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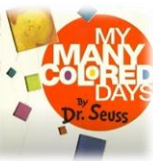
Dear Families and Children,

We have ended another wonderful week at St John's and we are getting closer to our Autumn half term holiday. I would like to develop our feeling of community so I will be setting up a Padlet page every week for families to share their photos or a message to others based around a theme. I have been inspired by Year 1 this week after their trip to Allesley Park so my Padlet page this week is called 'Signs of Autumn'. I've started the page with a photo I took this week and it would be lovely to see more photos joining mine so we can share how we notice the changing season. The link to the Padlet is [here](#) or the QR link to scan is at the top of the page. Photos from a phone can just be chosen from the camera reel and added to the page.

Everyone has been very busy this week as usual and it has been a pleasure to see the joy and excitement on children's faces now that we are able to adventure out on some school trips again. As well as Year 1 going to the park as super scientists, Year 2 this week went to the Transport Museum to look at the history of transport and take a closer look at a Penny Farthing. We have also had year groups visiting St Christopher's Church as part of their RE lessons. I would like to thank the staff for researching and organising these educational visits for their classes and for the volunteers who give up their time to support the children. We appreciate you all very much.

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors took the lead for our worship on Monday when they launched 'Hats On for Mental Health Day'. You led the whole school perfectly and all the year groups learned a lot and had chance to think about some of the different things we can do to keep our minds and bodies healthy. Everyone looked fabulous in their hats and it was great to see lots of wellbeing work and discussion happening in classrooms. Thank you to Mrs Henderson for organising this for us all and for all the work you do to look after everybody in our school. There are some dates for your diary if you would like to join Mrs Henderson for a wellbeing catch up; have a look at the new posters up on our gates for more information.

I enjoyed teaching everyone a new prayer response in Tuesday's worship. When I said, "Come on everyone! Clap your hands!", the response was, "Shout to God with joyful praise!" We really raised our voices to God and there were lots of smiles as we practised! Wellbeing Wednesday's theme was about thinking of our moods in a range of colours using the text My Many Coloured Days by Dr Seuss.



We have some fundraising totals to celebrate thanks to your very generous donations. Mental Health Day on Monday raised £154.60 for Coventry and Warwickshire MIND and our coffee and cake afternoon raised £92.80 for Macmillan. Thank you for giving generously to support the vital work of these organisations and thank you for the freshly baked cakes. Remembrance Sunday is coming up very soon and we have poppies to sell as well as wristbands, button loops and pin badges. These will be available at TLC meetings and after school at the main gate. You should all feel incredible proud because Mrs Randhawa told me that St John's raised the most money last year of any school in Coventry; so much so that they have given us two collection tins this year! What incredible stewardship!

Congratulations to our Presentation, Writing and Star of the Week certificate winners this week!



Our teachers have recognised and celebrated the hard work of: **Albert, Hermela, Mielahier, Jaxon, Henry, Aron, Edith, Jemimah, Mary, Olivia, Faith, Bube, Lucy and Trae**. Well done everyone, you should feel very proud of your achievements.

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Prayer and Reflection

Loving Father, we look to you.

All: Receive our prayer.

We ask you to bless each of us with hope and joy and help us to find our own unique ways to shine. Loving Father, we look to you.

All: Receive our prayer.

We ask for peace and justice in the world and for people in hardship to find comfort in your presence. Loving Father, we look to you.

All: Receive our prayer.

We ask your guidance when we face difficulties in our lives. Loving Father, we look to you.

All: Receive our prayer.

We ask for wisdom and right judgement, for the gift of kindness and for awe and wonder to forever be in our lives. Loving Father, we look to you.

All: Receive our prayer.

Each half term, I will be sending home a prayer and reflection newsletter as well as our weekly family one. If you would like our school community to pray for somebody or something significant in your life, please email me and I will include your requests.

Our family prayer group meet in school on a Tuesday morning every week at 9.00 for around half an hour and you are all very welcome to join them. If you can't attend but would like the group to pray on your behalf, you can write your prayers on the tags on our prayer table by the hall door. These can be hung on the tabletop tree and the prayer group will read them and pray together.

Safeguarding

Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Henderson are the safeguarding leads in school. If you have a concern about a child in our school, please speak to us, phone us at school or email:

laura.stevenson@stjohns.covmat.org

sara.henderson@stjohns.covmat.org



Wellbeing tip from Mrs Henderson

Weekly wellbeing tip

The smallest gesture of kindness can mean the world to someone.

Pre-loved clothing

If you have any school uniform or coats in very good condition which your child has outgrown, please bring them to school, washed and ready to pass on to another family on Monday 17th October. These will be available to browse during the TLC times on the Tuesday and the Wednesday. We know that children grow quickly so we hope to create some sustainability as well as trying to reduce some financial impact for families. Items can be taken away without charge or for a voluntary contribution which will go directly to fund the experiences we aim to provide for the children.

Attendance

Mrs Henderson and I are very impressed with our high levels of attendance this half term. We have been above our 97% target every day so far which is outstanding! Thank you so much for your support in helping us to achieve our attendance targets and thank you for ensuring that children are in school on time and ready to learn. Please remember that we are here to support with any issues around school attendance so please reach out if you need help or advice.

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Community News

Lanchester Live in the Library



This half-term, explore some of Fred Lanchester's amazing inventions from petrol-electric hybrid cars to phenomenal flying machines!

Join in with games, Lego, augmented reality and virtual reality, plus the chance to experience the sights, sounds and smells of Coventry's motoring history by stepping back in time with a 90 year old Lanchester 15-18hp car.

Allesley Park Library
2pm – 5pm
Thursday 27th October

For children aged 6-14 years
Admission **FREE**
Drop in session – no need to book
Find out more: **024 7678 5813**
or email libraries247@coventry.gov.uk



coventry.gov.uk/libraries
lanchesterinteractive.org



Time to Shine – save the dates

Years 5 and 6 Monday 14th November 2.45 – 3.15

Years 3 and 4 Tuesday 15th November 2.45 – 3.15

Years 1 and 2 Monday 21st November 2.45 – 3.15

We are slightly changing the format to allow you to see more of your child's learning which we hope you will enjoy.

Hydration

Please make sure your child has their own water bottle in school every day. We encourage the children to drink regularly throughout the day and we have a limited number of cups to give to children who have forgotten their bottle. Thank you for your support with this.



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We're making our own Christmas Cards

This year our school children will be creating their own personalised Christmas Card designs. Parents will be able to purchase the cards in packs of 12 at a great price, whilst also helping the school to raise additional funds. So there's no need to buy your Christmas Cards anywhere else!



From just one drawing you can order lots of different products and help to raise funds for your school.



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 17 th October	
Tuesday 18 th October	4.00pm – 6.30pm: Termly Learning Conferences in the hall (please make an appointment)
Wednesday 19 th October	9.00am: Year 6 Come and Share 4.00pm – 6.30pm: Termly Learning Conferences in the hall (please make an appointment)
Thursday 20 th October	Non-uniform day for Christmas fayre bottle donations 2.30pm: Year 1 Come and Share 3.30pm: PA event – doughnut sale
Friday 21 st October	INSET day for whole staff training – happy half term!
Monday 31 st October	
Tuesday 1 st November	9.00: Year 4 leading worship – families are very welcome to join us Year 6 Lego STEM day All Saints Values Day
Wednesday 2 nd November	Flu vaccine day for Reception to Year 6 (for children with parent/carer consent)
Thursday 3 rd November	
Friday 4 th November	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 2.30: Wellbeing SEND coffee afternoon with Mrs Henderson in the hall
Monday 7 th November	
Tuesday 8 th November	
Wednesday 9 th November	9.10 – 9.40: Year 4 Come and Share
Thursday 10 th November	
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 11.00: Whole school silence outside on KS2 playground

Have a wonderful weekend and I will see you all bright and early on Monday morning!
Mrs Stevenson

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