

St. John the Evangelist Church School



NEWSLETTER



Term 2.7 Thursday 14th December 2017



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into school today, as we began our Christmas celebrations in earnest.

This morning's Key Stage 1 Nativity play, entitled "A Miracle in Town", was extremely well attended. The children performed superbly and there was a lovely atmosphere in the school hall.

Our Reception children from Owls Base also performed a wonderful version of the Christmas Story through music, words and dance.

The true meaning of Christmas came alive through the hard work of the children and staff. I would like to thank them all for their efforts. I would also like to thank you all for supporting them so enthusiastically.

Key Stage 2 Carol Service.

We continue our Christmas worship tomorrow (Friday 15th December 2017) with the Key Stage 2 Carol Service. This will be held at St John's Church and we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of children in Hawks and Eagles bases. We welcome pre-schoolers to this service, but I would ask that parents of younger children are sensitive to the pupils taking part and leave the service should a younger sibling cause any distraction. I would also remind you that buggies cannot be accommodated inside of the church and must be left outside.

Please can you ensure that children in Hawks and Eagles base come to school in full school uniform, with appropriate school shoes, sensible, non glittery, hair accessories, and with a warm coat. They will not require book bags tomorrow. Please also ensure that children with packed lunches come with their lunch in a carrier bag, so that all remnants can be disposed of. Lunch boxes should not be brought to school. All children will, however, need a water bottle.

The Service will begin promptly at 14:15 and should last no longer than 45 minutes. If your child is in Hawks or Eagles bases then you will need to collect them directly from the church. Younger siblings in Kites and Owls bases will then need to be collected from the school at the normal time of 15:15.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties take place next week, as follows:

- Owls and Kites bases – Monday 18th December
- Hawks and Eagles bases – Tuesday 19th December



Nibbles and drinks will be paid for and provided by the school. There is, therefore, no need to send in any food. All pupils may wear appropriate party clothes to school on the day of their party. Children must wear trainers or daps only.

Christmas Tree Competition

Owls base took part in Christchurch's Christmas tree competition last week and were awarded second place. Well done to the children and staff for their beautiful, and successful, entry.



School Christmas Lunch

Just a reminder that we are having our school Christmas lunch on Monday next week. We have had lots of extra bookings and are looking forward to what will be (for some of us) our first Christmas dinner of the year! We are unable to accommodate any late bookings now, so please ensure your child brings their packed lunch if appropriate. All pupils will eat with their peers, whether having the school meal or a packed lunch.

Swimming Gala

On Thursday 7th December 2017, Mrs Tossell took the school swimming team to Hutton Moor Leisure Centre. They competed in the North Somerset Schools Swimming Gala. There were 19 schools there and we finished an amazing first! St John's is a relatively small school, compared to the others taking part. Therefore, to achieve the top position meant a fantastic effort from every single person. There was an excellent team spirit and great support for each other, which also helped each child do their absolute best.

This teamwork was apparent with an exceptional performance in the noodle race. Jack, Conor, Katie and Eloise were the fastest team by over 10 seconds. This was also helped by Katie's creative and amazing technique. Conor and Riley achieved two more first places, with Katie and Evie coming third in their races. In all of the other races, we finished in the top ten, gaining valuable points for the team. It was a real team effort. Well done Mia, Eli, Eloise, Riley, Evie, Jack, Ben, Conor, Tizi, Katie, Jemma and of course, super coach Mrs Tossell.

Behaviour Policy

We have been working to review and realign the school's behaviour policy. We look forward to launching our new approach to both positive and negative behaviour at the start of next term. I would like to invite all parents to a meeting on **Tuesday 16th January 2018, at 6.30pm**. At the meeting, I will present the policy and explain our new approach to rewards and sanctions. There will also be an opportunity for you to ask questions and find out about the exciting changes to the school teams. Further details will be sent to you at the start of next term.

Brush Monsters

As part of our work with the Prince's Teaching Institute, we have access to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) ambassadors from the Institution of Mechanical Engineers in Bristol. They have worked with Eagles base this week to make Brush Monsters – motorised toys using dustpan brushes, motors, wheels and a host of other resources. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with the engineers and learned a great deal about mechanics in the process.

Mrs Short and Miss Hain also travelled to London this week to attend a STEM masterclass, run by the Prince's Teaching Institute. They came back full of ideas for our STEM week, which will take place later in the year. More details will follow nearer the time.

Lost Property

We still have a huge number of unclaimed items so please come and check before the end of term. Any items left will be disposed of.

After School Clubs

Clubs in Term 3 will start w/b 15.01.18. Details for these will be published in the next newsletter.

And finally...

Please remember Term 2 ends on Tuesday 19th December 2017, and Term 3 starts on Thursday 4th January 2018.

On behalf of us all at St John's, it just remains for me to thank you for your continued support and to wish you all a very peaceful, blessed and enjoyable Christmas.

Ian Doswell

Head Teacher





ParentPay

As we approach the end of the Autumn Period, would you please now check your ParentPay accounts and clear any outstanding balances. This is particularly important for school meal and breakfast club items, as we need to finalise the accounts for this period.

As well as being able to credit your account in advance if you wish, there is a facility within ParentPay to receive alerts when your balance is low, or there is a new item to pay for; ParentPay have recently provided the following information in case this may be useful to you:

You can receive:

- an alert when your child's balance runs low
- and an alert when you have something new to pay for.

Here's how to set-up Alerts:

Simply go to Profile > Alert settings >

Select the type of Alert (low balance and/or new item) and then select how you want to receive alerts, email and/or SMS Text.

Email alerts are free of charge. If you opt for SMS text alerts there is a small charge per text.

[Set up alerts and check your balance - Visit ParentPay](#)

To make sure your child doesn't miss out, please check there are no new school payments due.

[Check for any new payments - Visit ParentPay](#)

<https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/How-to-set-up-email-and-text-alerts.pdf>

E-Safety



[Link to Parent Zone for weekly updates >](#)

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).

This Christmas make sure to take your little ones to a magical Christmas experience at Clevedon Pier. From Saturday 16th – Christmas Eve the spectacular Porthole Room will play venue to Sea Santa and his sparkling sunken ship grotto. Made completely from recycled resources in partnership with local businesses you'll hardly believe how the team create a twinkling fully immersive Christmas experience. Families lucky enough to book a space in our exclusive grotto will hear a story read by Santa and children who have been good will receive a seasonal treat!

Abbie Edbrooke, Heritage and Outreach Officer said "...our Porthole Room will be unrecognisable this year again this year as we aim to delight our local children, it is so important to create a community venue at our Pier which embraces the pattern of the seasons. Last year our Sea Santa grotto was a huge hit and we are already planning a bigger more spectacular offer for this year. Our team of volunteer elves have already set about making the hundreds of different elements which come together to make a truly magical experience..."

Tickets available at the Toll House – various time slots available. Or call us.

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Thank you for your support and a very happy Christmas to you.