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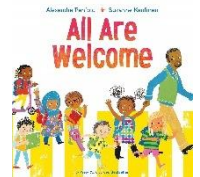
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Dear Families and Children,

Thank you everyone for another excellent week of learning and fun at St John's. All the classes have been working so hard and Mrs Henderson and I have both been very impressed with the number of children who have come to see us to show us their books or talk about their learning. It is always lovely to see the pride shining out as we celebrate with them. One thing which stands out for me at St John's is the pride the children have for each other when they succeed. Whether that is hearing their friend's name in a Friday celebration worship or seeing their friend celebrated in class, it truly shows those values of teamwork and character shining through and makes this school a very special, nurturing community.

I have been very impressed with the children's understanding of British Values this week. We discussed the importance of each one and why we think they have been identified as a key value. There are five altogether – see if the children can explain what they are. We also found out about the Equality Act as part of our Wellbeing Wednesday worship this week and why it is important that everyone is treated with fairness, respect and dignity. The book we shared was called *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold.

On Monday we thought about St Paul and his conversion to become a follower of Jesus. Despite his early years as a man who persecuted Christians, after receiving a message from God, he spent his life travelling far and wide to share God's Word. We learned a lot about St Paul's letters and we thought about how we can live our lives sharing good deeds and good work with others.



Congratulations to our Maths, Reading and Star of the Week certificate winners this week!



Congratulations to Archie, Rudy, Ben, Rubin, Harper, Betsy, Carys, Florence, Emmy, Sophie, Vincent, Niyat, Edith, Annie, Eleanor, Harry, Delilah, Seth and Emmy. We are so proud of you all!

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Prayer and Reflection



We pray for equality for all of God's people on earth,
That those facing adversity gain strength from all who can offer support.
We pray for compassion, empathy and care to be shown to all men, women and children,
That there are no more barriers to overcome.
We pray that all people have their voices heard.
Amen

ICONS News

As I shared last week, St John's is soon to be recognised as an International Cross of Nail School. You can read a bit more about what this means at the Cathedral website:

<https://www.coventrycathedral.org.uk/reconciliation/icon-schools>

Originally our date to receive our cross of nails was Wednesday 1st March. Because this is one of the potential days of future teacher strike action, we have decided to change the presentation to Monday 6th March. Please save this new date as it would be lovely for the wider school community to join us at the cathedral to celebrate this superb achievement. I will confirm the exact time as soon as possible.

Internet Safety

We are planning to provide information and discussion sessions to support families to keep children safe on the internet. To help shape our sessions, we have a short survey which you can find here: [Survey link](#)

An excellent source of information is available at the National Online Safety website. They publish one-page guides for parents about specific apps or games, as well as general advice. All guides can be found here:

[National Online Safety](#)

West Midlands Police also host regular online sessions for families about internet safety. Booking links and dates can be found here: [West Midlands Police workshops](#)

Support for Families

As we approach Children's Mental Health Week, I would like to signpost families to some useful sources of support. The NSPCC is encouraging all adults in the UK to complete a 10 minute online training course to know what to do if a child needs help and where to go if you need support yourself

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/listen-up-speak-up/>

Young Minds is another excellent source of support for parents and carers while you are supporting your children. They have a wealth of resources on their website <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

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Dates for your diaries	
Monday 30 th January	Golden Ticket winners (Headteacher for the Day) 9.10: Year 5 Come and Share
Tuesday 31 st January	Pm: Reception vision screening 5.30 – 6.00: Viney Hill meeting for Years 4 and 6
Wednesday 1 st February	Industrial action – see previous communication for information about partial closure
Thursday 2 nd February	9.10: Reception Come and Share
Friday 3 rd February	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 11.00: Year 4 Come and Share
Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week begins
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day 2.00: Year 1 Come and Share
Wednesday 8 th February	
Thursday 9 th February	10.00 – 12.00: Years 5 & 6 at Life Expo at APEC
Friday 10 th February	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 13 th February	4.00 – 6.30: Parent/Carer TLC meetings
Tuesday 14 th February	4.00 – 6.30: Parent/Carer TLC meetings
Wednesday 15 th February	PA Film Night – details to follow
Thursday 16 th February	2.00: Year 2 Come and Share
Friday 17 th February	
Half term holiday starts on Monday 20 th February	

Please note that school starts again after the half term holiday on Tuesday 28th February. Monday 27th is an INSET day for Trust-wide training

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Coventry Education Psychology Team will be running a FREE session for parents/carers on

Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.

Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and its scientific basis, and will involve practical activities and resource-sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

Video Link Session

EITHER Monday 6th February 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

OR Monday 6th March 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

*The same session will be delivered twice, so please state which date you can attend or if you are available for either date

To request an invite and for further information contact:

SEND Information Advice and Support Service

Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

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