



Message from Mr Watson

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for everything you have been doing, this past half term has not been easy, but you have all been fantastic support in supporting our children. There has been some expectational learning taking place both at home and school. I am very proud of all the children and I have been impressed with the support they are receiving from home. I hope you have had time to read my letter, I sent out earlier on in the week. We have lots of exciting activities planned for all the children after half term. After feedback, we are aiming to reduce screen time for children, and we have planned more well-being activities for every Friday after half term.

Please see attached the letter from the Local Authority and read it very carefully. They would like to share that their community Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) sites will be extending their reach to enable children from age 2 to have a test. They have asked all pupils to get into the routine of weekly LFT, but they have specifically requested parents and carers who have children currently attending school to have their children tested prior to return after half term. This test is optional and children who do not take them can still come into school. You do not have to share your child's negative results with us, only let us know if your child tests positive. Currently, all staff working in school are being tested twice a week.

I know there is less opportunity to do things this half term but please try and get as much rest as possible and have lots of fun!!!!!! Don't forget we have an INSET day on Monday 22nd February. School will re-open to key (critical) worker and vulnerable children only on Tuesday 22nd February.

Mr Watson

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:

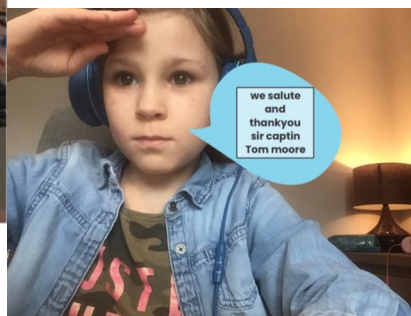
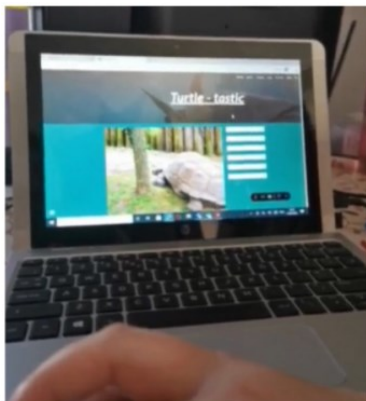
- Overcoming things which are challenging or disappointing
- Choosing how you respond to situations
- Persevering



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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.



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Wellbeing with Mrs Henderson

We have made it to the end of the half term and everyone's remote learning continues to be incredible! We are continuing to support mental health and wellbeing in every way we can for families with children in school and for families at home. Wellbeing Friday's have been a great success and the photos of your activities and creations are amazing. Keep resting, relaxing, and taking time for yourself! There is a quiz for the grown-ups on Seesaw - Name the country - see if you can work out all the clues! 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

Have mini breaks in your day, put some music on and have a dance!

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!



Head Teacher's Award - for excellent progress this half term



Reception: Ida
Year 1: Jaxon
Year 2: Esme
Year 3: Karmen
Year 4: Caleb
Year 5: Isaac
Year 6: Neveah



Deputy Head Teacher's Award - for excellent achievements this half term

Reception: Alba
Year 1: Charlie
Year 2: Elisha
Year 3: Felicity
Year 4: Thomas
Year 5: Hanna
Year 6: Remy

I Will Shine Values Awards

Reception: Violet
Year 1: Heidi
Year 2: Joash
Year 3: Charlie
Year 4: Lucy
Year 5: Freya
Year 6: Charlie



Music Awards



Reception: Nathaniel - for fabulous music each week and having his little sister joining in too. Great work Nathaniel!

Year 1: Elias - for fantastic and getting better each week. Keep up this amazing work Elias!

Year 2: Esther - for her super work practising rhythms and for her lovely singing.

Year 3: Bube - for getting more confident as the weeks have gone on! Great work Bube!

Year 4: Thomas - for working really hard in music and putting a lot of emotion and passion into his music. Keep shining Thomas!

Year 5: Isabelle - for producing fantastic music work and progressing with her music knowledge. Well done Isabelle!

Year 6: Joe - for his excellent attitude towards music and his brilliant singing.



Additional Notes For Parents :

- 'Live' well-being sessions have been fantastic. Thank you for supporting your child access them.

Year 1 Monday 10:00am
Year 2 Tuesday 10:00am
Reception Tuesday 2:00pm
Year 4 Wednesday 10:00am
Year 3 Wednesday 2:00pm
Year 5 Thursday 10:00am
Year 6 Thursday 2:00pm

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:

go parks | **SCHOOL GAMES**

Go Parks: Active Schools Challenge

Scan QR code in your local park to gain points and be in with a chance of winning great prizes for Coventry Schools

Coventry City Council | **SPORT ENGLAND** | **go CV**

SGOs: @SGOCoventryWest @SGOCoventryEast @covsport @coventrysport www.go-cv.co.uk/goparks



While you're out walking this weekend, don't forget to scan the Go Park QR code to vote for St John's to help us with vouchers for sports equipment.

View participating parks <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/GoParksASCLocations>

Ideas and Resources

TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW

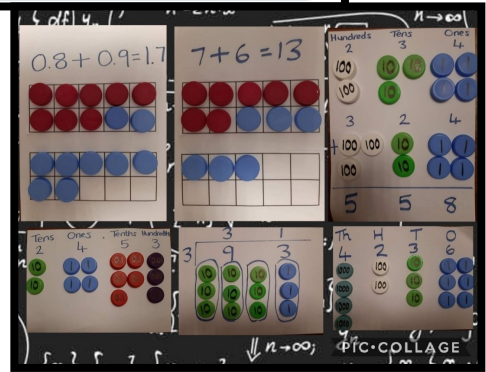
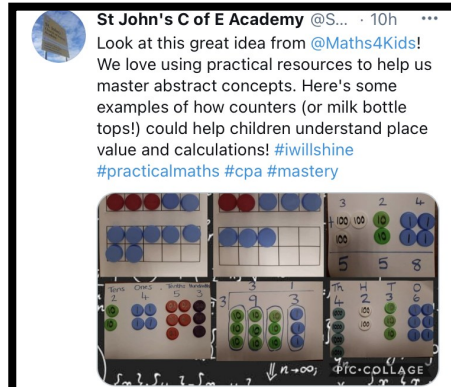


✚ 🐣 🐰 🌷 Easter Appeal 🌷 🐰 🐣 ✚

Elly Williams (Year 4 and Year 6 Mum) is collecting homemade Easter cards, as well as messages of hope and peace (in the form of a poster/poem etc), for the care home residents at Allesley Hall and Eric Williams homes. Christian and non-Christian cards and messages are welcomed. If you would like to give a gift, small chocolate eggs (Kinder egg sized) would be welcomed.

Please remember...

- ⚠ No glitter, pom poms or similar.
- ⚠ Envelopes are not required.
- ⚠ Please only include your first name(s).
- ⚠ Do not include any of your personal info!

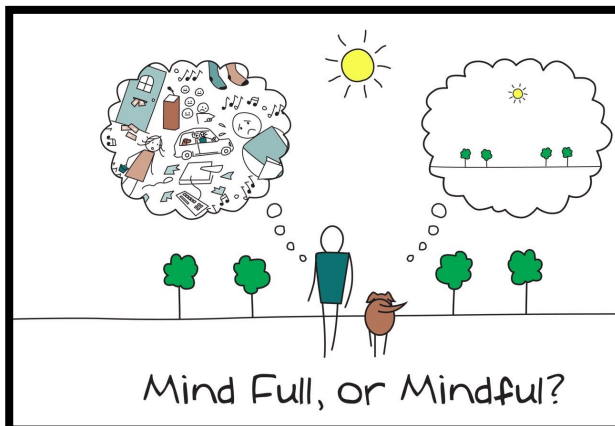


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A new link has been placed on our Facebook Page Hi Everyone! Hobbycraft have got an Easter bonnet competition! If you are feeling arty, take a look! You could even have a go at this as a family! #iwilshine #teamwork #art ift.tt/36YQVRy ift.tt/3a9P1Q2



Hobbycraft Easter Bonnet Competition 2021
Entry closes at 11:59 PM on 22/03/20
[woobox.com](https://www.hobbycraft.com)





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.





Pupil Premium



Helping all children at St John's to shine!

So, what is pupil premium funding?

Pupil Premium is additional funding allocated to schools by the government to help address barriers to learning and close the gap in attainment for disadvantaged pupils.

My child is in KSI, therefore, I do not need to apply for Free School Meals, should I still apply for Pupil Premium funding?

Yes! We miss out on lots of additional funding, which we could use to support your child and our school as many parents do not apply until KS2.

Will I receive any extra support in the current climate?

Yes! We are providing food parcels and regular phone calls to support our families during this current climate. Let us know if you would benefit from a food parcel!

How could Pupil Premium funding support my child and St John's? Will it really make a difference?

Yes! We can use the additional funding to do amazing things and make a positive difference to your children. For example, by funding our amazing Teaching Assistants to provide your child with additional support, reduce the costs of school trips/music tuition/ EWE club fees and additional support from Mrs Lowe, our family support worker.

Is my child eligible?

Pupil Premium funding is allocated to schools based on the number of pupils who are:

- In receipt of Free School Meals or have received Free School Meals in the last 6 years
- In Care
- Children of the British Armed Services
- Pupils adopted from care

How do I know if my child is eligible for Free School Meals?

If you are in receipt of one of the following benefits, you can apply for Pupil Premium funding!

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

I think I might be eligible. What should I do now?

Speak to the school office or Miss Conroy, our Pupil Premium Co-ordinator, as soon as possible! The application form is really quick and simple! If you would like to complete the application yourself, here is the link:

<https://myaccount.coventry.gov.uk/service/Free-school-meals-and-extra-pupil-premium-funds-for-schools> We can even complete your application on your behalf to make the application process as easy as possible for you! Email: ellie.conroy@stjohns.covmat.org or phone: 024 7667 4092



<p>1 <u>1 minute challenge</u> How many can you complete of each exercise (one minute each) Sit ups/ Press ups/ Squat thrusts/ Squats/ Knee tucks</p>	<p>2 Find a new route or walk in your local area and create a map to show where you went.</p>	<p>3 Handwrite a diary entry about how lockdown is making you feel. Put it in an envelope and seal it to read when it is over.</p>	<p>4 Draw a floor plan of your bedroom or a room in your house to scale. Include items in the room such as furniture. EXT: Say which scale you used</p>	<p>5 Bake a cake or some biscuits. EXT decorate your creation</p>	<p>6 Read your favourite book and design a new front cover for it.</p>
<p>7 Interview a person in your house (or phone someone) about their life and write an article about them</p>	<p>8 In Memorial Park, there are 100m sprint posts. Can you do an interval session for 15 minutes, where you warm-up with slow jog then sprint 100m, jog/walk 100m</p>	<p>9 Design some artwork based on the theme of animals and put in your front window—for Anthony Gormley's Great Big Art Exhibition (see details)</p>	<p>10 Learn/create a dance routine EXT: perform it for someone in your house</p>	<p>11 Choose a famous person and write a diary extract from their point of view from an important event in their life.</p>	<p>12 Check in on a friend or family member to see how they are doing today or do a good deed for a neighbour. (socially distanced)</p>
<p>13 Design your own stained glass window and paint or draw it</p>	<p>14. Write a letter (or a postcard) to someone you haven't been able to see recently. Go out and post it</p>	<p>15 Learn a card game (Hearts, Cheat, Go Fish are all good choices). Teach someone in your family and play it!</p>	<p>16 Collect at least 5 different kinds of leaves and other natural materials and create a collage</p>	<p>17 Clean/organise your bedroom</p>	<p>18 Recreate a classic work of art using unusual materials (see Artwork on Toast!)</p>
<p>19 Design a healthy menu for a meal for your family. EXT: go and buy the ingredients and make it.</p>	<p>20 What's your favourite song? Cut up all the words and make a new one. EXT: record yourself singing or playing it</p>	<p>21 Watch out of your window or go outside and identify at least 3 different species of bird in your garden (see RSPB checklist)</p>	<p>22 Listen to an audiobook and write down 5 questions you have for the author.</p>	<p>23. Do some tidying in your garden – eg gather dead leaves, cutting back foliage (with supervision!) or planting seeds and bulbs</p>	<p>24 Homemade bowling Empty plastic bottles; fill to various levels a small amount of water. Use a ball and add up the amount knocked down or a strike.</p>
<p>25 Make something new out of recycled materials: eg a hat, piece of clothing, a model or even a robot!</p>	<p>26 Create a poster to encourage people to help protect the environment.</p>	<p>27 Obstacle course Using different equipment in your house or garden make an obstacle course – time yourself completing it</p>	<p>28 Discover a new album/piece of music – write a review persuading someone else to listen to it</p>	<p>29 'Inter-College Step Challenge' How many steps can you do in a single 24-hour period? Send your results once done.</p>	<p>30 Go for a walk and photograph some natural images (see winter watch checklist)</p>

THE MENTAL HEALTH BENEFITS OF EXERCISE

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS



Increases self esteem



Improves social wellbeing



Improves attention



Improves decision making



Improves personal growth



Reduces risk of depression



Reduces anxiety



Can help children feel as though they are in charge of situation



Improves sleep



Increases autonomy



Can provide children with a more positive view of themselves

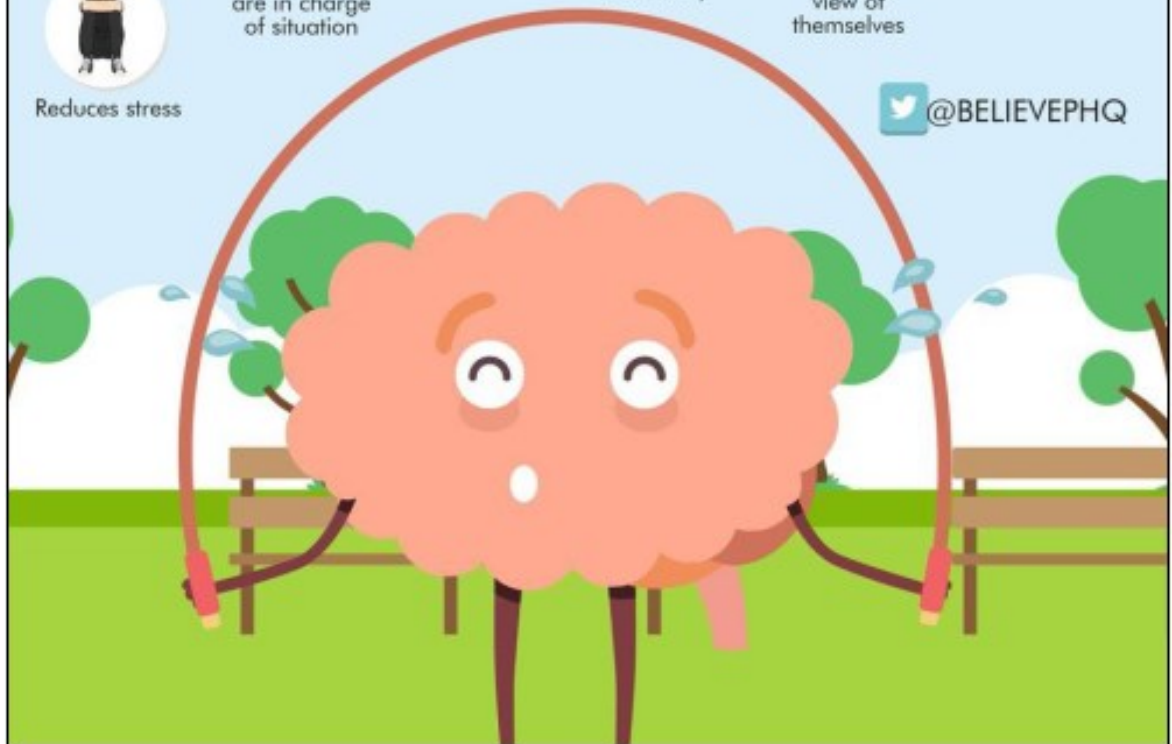


Increases confidence



Reduces stress

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THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

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- Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements)
- If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme

HOW TO APPLY:



APPLY ONLINE AT
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APPLICATION

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Apply now: www.bigdiff.co.uk




Top tip for casting YouTube to your smart TV

Casting YouTube videos from phone to smart TV (or TV which was made smart using streaming device such as Roku, Amazon Fire Stick etc)

When you're casting to another display, you're not mirroring the screen of your device. You can cast a video to another display and still use your phone, without interrupting the video or showing any of your other content.

For both Android phones and iPhones:

1. Make sure your smart TV or streaming device is set up.
2. Make sure your phone or tablet is connected to the same Wi-Fi network as your smart TV or streaming device (Roku, Amazon Fire Stick, Google Chromecast etc).
3. Make sure you have YouTube app installed on your phone.
4. Select the video you want to watch and tap the Cast  icon which is in the top right corner of the video.
5. Select the device you want to cast to and wait for it to connect. Once connected, the video will play on your TV.

To disconnect, tap Cast  then tap DISCONNECT.

Tips for iPhones:

If your device is on iOS 11+ or later, you'll need to give YouTube permission to connect to streaming devices on your local network, such as your TV, so you can cast to your TV.

Each YouTube app (YouTube, YouTube Music, YouTube TV, and YouTube Kids) requires this permission.


You can allow Local Network access in your device's settings or in a YouTube app:

In your device's settings:

1. Go to your device's Settings page.
2. Scroll through the list of apps and select a YouTube app.

Set Local Network to On.

In a YouTube app:

4. Open a YouTube app.
5. Tap Cast .
6. Follow the prompts to allow the app to access your Local Network.

In the list of available devices, tap the name of the device you want to connect to.

Notes:

- ⦿ If you use a few YouTube apps, you'll need to allow Local Network access for each app.
- If Local Network is set to Off, you won't be able to cast.

In case casting doesn't work regardless of following the steps above here are some links that might help in solving the problem. If these links don't help solve the problem they have they can try to find a solution by searching on google for their specific problem. Their google search should include name of streaming device or TV brand.

[Troubleshoot YouTube not Casting to Smart TV \(wincmoe.com\)](#)

HOW TO: Fix connection & casting issues on Android TV with Chromecast Built-in <https://youtu.be/EpyL12ARjs>

LG Smart TV: How to Fix YouTube App Not Working (9 Solutions) https://youtu.be/_jQWIEA+S_V0