

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



St. John's Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



Dear Parents and Friends

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

Today begins the month of October, the month of the Rosary and of the missions. I encourage everyone to experience the beauty of praying the Rosary, contemplating the mysteries of Christ with Mary and invoking her intercession for the needs of the Church and of the world.



Children's Mass

We will be celebrating Children's Mass at St John the Baptist Catholic Church on Sunday 8th October at 10.30am - all are very welcome.

Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and this week in our parish we started praying the Healing Rosary for Families for all families, but especially those in our parishes and schools. You are invited to entrust your families to Our Lady's care by placing the surnames of your families (or any families you would like us to pray for) in our intentions box to be prayed for each week and in return please take a Unity Prayer card.

There is a box, prayer cards and intention slips in the school office (from Monday) and the church porch. Alternatively, you can email names to healingrosaryforfamilies@gmail.com and they will be added on your behalf. Everyone is welcome to join the parishioners in St. John's Church on Wednesdays at 9am.

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/messenger?pid=MTA101634&v=105.8>



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Monty—St. John's Therapy Dog

Monty is the newest addition to the St John's family. Mrs. Sessions has had Monty since he was a puppy and now at age 10 he has spent the summer completing his therapy dog training to enable him to come into school and take part in a wide range of activities with the children.

Mrs. Sessions says – having a therapy dog in school has a number of benefits to both the children and staff at St Johns. I am very excited that Monty will get to spend time with the children and help with their literacy and communication skills as well as increase the feelings of well-being throughout the school.

The therapeutic effects of a child reading to a dog appears to produce a less stressed, less self-conscious and more confident child. A therapy dog can provide comfort, encourage positive behaviour, motivate speech and inspire children to have fun.

Monty has 4 agents in school —Weronika, Tatiana, Weronika and Maja.



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Parents Evening Appointments

You are invited to make appointments for the school's next parent-teacher meetings. These meetings will be booked online, and then held in-person at the school.

To make your appointments please login at:

www.parents-booking.co.uk/stjohns

To login you will need to enter:

Your first name and surname

Your child's first name, surname and date of birth

The login details you enter must match those we have on record for you.

Appointments will be available to book from **6pm tonight Friday 6th October 2023** until **9.00am on Monday 16th October 2023**.

After you have made your appointments, you can choose to print or e-mail a confirmation.

Appointments are limited to one appointment per child.

Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

Wiltshire Young Carers

If anyone would like any further information about the service which the Young Carers provide, please contact our Parent Support Advisor Mrs Thorpe-Khan.

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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.

Secondary School Applications

Parents can apply for a secondary 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 **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.

If you are applying for a place at St. Augustine's Catholic College, you will be required to complete a supplementary application form which you can download from their website under Admissions and return to them. This does not replace the County Hall application. You must **complete both forms**.

St. Augustine's also require a copy of your child's birth certificate to be submitted with their form.

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