



St. John's Newsletter

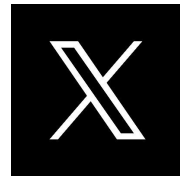
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Dear Parents and Friends

X (Formerly Tweet) of the Week from Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

God alone is Lord. Our lives, the Church's pilgrim way, and the ultimate outcome of history all depends on the tenderness of His love. He gives meaning to our lives. He is the foundation of our joy, the reason for our hope, the guarantor of our freedom.



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/wisdom?pid=MTA101634&v=108.1>

Birthdays This Week

We would like to wish all children who have had birthdays this week, or will celebrate over the weekend a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**. Pupils will receive their pencils in Praise Assembly today.

Pupils

Jerome A
Mari G
Danica O
Nancy D



Parent Governor Elections

The St. John's School Governing Body have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please see the letter and nomination form attached to this newsletter for more information.



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Key Administration Points to Remember

Late Collection

Please remember that school finishes at 3.15pm. Unless your child is booked into Extended Day or attending a club they must be collected at this time.

Leave of Absence Requests

All requests must be submitted with a minimum of two weeks notice (unless it is an emergency). We are having an increasing number of requests for absences in term times being submitted at very short notice. This can result in the request not being processed before the date of absence and therefore the absence being unauthorised.

Formal Letters requested from the Office

If you require a formal letter e.g. for Passport Office or proof your child attends school, please note the office needs a minimum of a week's notice.

School Lunches

If you would like a school lunch for your child please order on the Aspens Select Website by 4pm the previous working day. All orders placed after this time will not be registered with the kitchen. In these instances, you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch. Meals can be ordered at least a term at a time. **We cannot guarantee we will be able to provide a lunch if one if not ordered before the deadline.**

Consent Deadlines

Please ensure your child returns any consent forms as soon as possible and by the deadline date.

Forgotten Items

Please can you ensure that your child comes into school with everything they require for the day. We are having increasing numbers of forgotten packed lunches, glasses and PE/Swimming/Football/Dance kits.



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Year 3 trip to Wagamamas

This week Year 3 had an amazing opportunity to spend a whole morning at Wagamamas in Trowbridge. During their visit they learnt about some of the exotic and exciting ingredients which go into the Asian inspired food and fresh juices. It was wonderful to see the children's faces as they sampled all these new foods and flavours - the Tropical Smoothie was a real hit! However, the seaweed and bamboo shoots had mixed reviews. They also began to master the art of using chop sticks and competed in a chop-stick challenge! The children then sat down to sample the full Wagamama dining experience with their own Wagamama kids main meal. On our return to school, Mrs Sessions asked the children about the trip and the first response was, "This was the best trip ever!"

We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Maziarz for organising this unique opportunity and all of the Wagamama team. They are doing this all again next week for our Year 4s!





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Primary School Applications

Parents can apply for a primary school place using the online system which is available through www.wiltshire.gov.uk. All applications must be submitted to the School Admissions Team at County Hall by **Monday 15th January 2024**. Parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.

A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate should be provided to the school office.

If you have any queries or problems with the application process please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Clifton Diocese Finance Office Support

The Finance department based in Alexander House, Bristol, are looking to recruit a team administrator to strengthen its central Finance Office function.

The role is part-time, 12 hours across three days. Attention to detail, flexible can-do attitude, and the ability to be well organised are important. Experience in a similar role and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel would be highly beneficial.

For further details please go to

www.cliftondiocese.com/Diocese/Working For US where you will find the Job Description and application form.

All applications to be sent to Simon Hussey, Head of Finance by 24th November 2023, simon.hussey@cliftondiocese.com



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Stars of the Week



House points

St. Rose	-	565
St. Therese	-	556
St. Anthony	-	515
St. Dominic	-	424

Class 1: Freddie P—for living out our School Mission: being thoughtful throughout the week.

Class 2: Daniel N-A—for an amazing story map on The Enormous Turnip. Showing fantastic concentration and pride in his work.

Class 3: Raphael M—for being so polite and thoughtful to all.

Class 4: Gabriela G—for being a thoughtful role model and working so hard.

Class 5: Teddy M-J—for a fantastic change to his learning behaviours this week, always listening and ready to learn!

Trust V—for his fantastic effort in home learning, always completing his homework the next day! Well done!

Class 6: Emilia K—for her exemplary learning behaviour and manners!

Class 7: Nimisha E—for bringing a smile every day to Class 7 and trying her best in every activity she is given to complete.

Nancy E—for settling into St. John's and Class 7 so well and working hard ever since she arrived.

Class 8: Toby F—for amazing sense of being a role model for everyone!

Class 9: Jennifer M—for being a shining star in Class 9!

Class 10: Chante G—for her enthusiasm to learning and pushing herself to go above expectations.

Zoe L—for her focus and determination in maths even when it gets difficult.

Class 11: Amie L—for the focus, effort and contributions she is making in class.