 10am **Christmas Communion**

30 Dec. 10am **Holy Communion**

*Everyone of any age is very welcome
to join any of our Services*

WHAT'S ON @ ST FRANCIS
throughout the year

Monday	6 - 9 pm	Matt Fiddes Martial Arts (07429 087777)
	7 - 8 pm	Ladies Keep Fit (01278 424491)
Tuesday	6 - 7.30 pm	Brownies (07720 387815)
	6.30 - 7.30pm	Parish Office
Wednesday	9.30 - 12 noon	Parish Office
	10 - 10.45 am	Holy Communion
	2 - 4 pm (mthly)	Blind Club
	7 - 9.30 pm	JCC Bingo
Thursday	6 - 7.30 pm	Cubs (07697 081322)
	8 - 9.30 pm	Dog Training (01278 452540)
Friday	9.30 - 12 noon	Parish Office
	6 - 9.30 pm	Scouts & Beavers (07597 081322)
Saturday	7 - 9.30pm (mthly)	Wills CC Bingo
Sunday	10 am	Holy Communion & Sunday School
	12 noon	Baptisms (Most Sundays)

Saxon Green Playschool Monday - Friday (School Term)
for details call Yvonne 07751 048275

Hall available for Hire - 01278 452288
Weddings & Baptism enquiries
visit Parish Office or call 01278 422744
Church & Hall:- Saxon Green Bridgwater TA6 4AJ

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.



Diary Dates

FULL DIARY DATES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE:
<http://stjohnstfrancisbwmat.org/dates-for-the-diary>

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 – please see note home 22.11.18
17 th - 21 st	Sparkle and Shine Week. Please send in a decorated shoe box or bag.
17 th @ 2.00pm	Nativity - Year R, 1 and 2. Wren, Robin, Sparrow, Blackbird, Chaffinch and Goldfinch classes
18 th @ 9.30am	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 23rd December – 4th 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.
February	
1 st	PTA Friday Night Film Club – further details to follow nearer the event.
4 th	PTA Meeting in School Hall at 6.30pm
6 th	Safer Internet Day. Parents invited into school to work 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
14 th	Jay Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Jay Class.
18 th – 22 nd Half Term break	
25 th	INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils.
26 th	School re-opens following the Half Term break.
March	
4 th	PTA Meeting in School Hall @ 6.30pm
5 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Parents have been given details of our online parents evening system to book an appointment with classteachers.
7 th	World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character.
7 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm. Parents have been given details of our online parents evening system to book an appointment with classteachers.
14 th	Chaffinch Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Chaffinch Class.
15 th	Red Nose Day 2019. Further details to follow.
15 th	PTA Easter Disco – further details to follow nearer the event.
21 st	Goldfinch Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Goldfinch Class.
28 th	Barn Owl Class Community Assembly @2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Barn Owl Class.
April	
1 st – 5 th	Easter Focus week – 40 acts of Kindness
1 st	PTA Meeting in School Hall @ 6.30pm
3 rd	Reception & Year 6 Class Photos with Tempest Photography.
4 th	Easter Service @ St Francis Church. Year Reception, 1 & 2 : 9.30am, Year 3 & 4 : 10.10am, Year 5 & 6 : 10.50am. Bonnet Parade on the School Playground. All children are asked to make an Easter Bonnet. Parade will be at 2.00pm followed by hot cross buns in the school hall.
5 th	Parents invited into class to make an Easter 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