

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 1.7 Thursday 19th October 2017



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust
'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Dear Parents/Carers,

Amazingly, this week marks the last of the current term and it is hard to believe that we have already worked through the first seven weeks of this academic year. It has been a very busy but rewarding term and I have very much enjoyed beginning to get to know the children and the school during this time. It has also been very reassuring to have met with many of you and to have taken on board many of your constructive, as well as very positive comments. We can only continue to build on the good work of the past few weeks and I am very excited about what is to come here at St John's, with all of us working in partnership.

There are some wonderful examples of learning found at our school, which I have included below. These are just a few examples of how our children enjoy a wide range of opportunities that support their academic, spiritual and social development. I hope you enjoy reading about them.

I would like to remind you that the school will close for the Autumn holiday on Thursday 19th October (we have our INSET day on Friday 20th) and reopen on Monday 30th October 2017 at 8.45am.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you all again when we return.

With every best wish

Ian Doswell

Headteacher

Reception Phonics Workshop and Welcome service

On Tuesday 17th October our Reception children took part in two very enjoyable and important activities and it was a joy to see so many parents and carers attending these too. The phonics workshop was a wonderful opportunity to learn about our approach to teaching phonics and parents also enjoyed observing a model lesson, led by Mrs Callow and her team, as well as spending some time working alongside their children in a phonics activity. The morning was rounded off with the presentation of a reading book to every child.

Later on in the afternoon a special service was held at St John's Church, during which time the Owls Base children celebrated the start of their learning journey through a lovely mix of songs, prayers and stories, led by Mrs Simmonds and Father Trevor. The children were then presented with a book of Bible stories to mark this very important start to their education, a gift from the school and the Church. Our Year 5 choir also took part and were a credit to the school through their excellent performance. I must say a huge thank you to all the staff of Owls Base, as well as Father Trevor and Mrs Williams for making the service so special.

Girls' Football

Both the boys and girls have done very well in recent football tournaments. A special well done to the Girls' Team A, who took part in the Covedon Cluster Tournament on Tuesday and won. They will now continue on to play in the North Somerset Schools tournament. Well done to them for this excellent outcome.

Eagles visit to London

Our Year 5 and 6 children journeyed to London on Wednesday 18th October 2017 to visit the Houses of Parliament. A very early start saw Eagles Base leave the school in order to reach London in time to take part in an awe inspiring and very enjoyable tour and series of workshops. The children and accompanying adults all had a fantastic day and we were even greeted by our local MP, Dr Liam Fox, who kindly took some time out of his busy schedule to talk to the children and answer their questions. The children left very inspired, with some planning the school's very own debating club (watch this space!). A huge thank you to Mrs Tossell for leading the day and to all staff and children who took part for making the day so special. The children behaved extremely well and were a credit to the school.

Playground markings

A great deal of excitement enveloped the school last week when the new playground marking were laid down. These have been long anticipated and so it was a very special moment when the workmen arrived. The Friends of St John's have worked very hard to provide opportunities to raise funds for the markings and it has been wonderful to see the impact on the children's play before school and during playtimes and lunch time.

Donation of shoes

I have received a lovely email from Sue Stevens, who is the local representative for Educate the Kids. This charity received a large donation of shoes kindly donated by yourselves. She has emailed to let us know that all shoes received are now packed and ready for pupils at Jolaurabi School, in Kenya and a group of workers from the charity will depart this Thursday. Between them they have 22 pieces of luggage. Many of us try to fit all our own items in hand luggage, enabling them to take more uniforms shoes etc.

There are over 800 pupils at Jolaurabi and each is provided with uniform, shoes, socks and pants. Many such items are donated by schools like St John's. Each child has a sponsor here in UK. This covers cost of the education, (salaries, stationery, text books etc). It is great to know that your individual donations will be of such use to the children of Jolaurabi – thank you again for your support.

E-Safety



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Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Child protection officer for the Primary school is Mr Ian Doswell, or Mrs Nicola Short in his absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.

Community News

(Although these events are not endorsed by the school, they are shared with you for your information).