



Message from Mr Watson

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today Year 6 led on our Easter celebration. They planned a range of activities for all the classes to take part in and gave everyone an Easter treat to take home. A massive thank you to Miss Conroy and Year 6 for making the day so special. Please look at our Facebook and Twitter pages for the latest photos. Thank you to Andy March, the school Vicar, for coming in today.



On our last day of term, the PA have organised a 'Break the Rules' day. For every rule of the list you break, we are asking for a 50p donation. There will be prizes for the most craziest hair styles in each class. I am looking forward to seeing the children

Next week I will be writing to you with an update for our plans the summer term. Hopefully, the restrictions will slowly to start to ease and this will allow us to start retuning back to a more normal school life. After the Easter break, I will be asking all children, where possible, to return back to full uniform. In Key Stage 2, there will be no need to bring in extra warm tops or hoodies as the cold weather will have passed. I understand as a parent, you still might find some challenges in in getting school uniform. If you do need any extra support, please contact me directly and the school will be able to support.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. Stay safe and have a great week-end.

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

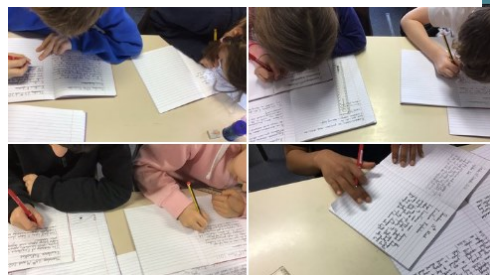
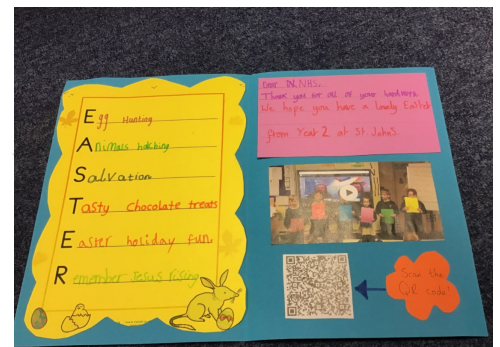


together we SHINE

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

It is great to see everyone back! For some of you and your children, there may be some anxiety around the changes, this is ok and it is normal. Please let us know so we can support you and your child during this initial period of returning to school and over the coming weeks. I am busy organising wellbeing activities in school and looking forward to organising more wellbeing activities for the whole school community! 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

Take care,  
Mrs Henderson



Weekly wellbeing tip  
One positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

### 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: Amelia** – for her super attitude to 'get learning' always asking questions and showing curiosity! She also tries really hard in all her carpet learning, showing great listening!

**Year 1- Lucy** – for always being friendly and polite to everyone in the class and for her great listening attitude! Thank you, Lucy!

**Year 2- Christopher** – for always engaging in class discussions and for being a great learning partner.

**Year 3-Cassie** – for super teamwork skills in English this week when identifying the features of a diary entry. You are a star!

**Year 4- Gracie** – for having an amazing attitude, working incredibly hard and being an awesome friend! Amazing superstar – keep this up!

**Year 5- Daisy** – for being a really supportive member of the class. Not only working well with her learning partner, but others around her to.

**Year 6 - Theo** – for having a great attitude to learning. Theo shows our value of drive and is always hungry to discover more. He is always very curious and asks lots of questions to improve his learning. Great work Theo!



## Maths Awards



**Year 6: Max** - Doing a great job in maths. Max has been working really hard this week and is doing a great job with all of his work on angles. Well done Max!



## Sports Award



**Year 6: Chloe** – For always trying her best in PE! Chloe has been working really hard on our tag rugby topic and has made lots of improvements over the last few weeks. Keep up the good work Chloe, well done!



## Super Writer



**Reception: Alfie** – for his brilliant improvement in handwriting. He has been working really hard with his letters and sounds when writing sentences about dragons!

**Year 1: Charlie** – for his great story about Paddington Bear visiting the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Keep working hard Charlie! You are a star.

**Year 2: Eadie** – for always presenting her English work beautifully and writing at great length.

**Year 3: Grace** – for her fantastic setting description. Grace wrote a super description of the rainforest including some amazing adjectives and similes.

**Year 4: Emmy** – for her beautiful reflection on the value of excellence and trying to improve her handwriting – amazing writing!

**Year 5: Alexander** – for creating some excellent expanded noun phrases with prepositions, using super vocabulary choices

**Year 6: Eva** – Working hard on her writing. Eva did a great job with her learning whilst she was at home and she has continued her hard work at school. She has been working really hard these past few weeks on her writing and I'm really impressed! Keep it up Eva!



# 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.



# CAN YOU HELP?

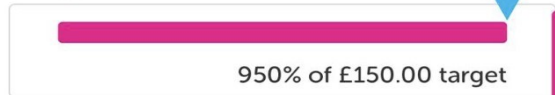
Inspired by school mum Ali Grimley I have been joining in "Walk All Over Cancer", walking 10,000 steps every day this month to raise funds for Cancer Research. I have just passed the target of 310,000 steps (over 150 miles) in the month of March and smashed my original target of £150 for Cancer Research. But I'm not stopping there - I'm going to walk 10,000 steps every day for the next 6 days (another 30 miles) and I'd love it if I could reach the milestone of £1500. Will you help me? Could you donate if you haven't already - go to my Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/donate/758784718080904/?fundraiser\\_source=external\\_url](https://www.facebook.com/donate/758784718080904/?fundraiser_source=external_url) Or fundraising page on Cancer Research <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/andys-walk-all-over-cancer-fundraising-page-17> Please share and spread the word! It's for an amazing cause and has made an amazing difference (altogether £6.8 million raised so far).



Log in



Andy March



Donating through this page is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with Cancer Research UK

## Fitbit activity tracker



101%  
of 310,000 step target

Inspired by school mum Ali Grimley I have been joining in "Walk All Over Cancer",

## BREAK THE RULES ON APRIL FOOLS

50p for each rule broken,  
break as many as you like

#1 School uniform to be worn

#2 No crazy hairstyles

#3 No hats or oversized hair accessories

#4 No odd socks or colourful tights

#5 No superhero capes or dressing up costumes

St John's PA Fundraiser payment made via PayPal  
PA@stjohns.covmat.org  
Or cash on the day

## 'Break the Rules on April Fools'

Instead of the standard non uniform day, we thought we'd make it a bit fun and allow you to break the rules for one day only!

You can break as many as you'd like. Each rule broken is a 50p 'fine' Payment of fines are to be made via PayPal [PA@stjohns.covmat.org](mailto:PA@stjohns.covmat.org) using child's name as a reference or cash in an envelope on the day.

We hope this will be a great and fun way of raising much needed funds for the school. Thank you for your continued support

Emma  
Vice Chair  
St John's Parent Association