



Message from Miss Smalldon

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great first week back!

Wednesday started with Discovery Day. Throughout the day, the children became immersed in their new curriculum topics. There were lots of exciting lessons happening. In Year 1, they travelled to London (virtually 😊) and saw Big Ben and Buckingham Palace! In Year 3, they were sketching snakes as part of 'Going Global' and Year 6 were sheltering under their tables in response to WW2 sirens. It was lovely to see the children having so much fun!

On a personal note, thank-you so much for your support this week. I have had a brilliant week as Acting Headteacher and it has been so lovely to see all of your smiley faces and kind words at the gate each morning. They haven't gone unnoticed.

Onwards and upwards,

Have a fantastic weekend and stay safe.

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Friday 12/11/21

I can learn and grow

Psalm 84:5-7

Blessed are those whose hearts are set on pilgrimage...they go from strength to strength until each appears before God in Zion.

Having Drive means:

- Having confidence in your learning
- Being positive
- Challenging yourself
- Persevering and not giving up

Time to reflect
How can I make sure that I make the most of every opportunity?

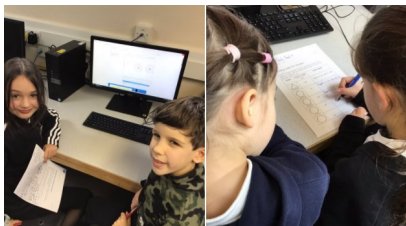
How have you shown the value of identity?



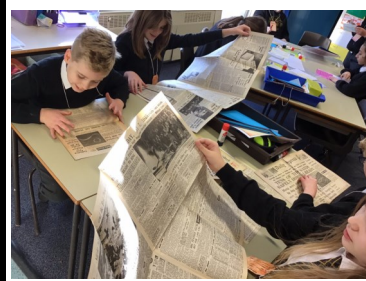
together we SHINE

Our Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon

It's been a fun week at St. John's— look at the range of fabulous learning!



Air raid practice in year 6!



Safeguarding Reminder

At St John's C of E Academy, we have a Safeguarding Team who work to keep children safe both in and out of school. Mrs Baddeley, Miss Smalldon and Mrs Henderson are the school's safeguarding team so please contact them if you are worried about the safety of a child who attends our school.



Wellbeing with Mrs Henderson

I hope you had a fantastic family Christmas and managed to either avoid or have some time away from Covid! We will be planning another parent wellbeing walk this half term, it is always good to have a chance to chat!

Outdoor Learning is continuing this half term for Years 1 and 2, starting next week, making lots of links to their current units. Thank you to all the amazing parent volunteers for making this possible! I am also looking get the lunchtime wellbeing clubs back up and running this term with the support of parent volunteers - more information will follow.

Please remember we are here, if you need to chat, drop me an email or phone me - more now than ever, we need to support each other. Take care, Mrs Henderson



Additional Notes For Parents :

Following Local Authority guidance, the one-way flow (from the KS1 gate to the KS2 gate) around the school will remain at the start and end of the day, we will be adjusting the start and end times for all children. The gate will be open from 8:45-8:55am. We are asking for all children to arrive between these times. This 10 minute slot will help alleviate congestion and will ensure adequate flow around the site.

At the end of the day, we are reducing pick-up times to 2 slots. See below for when your child must be collected. Siblings may be collected at the earliest slot for your family in line with current guidelines.

Pick-up times	
3:20pm	3:30pm
Year 2	Reception
Year 3	Year 1
Year 5	Year 4
	Year 6

School uniform is required. Where possible, ensure the uniform is washed regularly throughout the week. All children need to come to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day.

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Friday
Year 3	Tuesday (starting 14 th September)
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday (starting 14 th September)
Year 6	Friday

Each day, children will need to bring their:

1. Coat
2. Reading Book
3. Filled water bottle (which will be taken home each day to be washed!)

Stars of the Week!

Well done to everyone for a great week; all children at St. John's shine. Here are our 'super' stars of the week!



Star of the Week Awards!

Reception: Evie

Year 1: Florence

Year 2: Emilia

Year 3: Jemimah

Year 4: Eliza

Year 5: Isla C

Year 6: Alice





Fantastic Learning Log Awards!



Year 1: Joseph

Year 2: Heidi

Year 3: Esme

Year 4: Sunni

Year 5: Danielle

Year 6: Isabelle

