

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



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Friday 29th September 2023



Dear Parents and Friends

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

God's justice does not measure love on the scales of our returns, our performance or our failures: God just loves us, He loves us because we are his children, and He does so with an unconditional and freely-given love.
#GospelOfTheDay (Mt 20:1-16)



First Holy Communion Mass

On Tuesday 26th September, LKS2 children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion recently gathered at school to celebrate again, but this time with their families and the school community. Children were dressed in their Communion outfits and brought with them their joy, excitement and reverence at such a milestone in their Catholic lives. It was a lovely event and was an inspiration to the St. John's family.





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CAFOD Family Feast Day

On Friday 6th October we mark CAFOD Family Fast Day. As usual at this time of year we will be asking the children to consider people who do not have access to food and items to support their basic needs. This year we will be supporting the local food bank in Trowbridge, which has seen an increasing demand. If you are able to support we would very much welcome offerings of one or more of the following:

Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes

Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid

Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food

Cereal, Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, Lentils, beans and pulses, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Fruit juice

Please encourage your child to bring their offering into school before Wednesday 4th October. Every item will be forwarded to those in our community who need our support during this challenging time. Thank you again for your continued support.

Pupils in EYFS

Huge congratulations to all the children in Foundation Stage who have now completed a full week in school. We are all incredibly impressed with how well they have settled into our school family and absolutely delighted with each and every unique child.





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History of Gdansk

On Monday Ewa Rysop from EMTAS came into school and presented a brilliant short history of Gdansk to all of Year 3 and 4. She told us about the highlights of the city, the importance of the sea and port and the features of the town. We were especially impressed with the stories of Amber from beaches to shops and museums! The children have also been sharing stories of Gdansk and Poland in class; we would welcome any stories or photos if you have any you'd like to share.



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

Nadia F
Kylie M
Imogen M
Freya B
Bethel I
Zofia M
Niamh D





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Bath Spa Students

This week we welcomed three students from Bath Spa University who will be with us in school until February.

Miss Kaye is in Class 5.

Miss Blaney is in Class 8.

Mr Halasi is in Class 11.

Hopefully your children will benefit from having these students in school.

Trowbridge Civic Centre Events

Trowbridge Civic Hall are holding two events at the Civic Centre. Please click on the links below for more information.

Video Gaming - [WIFI WARS - The Civic Trowbridge](#)

Family Christmas Panto - [GOLDILOCKS & THE 3 BEARS - MATINEE - The Civic Trowbridge](#)

Parking on Millington Drive

Please may we remind you that there is no parking on the Millington Drive estate for parents and carers between 8.30am—9.30am and 2.30—3.30pm for the school drop offs and collections.

Residents have encountered inconsiderate parking by our parents and carers on numerous occasions. Not only are the restrictions not being respected but they are also finding it difficult to access driveways or in some cases not being able to access their road due to unsafe parking

Thank you for your co-operation.



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Online Safety

This week we are highlighting what you need to know as parents/carers about WhatsApp.

Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

Raising Money for Dorothy House by the "Sunflowers"

Next week during lunchtimes the "Sunflowers" Alaska H, Persie D, Maisie H, Amelie A and Chloe C in Class 9 will be raising money for Dorothy House by selling craft items that they have made. They will be offering these items to pupils in the following years on:

Monday—Years 1 and 2

Tuesday—Years 3 and 4

Friday—Years 5 and 6

They have a selection of the following to sell:

Book Marks	50p
God's Eyes	£1.50
Pictures	£1.25
Bracelets	£2.20
	£3.00 if you would like one custom made
Scrunches	£2.00
	£3.00 if you would like one custom made

****Special Offers****

Bracelets - buy 2 get one free

Customised Scrunches - Free Bookmark

2 God's Eyes - Something for 1/2 price (not customised)



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KS2 Cross Country Event

Lace up your running shoes and get ready for an exciting Cross Country event!

We're thrilled to announce that Clarendon Academy are hosting a KS2 Cross Country event on Monday 16th October.

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for some outdoor fun, this event is for everyone. It's a fantastic opportunity to embrace a healthy lifestyle and put your Daily Mile into practice.

The event will take place from 3.30 – 4.30pm and consist of 4 races:

• Year 3/4 girls @ 3.40pm	• Year 5/6 girls @ 4.00pm
• Year 3/4 boys @ 3.50pm	• Year 5/6 boys @ 4.15pm

Clarendon have asked for competitors to arrive at 3.20pm, changed and ready to go!

We ask on this occasion that parents collect their child from the school office at 3.05pm and take them to the event. Parents will need to stay for the duration of the competition.

Siblings of children participating may be collected at this time also.

If your child is interested in taking part please let the office know.

Mr Gerrish will be there to support competitors at the end of the school day.



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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.