



Message from Mr Watson

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another exciting week of learning at St John's. Hopefully, the children have been coming home telling you about their amazing curriculum. Please visit our Twitter and Facebook pages for the latest photos.

We held our Termly Learning Conference's (TLC's) this we hope you found them useful and supportive. Both staff and parents feedback has been excellent. All the children upload to their Seesaw Accounts for you to look at. If you have not had a look or left a message, please can you when you get a chance. We have planned our final TLC of year. (see Key Dates) Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, we are unsure as to what the final meeting will look like.

Staffing update

Sadly, Miss Lucas will be leaving us in the summer. Miss Lucas joined the school as NQT and has been an amazing teacher at St John's. She is taking a year out of teaching to go travelling.

Thankyou

A massive thank you to Mrs Andrews and the Parents Council, and also the staff, Governor's and children for nominating for the Headteacher of the Year Award. Somehow I was shortlisted and the judging panel visited the school virtually on Thursday to talk to the staff and children. The staff surprised me last week during Star of the Week with the announcement. I still feel very overwhelmed to have been nominated and to have made the shortlist. Regardless of whatever happens next, it has been a very exciting process to be part of.

Have a fantastic bank holiday weekend. See you all again on Tuesday (May the 4th be with you) Star Wars/Non-uniform day.

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!



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

Ready for the bank holiday? Hopefully you are starting to make plans as things ease. 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
Remember, mistakes are proof that you are trying your best.

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
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 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: James—for settling into school brilliantly, working really hard during the school day and having a go at lots of learning. Well done!

Year 1: Elizabeth—for always being a wonderful friend to everyone in the class and working hard in her writing this week. You are a star Elizabeth!

Year 2: Connor—for trying his best in all of his lessons this week! Well done Connor, keep it up!

Year 3: Dory—for trying so hard with her learning this week, improving her handwriting and presentation! We are so proud of you!

Year 4: Eszter—for having an amazing attitude to all her learning, working incredibly hard and being an awesome learning partner! Keep this up!

Year 5: Hope for working really hard to challenge herself in Maths and English this week. Having more confidence to give it a go! Well done Hope.

Year 6: Aaron—for working really hard and trying his best to produce high quality work. We're really impressed! Keep up the great work!





Super Writer Awards



Reception: Henry
Year 1: Olivia
Year 2: Evelyn
Year 3: Archie
Year 4: Jacob
Year 5: May
Year 6: Jevan



Pen Licences
Year 4: Trae
Year 5: Alexander
Year 6: Ben



Sports Award



Reception: Nathaniel



Presentation Awards



Year 1: Finley
Year 2: Rohan
Year 3: Charlie
Year 4: Amayah
Year 5: Isaac
Year 6: Minnie

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
TBC	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.





Star Wars Non-Uniform Day

The Parents Association are planning a Star Wars non-uniform next Tuesday (4th May) also known as Star Wars day: 'May the fourth be with you!!!' Your child/ren are welcome to dress up as characters from Star Wars, in Star Wars themed clothes or just non-uniform for the day with a suggested donation to the Parents Association of £1.

If you are able to, please make your payment via PayPal as a friend or family member with the reference 'Star Wars' to: pa@stjohns.covmat.org If you do not use PayPal you can pay in cash on the day.

