

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



St. John's Newsletter

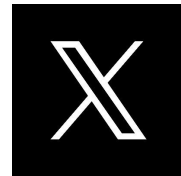
Friday 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents and Friends

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

#Prayer is "water for the soul". It is humble, unseen, yet gives life. Those who pray grow inwardly. They know how to raise their gaze on high, remembering they are made for Heaven.



School Photos

David Wiltshire Photography will be in school on **Tuesday 3rd October** to take pupil's individual photos. Pupils with siblings in our school will also have a photograph taken together during the school day. Unfortunately we are not able to take photos with children who are not currently at St. John's or any other family relationships than siblings.

All pupils should come into school in their **Winter** uniform on this day.

Mass to celebrate children who received Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Summer 2023

Children who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in May/June 2023 are invited to celebrate Mass in our school hall on **Tuesday 26th September at 9.05am**, all family members are welcome to join us.

Canon Tom will lead us in our celebration. On the morning of this day the children are invited to come into school wearing their First Holy Communion dresses/suits/special outfits and will need to change into their school uniform later in the morning. We look forward to gathering together on this joyous occasion as a school family.

Child Protection Workshop – Monday 25th September 9am

Everyone is invited to come along to a 30 minute workshop about safeguarding on **Monday 25th Sept at 9am**.

If you would like to come along please email Mrs O'Mahony on safeguarding@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk



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Learning Behaviour

This term we have been working towards our learning behaviour. These children have consistently demonstrated out high expectations without being reminded. They are fantastic role models.

Class 3: Louisa C and Dyona C
Class 4: Douglas F and Rose B
Class 5: Jackson W and Bella L
Class 6: Kuzey K and George B
Class 7: Violetta B and Bruno J
Class 8: Nataniel J and Toby F
Class 9: Marlow G and Maisie H
Class 10: Ben D and Isabella S
Class 11: Lucas B and Weronika K

Meet Your Child's New Teacher

Between **3.30pm - 4.30pm on Tuesday 26th September** parents will be invited into their child's new classroom to meet their new Teacher and be provided with key information about the academic year ahead. If you are unable to attend all the details will be added onto the school website.

Food Bank Fridays

Every Friday there is a collection box out side the entry gate onto the main playground for the Trowbridge Food Bank. We now also collecting pet food for the Trowbridge Pet Food Bank.

If you are able to donate an item or two it would be very much appreciated. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you.



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First Holy Communion 2024

Application forms for First Holy Communion 2024 are now available to collect from Canon Tom after Mass. If your child is in Year 3 or above then please collect, complete a form, and return it to Canon Tom. The closing date for application is **7th January 2024**. The first session of preparation will take place on the **18th January 2024 at 7pm** in St. John's Church. Children and parents will be given full details of the course at this meeting.

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 next week.

Pupils

Jack B
Liza H
Alfred W
Neyo A
Nikola G



Online Safety

This week we are highlighting what you need to know as parents/carers about Gaming. Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

Asthma Inhalers

If your child has an asthma inhaler in school and you have not already done so, please can you come to the office to complete a medical form for the new school year.
Thank you.



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Pupil Premium/Free School Meals - Eligible by Benefit (EBB)

We are aware that some of our parents are experiencing a change in circumstances. Regardless of which year group your child is in, you can register your entitlement for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals - Eligible by Benefit (EBB) if :

you have children who attend a school in Wiltshire, **and** you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits listed below.

Qualifying benefits for Pupil Premium/Free School Meals:

Income Support

Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)

Employment and Support Allowance (income-related)

support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit - providing you are NOT entitled to Working Tax Credit and your family's annual income (as assessed by HMRC) is not more than £16,190 (as at 6 April 2012)

Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

You can access the application form by clicking on the link below.

<https://parentportal.wiltshire.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/free-school-meals>

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 25th September at 9.am—Safeguarding Parent Workshop.

Tuesday 26th September at 9.05am—First Holy Communion Mass in School Hall.

Friday 29th September at 9am—New EYFS Coffee Morning.

Tuesday 3rd October—Individual School Photos.



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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.