



Message from Mr Watson

Dear Parents/Carers,
We had a wonderful Pyjamarama day. All the children and staff looked amazing. As part of our school values, some of the children wanted us to raise money for a charity; We selected the BookTrust. These are the people who provide all children with a pack containing a book through the health visitor and then again in Reception at school. Thank you for your £1 donations.



Every Thursday, we have our virtual 'Star of the Week' It is not the same with you, the community, being there. As soon as the guidance allow us, we hope to start inviting you back into school but this is looking like that will be sometime in the future. The children really enjoy receiving an award virtually. If you child has any awards that they have achieved out of school or have been brilliant at home, please let me know.

COVID update

With some restrictions being lifted on 19th March we can start to look forward to doing more things. The guidance for schools is the same as we have currently in place. Drop off and pick up times will remain the same and face coverings will still need to be worn on the school site. Please read the letter from the Local Authority attached to this newsletter.

Have a great weekend and stay safe.

Mr Watson, Headteacher

I can grow even if things are hard.

James 1:2-4
Consider it sheer gift friends when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith life is forced into the open and shows its true colours. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well developed, not deficient in any way.


Showing Character means:

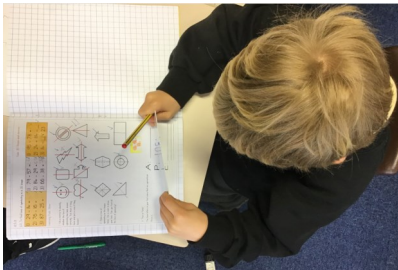
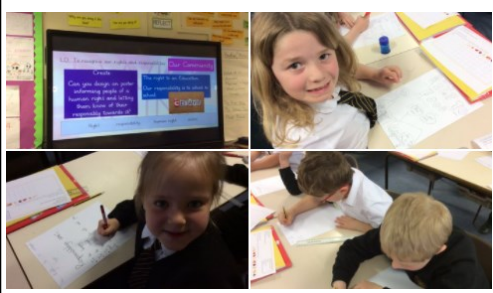
- Overcoming things which are challenging or disappointing
- Choosing how you respond to situations
- Persevering



together we SHINE

Our Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon

It's been a fun week at St. John's- look at the range of fabu  rning!





Silas Marner or The Weaver of Raveloe is one of the great stories by one of Coventry's most celebrated writers – George Eliot (the pen name of Mary Ann Evans). This new musical theatre version of the story celebrates Coventry-born creativity. Set in the village of Raveloe, a fictional version of Allesley and featuring the local Rainbow pub...as itself, this is a classic tale of hope, redemption and the unshakeable power of the human spirit.

With themes that are still relevant today: Marner is a lonely refugee fleeing intolerance and misunderstanding and is viewed with distrust by local people because he comes from a distant part of the country. Robbed of his hard-earned gold, he adopts a foundling child and is gradually welcomed into the community he has shunned.

Adapted by Coventry playwright Alan Pollock, directed by Coventry writer/director Nick Walker, and designed by Allesley-born Abby Clarke – this is a magical tale of love lost and found – and is presented by a talented Company of professional and local community performers in the grounds of St John's Church of England Academy School

Would like to join to the choir?

The group are offering free taster sessions for the choir, starting next week. Would you be interested?? Join a free online workshop to create a new arrangement of a traditional song for the Allesley Silas production. Learning online together for four weeks we'll then create a recording of the choir singing together.

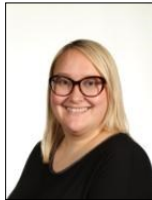
These workshops are a fun taster for a new community choir, an acting 'chorus' who will play a central role in the show representing characters and helping to drive the action of the story. Everybody who takes part in the workshops will be invited to form this choir with rehearsals from the end of June and performances at the end of July.

Workshop sessions will take place on Tuesday nights, from 7pm to 9pm, online on Zoom. 11th May, 18th May, 25th May, and 1st June. After this session we'll meet once more to watch the recording together. We ask that participants try to attend all four sessions, but will record and share sessions if you need to miss one. You do not need to consider yourself a singer to take part, all contributions are very welcome. There are no age limits to joining the fun. There is no obligation to continue after the workshops, but those that do will also be invited to form a choir that will exist past the Allesley Silas performances.

Email us at AllesleySilasMusic@gmail.com to register your interest or if you have any questions about the events.

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. Mr Watson, Miss Smallldon 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 am really looking forward to chatting with lots of you next Friday, 21st May, for our Wellbeing Walk. Fingers crossed for a dry spell! The wellbeing activity sessions start for the children too, with Year 4 being the first class, followed by Year 1 on Friday 28th May. Thank you to all the parent volunteers for making this possible and giving the staff and children some wellbeing time!

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 :

All children will be returning on Monday 8th March. The drop off and pick times will be the same as before Christmas. They are:

| Year Group | Drop-off | Pick-up |
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| Reception | 8:35am | 3:10pm |
| Year 1 | 8:45am | 3:20pm |
| Year 2 | 8:55pm | 3:30pm |
| Year 3 | 8:35am | 3:10pm |
| Year 4 | 8:55pm | 3:30pm |
| Year 5 | 8:45am | 3:20pm |
| Year 6 | 8:55pm | 3:30pm |

Remember: the 3 staggered drop-off and pick times for children is to allow less children and parents entering school at one time, reducing potential 'bottle necks' and overcrowding. **If you have more than one child at St. John's, you may drop them all off at the earliest slot for your family.**

What will the children need to bring with them to school?

Each day, they will need to come to school in their uniform and bring their:

1. Coat
2. Reading Book
3. Filled water bottle (which will be taken home each day to be washed!)
4. Packed lunch (if your child is not having a hot school meal!)
5. Plastic folder for letters for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Reading packets for Reception, Year 1 and 2.
6. Key Stage 2 (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) can bring in an additional warm top to wear in the classroom

Children need to wear their PE kit on their PE day. **Some year groups have changed days.**

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| Reception | Wednesday |
| Year 1 | Tuesday |
| Year 2 | Tuesday |
| Year 3 | Tuesday |
| Year 4 | Thursday |
| Year 5 | (Thursday 11 th and 18 th) Then Monday's onwards |
| Year 6 | Thursday |

It is really important that they do not bring in any additional items such as pencil cases and small toys. Birthday sweets or cakes must be covered.

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: Maisie —for her amazing focus this week, working really hard on her numbers! Maisie has been asking lots of questions and looking for learning all around the classroom.

Year 1: Ella —for always being a kind, polite and helpful member of the class. Thank you, Ella!

Year 2: Joshua —for always being an enthusiastic member of Year 2 and sharing his ideas fantastically during class discussion.

Year 3: Cassie —for being an all round amazing person and learner; Cassie demonstrates our school values through all aspects of school life. Amazing—keep this up!

Year 4: Amayah —for being an all round super star! Working hard, challenging herself, supporting other and being brilliant! Keep this up!

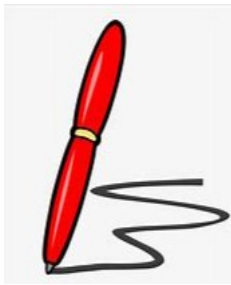
Year 5: Alexander—for working really hard in all his learning, especially English this week!

Year 6: Harry —for being a great member of Year 6 and regularly contributing in lessons, increasing his speed and quantity of work he produces. Keep it up!





Super Writer Awards



Reception: Louisa
Year 1: Vincent
Year 2: Grace
Year 3: Karmen
Year 4: Tobias
Year 5: Chloe
Year 6: Dan



Pen Licence
Year 4: Imogen



Presentation Awards



Year 1: Aron M
Year 2: Kara
Year 3: Evan
Year 4: Isla T
Year 5: Gracie
Year 6: Lilly C

Sports Award

Year 5: May



Wellbeing Walk for Parents & Carers

Join Mrs Henderson for a walk in Allesley Park
on Friday 21st May
from 9am - 10.30am

Share wellbeing tips & how things are going

Enjoy some chat in the fresh air

Bring your own flask to drink




Please confirm you are coming to
parent.council@stjohns.covmat.org
You'll be assigned to a small group
in line with Covid guidelines.
*NB Your school children won't be
attending but you are welcome to
bring little ones - they will be included
in the numbers.



Important Dates

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| 19th April | Summer Term begins |
| 23rd April | Topic maps, Knowledge organisers, Learning logs to be sent home |
| 23rd April | Guitars lessons starting |
| WB 26th April | After school clubs starting CCFC Little Tricks Jazz Dance |
| 27th/28th April | Termly learning Conferences 4:00-6:30pm |
| 3rd May | Bank holiday Monday School closed |
| 4th May | PA Star Wars/ Non uniform day |
| 20th May | Double Dinner Day (letter to go out) |
| 21st May | Wellbeing Walk for Parents and Carers |
| 31st May -4th June | Half Term |
| Monday 7th June | Back at school |
| 17th June | Class photos |
| 2nd/5th July | Olympic Torch Day(s) |
| 14th July | Sports Day |
| TBC | Year 6 Leavers Ball |
| 15th July | Reserve Sports Day |
| 13th/14th July 4:00-6:30pm | Termly Learning Conference |
| 19th July | Year 6 Leavers Service |
| 20th July | Last day of school |
| Wednesday 21st July 2019 | INSET DAY |

St. John's Rules for Online Internet Safety

- Tell an adult straight away if you come across anything that upsets you or you think is inappropriate.
- Never give out any personal information such as full name, address and phone numbers
- Never send a picture of yourself to a person that you don't know or haven't met.
- Only use a computer when an adult is nearby.
- Never give out your password to anyone (even your best friends) other than your parents.
- Check with an adult before downloading anything as it could damage the computer.

