



**Message from Mr Watson**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a shorter week, with bank holiday Monday, but has not stopped the teachers packing in many amazing learning opportunities for the children. This week Miss Smalldon and I have been looking at the children's books. It was fantastic to see the progress the children have made since they have all come back to school. The children have really impressed us with their attitude and enthusiasm for learning. The teachers and TA's continue to work incredibly hard to make sure our school curriculum excites, engages and inspire pupils to instil them with a passion for life long learning. As always, you can keep up-to-date with what's going on by following us on Twitter and Facebook.

We are currently working on plans for transition to support and help children get ready for moving year groups in September. Currently, Government guidance is still in place which restricts many of the activities that we would normally do as part of our transition work. Hopefully, over the coming weeks guidance will change, allowing us to create an exciting plan for the children. As soon as the government announces any changes, I will let you know.

I am very excited to say we have teamed up with the City of Culture and the Allesley Silas production. The school will be hosting the play and tickets are on sale now. The children will be helping to create some of the backgrounds for the different scenes and they are looking for some of our children to take part in the production. The team are also looking for people to join their choir. More information can be found in the newsletter.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

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:

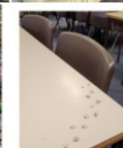
- Overcoming things which are challenging or disappointing
- Choosing how you respond to situations
- Persevering



together we SHINE

**Our Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon**

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





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](mailto: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

Interesting weather we have been having! I think we are all looking forward to the next places opening up later this month. I have been busy working with our Parent Council to plan wellbeing activities in school for the children over the summer term. For the grown-ups, we have planned a Wellbeing Walk for Friday 21st May from 9am ish (after drop-off). Pop the date in your diary! (Take a look at the posters.) I am looking forward to you all joining me for a chat and some fresh air!

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

#### Weekly wellbeing tip

*Be the reason  
someone  
smiles today*

## Additional Notes For Parents :

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

Year Group	Drop-off	Pick-up
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.**

Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Thursday
Year 5	(Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> ) 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: Faith** —for her brilliant 'Get learning' time, writing stories and having a go at lots of different activities! Faith has also been growing in confidence, putting her hand up more on the carpet!

**Year 1: Ewan** —for his brilliant attitude towards his learning and his incredible imagination in all of his writing! Well done Ewan!

**Year 2: River** —for always being extremely knowledgeable and providing the class with extra information and facts when learning something new.

**Year 3: Samuel** —for being incredibly focused on his learning and demonstrating such a positive attitude towards everything he does. Samuel we are so proud of how hard you are trying!

**Year 4: Douglas** —for being incredibly brilliant at all times! Dougie focuses on every piece of learning and always works to his best ability. Amazing superstar—Keep this up!

**Year 5: Kacie**—for working really hard on her times tables and making great progress. Keep it up Kacie!

**Year 6: Corey** —for having an improved attitude to learning. Corey has been working hard to produce work of a higher quality and he has also been working on his presentation. Well done Corey! Keep it up!





Maths Awards



Reception: Edison  
 Year 1: Heidi  
 Year 2: Eva  
 Year 3: Woody  
 Year 4: Thomas  
 Year 5: Jemima  
 Year 6: Joe



Sports Award

Year 4: Douglas



Important Dates

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
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.





Stay Safe



Comic Relief Fundraise

Thank you for all of your contributions for Red Nose Day. We managed to raise a total of £188.00 which is amazing. Thank you to everyone for taking part.

