

"Our Mission - At St. John's we grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus"



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Friday 12th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

X (formally Twitter) of the Week from Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

One word in particular resounds in the two principal Christian feasts. That word is "peace". Peace is primarily a gift of God, but it is also a responsibility incumbent upon all of us.



Parking near the school

Please can we remind parents and other family members to park safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting pupils. The Health Centre next door have expressed their concern that their carpark is being used as *"many patients, including those who are elderly with reduced mobility, are finding it difficult to get to their appointments as a direct result of parents using parking spaces at the Health Centre or parking too close to the entrance and this is causing anxiety and distress to members of our community"*. Thank you for your assistance.

Please also refrain from parking on the yellow 'zig zag' lines outside the school gates. It is illegal to do so and very dangerous. Cars parked on the lines will be reported.

Dates for your Diary

Weds 17th Jan - 2.15pm - 3.15pm or 3.30pm - 4.30pm E Safety
Assembly in School Hall
Choir Club Cancelled

Fri 19th Jan - 3.30pm KS2 Movie Night provided by the Friends of St John's.

Mon 22nd Jan - 3.30pm - Years 3 & 4 Multiplication Tables Session
- 4pm - Year 4 Skern Meeting



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Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament

Well done to the Year 5/6 girls' football team who represented St John's in the Wiltshire and Swindon Football Finals Day. We did exceptionally well in the group stage by winning all four matches. This took us through to the semi-finals where we were up against Christchurch. A closely contested game which we narrowly won 2-1. St John's faced Southfield in the final. Unfortunately, we lost 2-0; however, all children gave it their all and put on a fantastic show. They were wonderful ambassadors of the school and deserving of their runners up medals.



1st Southwick Guides

The unit currently have spaces for other girls to join Southwick Guides. They are looking forward to a fun year of activities with the guides including their summer camp from Saturday 17th to Thursday 22nd August 2024.

For more information please contact Sparky by emailing rachel.cadby@virgin.net



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Epiphany Service

On Friday afternoon the whole school joined together to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. The service was led beautifully by our Year 6 Chapel Champions who dedicated their own time to prepare and plan the service. We also recognise and celebrate the gifts of our children



who sang so wonderfully and to Rutendo who led us in a stunning solo of the carol *Silent Night*. This service helped children understand the significance of the Epiphany and how God sent his son, Jesus, into the world so that everyone, everywhere might know of God's great love for all his children. In addition each classroom was visited by the three wise men to complete the

ancient blessing of the Feast of the Epiphany. This ancient blessing reminds us that every time we enter this place we are asking for God's blessing on us and the people who visit here.

Whole School Mass

On Tuesday morning the whole school celebrated their first mass of the New Year together at St. Johns Church.

The 1st reading was read by Daniel, the psalm was sung beautifully by Tatiana and the bidding prayers were led by Lexi and Iga, all year 6 children. The choir, as always were on top form and lead the congregation by singing some specially chosen hymns.

It was a wonderful way to join together at the start of a New Year with all the children, teaching staff and the regular parishioners at church.

Canon Tom's homily invited the children to, if they wished share their new year's resolutions with everyone. Some lovely responses of 'to try harder at school', to 'make new friends'. The homily was linked to the fresh start that the New Year can bring to our lives, not necessarily making a resolution but for all of us to observe our lives regularly, and to seek God's help to become better individuals every day.



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Bradford on Avon Lifesaving Club are looking for new volunteer helpers and members.

Are you able to help volunteer for our friendly, local club? We need people over 16 with lifeguarding and lifesaving experience as well as volunteers who are new to lifesaving. We can provide training to volunteers if this is something you are interested in or keen volunteers who are just happy to help out would also be very welcome help out would also be very welcome.

Our club is held every Saturday at Bradford on Avon swimming pool.

Children are welcome over the age of 5 And they must be able to swim 10 metres.

£9 per month membership cost and discount for subsequent family members.

3 pm – 3.45 pm will be for Rookie Bronze, Silver 1 and Silver 2 groups

3.45 pm – 4.30 pm will be Silver 3 and Gold groups.

Which Programmes Do We Follow?

RLSS Rookie Lifeguarding – for children aged 5 – 12 who are confident in the water and can swim 10 metres.
National Lifesaving Academy – for children aged 12 +

If you are interested in joining us or have membership enquiries, please contact us via the website <https://www.boalsc.org.uk> or via mail@boalsc.org.uk



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Wessex Water visit to EYFS

Wessex Water came to visit Foundation this week. Our visitor Sam delivered two workshops on water and the children loved it. We became scientists and explored what water feels like, sounds like and looks like.

The children enjoyed experimenting and learning what a wonderful gift water is.



Medical appointments/Late Arrivals to School

We are having an increasing number of children with appointments being arranged during the school day. Whilst we appreciate this cannot always be avoided we ask whenever possible to please book dental and other routine appointments outside of school hours or during the holidays. When this is not possible please give the office at least 48 hours notice of the appointment. We will also require proof of the appointment e.g. text or letter shown prior to the day. Absences without proof will not be authorised.

If your child is going to be late for any reason, please call the office before 8.45am. If a child arrives after 9am this is classed as an unauthorised absence.



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Classes 6, 7 & 8 Trip to Stonehenge

On Monday 8th January Lower Key Stage 2 went on a trip to Stonehenge to support and inspire them for their learning in the spring terms. The sun shone on the way there and the children and adults were in good spirits. The children split into year groups, some went to the very informative museum while others made their way to the stones. After lunch the groups swapped and the children learned about the tools and weapons used in the Stone and Bronze Ages and what the structure of Stonehenge may have been used for. We learned how History is sometimes just detective work using evidence from archaeological finds. We had a wonderful time. A big thank you to all the Governors, Parents and Staff who made the trip possible.



Toys from Home

Please may we remind you that pupils should not bring toys into school from home. They may get lost and cause upset to you and your child.

Thank you



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Birthdays This Week

We would like to wish all children who have had birthdays last week, this week, or will celebrate over the weekend a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Also to one of our new starters who's birthday was in November.

Pupils will receive their pencils in Praise Assembly today.

Starrla W
Oskar H
Sebastian O
Chloe C
Luke S
Alex G
Cassidy H
Marlow G
Albert W
Jowin J
Joanna DC

Lena S
Dawid S
Nancy E



Wednesday Word

Please find below the link to this week's copy of the **Wednesday Word** which can be copied and pasted into your browser.

We hope you enjoy sharing the Bible Scripture together with your child.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/new-start?pid=MTA101634&v=115.2>

Suitable outdoor clothing

Please ensure your child has suitable warm clothing to wear outside during this cold weather. Please send a coat every day and if appropriate a hat, gloves and scarf. Please also ensure your child has suitable outdoor PE kit including a jumper/hoody and tracksuit trousers. We will encourage children outside unless conditions are not suitable.



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Stars of the Week



House points

St. Rose	-	403
St. Therese	-	356
St. Anthony	-	222
St. Dominic	-	144

Class 1: Michael S	For being a caring member of our class - always showing support and guidance.
Class 2: Aleia F	For being a caring friend. Making sure her classmates have the resources they need for the lesson.
Class 3: Daniel V	For shining in phonics this week, enabling the group to work well together.
Class 4: Melody M	For always showing care to others.
Class 5: Frankie R	For showing great care in his learning and making great behaviour choices this week. Well done!
Class 6: Nathania E	For being a Leader in Faith and an inspiration to others by completing her Bronze Leader in Faith award.
Class 7: Fiorella L	For showing reverence when leading other children in prayer.
Class 8: Jack B	For bring a thoughtful and prayerful leader in breathwork and daily prayers.
Class 9: Lorenzo T-H	For being an incredibly caring learning partner by sharing his equipment and igniting passion in his and others' learning.
Class 10: Isabella S	For always being caring towards others throughout the school.
Class 11: Nifemi A	For the care that she consistently shows to herself, to her work and to those around her.