

# St John & St Francis Newsletter

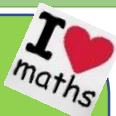
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018



**Message from Mrs Farley:** We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our e-safety workshops next week (please see calendar dates or individual letters sent from classteachers). As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. Our website has links, advice and resources to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Please can you ensure that your children are supervised if you arrive at school before the doors opening at 08.45. If the weather is wet we will have our doors open and they are welcome to come in earlier, but we have had instances this week, for example, where a reading bag was thrown onto the roof, but the child's parents had left them. Thank you for your continued support.

## Mr Piper's Weekly Maths challenge



### Weekly Maths Challenge



**YR:** What numbers can you see on the front doors in your road? Which is the smallest number? Which is the largest number? Practise writing these numbers at home.  
**KS1:** Emma catches the boat at 11:00. The journey lasts for half an hour. She then takes 15 minutes to walk from the boat to her home. At what time does she arrive home?  
**Y3/Y4:** Alexandra sends two parcels by post. One costs £2.65 to send and the other costs 99 p to send. She pays with a £5 note. How much change does she get?  
**Y5/Y6:** Benjamin sends two parcels by post. It costs 45 p per 500 g to send. One parcel is 1.7 kg, the other parcel is 2300 g. Adding the two parcels together, what is the total cost of sending them both?

## Mrs Craven's Weekly English Challenge

Alliteration = using the same letter or sound at the beginning of words.

For example: An angry antelope ate an avocado. Bustling busy bodies bumping into bollards.

Can you write some alliterative sentences or phrases? You could illustrate them too.

### Extra challenge!!

What is the longest alliterative sentence that you can create?

The school grounds are a non-smoking/vaping site. We would also ask for your co-operation in not smoking or vaping immediately outside of the school gates, as this means that our children, parents, or visitors could be walking through these fumes. Thank you.



NO SMOKING OR VAPING



Our Christian Value this half term is Perseverance. We will try our best in everything we do inside and outside of school



Don't forget: You can book school lunches for after the half-term holiday, right up to Easter, at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)



## **SAFEGUARDING**

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 (Mrs Lisa Farley), and our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mr Alexis Piper, Mrs Claire Craven, Miss Emma Counter, Mrs Karen Kendrick and Miss Laura Walsh. 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.**

**Contact information** If you change any of your contact details, please can you make sure the school office is informed. It is imperative we have the correct details for contacting you.

## **Absence reporting**

A polite reminder that we ask parents to report their children's absence either with our Office staff, or via the dedicated telephone service, for each day of absence. We are noticing an increasing number of absences which haven't been reported to us, or no response to our follow up telephone messages. Please note that these are recorded on your children's register as Unauthorised Absences, and as such can lead to the involvement of the Education Welfare Service.



**We have recently reviewed our Administering Medicines policy, in line with our agreement to administer short-term pain relief remedies. As previously advised, we also advise parents of medicines administered in their child's Home School Diary. This policy can be viewed at:-**  
<http://stjohnstfrancisbwmat.org/about-us/policies/local-policies/>

Our Board of Governors has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please see the following page for a letter from our Chair of Governors giving further details, and the nomination form is on our website at:  
<http://stjohnstfrancisbwmat.org/about-us/governors/governor-vacancies/>



## St John and St Francis Church School

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**Headteacher Mrs Lisa Farley, BEd(Oxon) NPQH**

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents,

The school's Local Governing Board has one vacancy for a parent governor, and we are seeking parents/carers who would be willing to put their name forward.

The Local Governing Board is the committee of the Diocese of Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust which takes particular responsibility for our school. There are 11 members in all, 8 of whom are directly appointed by the Academy Trust, 2 elected parents, 2 elected members of staff and the principal/headteacher. We try to ensure that governors are familiar with the neighbourhood served by the school and are able to represent the local community in their governance of the school.

The major responsibility of the board is to work with the professional leadership of the school, the professional staff of the Multi Academy Trust (MAT), and the members of the Board of Directors of the MAT, to ensure continuing school improvement.

The Academy's mission statement is as follows:

*John 10:10 'That they may have life, life in all its fullness'*

*The Bath & Wells Multi Academy Trust's mission is to offer a life-enhancing encounter with the teachings and person of Jesus Christ, an experience that is utterly inclusive and brings love, hope, aspiration and fulfilment to every child.*

*The work of the Trust at every level will be underpinned by the Christian values of Respect, Kindness, Perseverance, Forgiveness and Love.*

The Board meets once a month. Training is provided to ensure that governors are able to discharge their responsibilities. You do not have to have previous experience to act as a governor at the school, and we welcome new governors who have an interest in helping us make the school as good as it possibly can be for all the children attending.

There are certain exclusions, which are attached. The usual term of office is four years, which you may serve out, even if your child leaves the school. If you are elected, we will ask you to fill out an application form so that the MAT can approve your appointment.

(In the event of there being more applications than there are vacancies, the school will hold an election amongst the parent body. We would welcome from you a short (max 100 words) personal statement about yourself and why you wish to join the LGB).

If you have any questions about the role, please do contact me through Jess Stedman at the school office.

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor for your school please complete the attached nomination form and return to Jess Stedman, Clerk to the Governors.

Yours sincerely,

**Major Yvonne Rouffet**  
Chair of Governors

Phone 01278 456918  
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'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

# AMAZING!

## Amazing Attendance

The Class with the best attendance this week is

Jay Class! - 

Well done to all of you for achieving 100% attendance!

Jay Class can wear non-uniform next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018.



## Class Worship

Thank You to the following children who led their class worship.

### Well done to all of you!

Robin Class: Whole Class  
Wren Class: Whole Class  
Blackbird Class: Poppy F  
Sparrow Class: Emily O  
Chaffinch Class: Charlie P  
Goldfinch Class: Zack P  
Woodpecker Class: Greg Z  
Jay Class: Tadas S & Oliver H  
Barn Owl Class: Charlie G and Danny O  
Tawny Owl Class: Keira C  
Kingfisher Class: Rachel L and Trinity F  
Heron Class: William A, Kelston R and Dovydas K  
Eagle Class: Abilash S and Dalton C  
Kestrel Class: Whole Class

## Weekly Awards

Awards are given out to children who, for example, follow the Flock Code, have shown kindness to others or have persevered with a difficult task and tried their best.

### Well done to the following children:

Wren of the Week: Hallie W  
Robin of the Week: Jessica S  
Blackbird of the Week: Jude C  
Sparrow of the Week: Chloe E  
Chaffinch of the Week: Talisha F  
Goldfinch of the Week: Harvey T  
Woodpecker of the Week: Travis B  
Jay of the Week: Sophie F  
Barn Owl of the Week: Patryk P  
Tawny Owl of the Week: James E  
Kingfisher of the Week: Alex W-B  
Heron of the week: Freddie F  
Crane of the week: Josh S  
Kestrel of the week: Phoebe W  
Eagle of the week: Blossom W  
Peregrine of the week: Natalya I

Fair & Honest  
Listen to Others  
Outstanding Attitudes  
Careful with Property  
Kind and Helpful

## SCHOOL DATES— (THESE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE:

<http://stjohnstfrancisbwmat.org/school-calendar-dates>)

### February

5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
6 <sup>th</sup>	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
8 <sup>th</sup>	Woodpecker Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Woodpecker Class.

### 12th – 16th Half Term break

19 <sup>th</sup>	School re-opens following the Half Term break.
19 <sup>th</sup>	I wonder Why Day. The children will spend the day investigating and finding out about a particular subject...it's all a surprise
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Storytelling Week
27 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Session. 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

### March

1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day. Please come to school dressed as your favourite book character. Reading Café. Parents are invited into Class for a reading session led by Classteachers, followed by tea and coffee. 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
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-school uniform in lieu of donations for PTA Easter Bingo eg: easter eggs
5 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Road Safety TACS visit
5 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Meeting in Peregrine class 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Chaffinch Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Chaffinch Class.
9 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Easter Bingo. Doors open 7pm, eyes down at 7.30
15 <sup>th</sup>	Goldfinch Class Community Assembly @ 2.45pm in School Hall for parents and family of children in Goldfinch Class.
16 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Easter Disco. KS1 6pm-7pm, KS2 7pm-8.15pm
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Focus week – 40 acts of Kindness
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter Services more information to follow. 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.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	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





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## Easter Prize Bingo

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

7pm Doors Open

7.30pm Eyes Down

£1 per book

OR £5 for 6 books

Cash Flyer £1 ticket or £5 for 6

*Limited seating available*

Children must be accompanied by an adult  
and are expected to be quiet during games.

**Raffle & Refreshments**