



Message from Mr Watson

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are well and had a good half term. Earlier this week the Prime Minister brought us the long-awaited news that children in England can return to the classroom on Monday 8th March. I am so pleased that children will be returning to school soon. We have missed all the children being in school so much. His announcement signals the start of what we all hope is a step towards a more familiar and better way of living, where children can once again enjoy all of the benefits of being back in school. We will use Thursday 4th (World Book Day) and Friday 5th (Science day) of March 2021 to prepare in school for the children to return and to make sure we are ready to welcome our children back.

The safe return measures we used in the last full return to school will apply from Monday 8th March 2021. In short, children will be kept in consistent groups (bubbles) for lessons/learning activities, lunchtimes, worships, sport and playtimes. Social distancing will be in force at all times and safe hygiene practices actively promoted. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to adhere to social distancing rules at drop off and pick up, to wear a face covering on the school site and not to congregate near the school gates when leaving the school site. I will be writing out to you on Tuesday to confirm everything in more detail.

I hope you have enjoyed learning the school song. Please send me a short clip of your child singing or leave a video on Seesaw. The videos that you have sent in already have been amazing. Thank you.

Thank you so much for your support and commitment throughout lockdown; we are proud of the children and grateful to you for all you have done during this difficult time. As ever, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Stay safe

Mr Watson, Headteacher

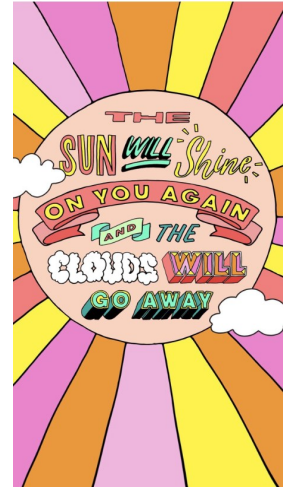
I can grow even if things are hard.

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



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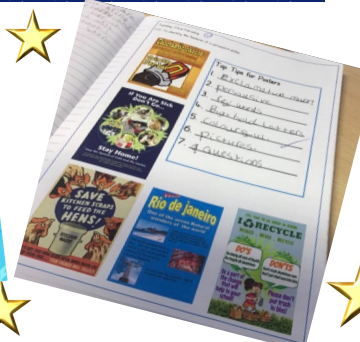
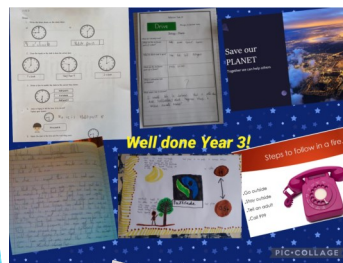
Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon

It's been a fun week at



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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.



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Wellbeing with Mrs Henderson

Starting the new half term is very exciting now we know we will all be back together on the 8th March! For some of you and your children, this may cause some anxiety, this is ok and normal. Please let us know so we can support you and your child before and after our full return to school. Looking forward to organising more wellbeing activities for everyone!

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
Write little positivity notes to yourself and leave them around your home where you'll see them!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT BOOKS AND PACKS COMING BACK TO SCHOOL

Due to our Covid-19 Risk Assessment, we require all resources that have been taken home by children to be returned at least 72 hours before all children begin using them. As the first day back (the 8th) will be practical, they will begin using them on Tuesday 9th March.

Please return all of the following on one of the days stated below:

- Children's exercise books and any other books sent home
- Stationary Packs (including all stationary)
- Spare paper resources (taken home in the brown envelopes)
Any other school resources your child has taken home

There will be 2 boxes placed outside for each class, one will be for books and paper and the other will be for stationary packs. Please could these be returned at the following times;

- Thursday 4th March, 9-3pm
- Friday 5th March, 9-12pm

If your child's plastic learning bag is broken, please could you use a carrier bag with your child's name on it.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Smallldon
Deputy Headteacher



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: Tamar - for her brilliant work around our 'traditional tales' and super number sentences in Maths! Well Done!

Year 1: Gideon - for his positivity to all of his learning! Keep being a star Gideon!

Year 2: Millie - for showing excellence in all of her Seesaw learning and even conducting her own Science experiments!

Year 3: Elliott - for her positive attitude to her learning this week! Keep being a star, Elliott!

Year 4: Traes - for his brilliant attitude to learning, persevering and challenging himself at all times, all with a huge smile! Amazing Superstar!

Year 5: Christian - for always trying hard in all subjects and having a great competitive nature which means he wants to improve himself all the time! Keep it up!

Year 6: Ben - for working hard whilst at home and having a positive attitude to learning. We're really proud of you Ben!



Maths Awards



Reception: Carys - for her brilliant number work with numicon, ten frames and amazing number bonds up to 10! Well Done!

Year 1: James - for his fantastic start to our unit on time. Great work, James!

Year 2: Miriam - for a great start to our position and direction unit! Well done!

Year 3: Harry - for his super work in maths this term, practising his times tables and trying super hard in school!

Year 4: James - for his incredible attitude to his maths learning every week - fantastic! Keep this up!

Year 5: Ruby - for challenging herself more this week on our decimals unit and achieving!

Year 6: Ollie H - for doing a brilliant job with his maths learning at home! Keep shining Ollie! You're doing brilliantly!



Additional Notes For Parents :

- 'Live' well-being sessions will start for Key Stage 2 next week. Reception and Year and Year 2 will start the following week.

Reception Tuesday 2nd March 2:00pm
Year 1 Friday 5th March 10:00am
Year 2 Tuesday 2nd March 10:00am
Year 3 Wednesday 3rd March 2:00pm
Year 4 Wednesday 3rd March 10:00am
Year 5 Wednesday 3rd March 10:00am
Year 6 Wednesday 3rd March 2:00pm

- The sessions will take place on Microsoft Teams. Guidance will be sent out on Monday Your child's login details will sent on Seesaw. If you are having any difficulties,

Introducing The St. John's 'BIG THANKS' Wall

It is a very tricky time for our school community. In school, the staff are working incredibly hard for the children, even though their working days are very different and include more risks. In order to maintain a positive morale, we wanted to create a platform for parents to express their thanks, as and when appropriate. We have created the 'St. John's BIG THANKS Wall' Please click on the link below if you wish to send a 'BIG THANKS' to our team.

<https://padlet.com/sarabsmuldon/dbhoyu0he93vxf>



Alternatively, please scan the QR code; this will take you directly to our 'BIG THANKS' wall.

Your kindness is very much appreciated!!

We are thankful for the kind words we have received so far:

Ideas and Resources



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here are the details for accessing the Change, Transition and Resilience meetings on Wednesday 3rd March 2021.

The meeting login details are the same for all year groups, please log on at the time allocated for your child's year group.

- 9.15am - Year 3
- 10am - Year 4
- 10.45am - Year 5
- 11.3am - Year 6

I have attached an information sheet about how to access the meetings.

Link, meeting ID and password are below.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://covworkpt-nhs-uk.zoom.us/j/91590538711?pwd=aG9oY2pwRndkZzll.d0FHMMFIQWxJZz09>

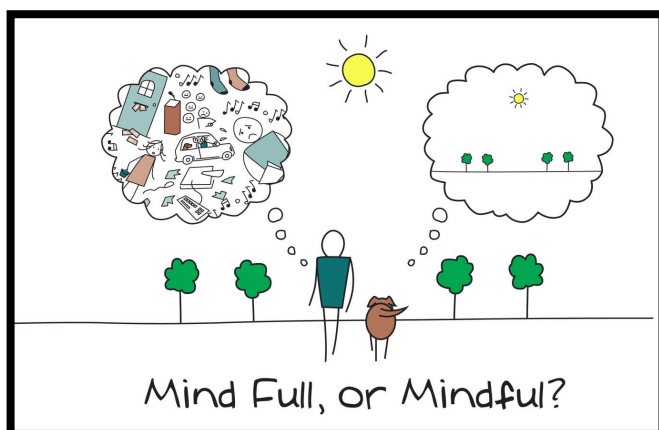
Meeting ID: 915 9053 8711
Passcode: 996806

Any questions, please ask.

Kind regards,
Sara

Assistant Head and SENDCO
St John's Church of England Academy

TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW





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.

