

Message from Mr Watson

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a fantastic end to a busy week knowing that there has been some super learning taking place both in school and at home. I have been so impressed by the children's engagement to their learning and the commitment and support they get from their families and carers at home. Once again, our remote learning engagement attendance has been outstanding. Thank you to all the parents for their support.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 held their first 'live' well-being session this. The first session was to check everyone could log in and use Teams. Reception, Year 1 and 2 will have their first sessions next week. It was fantastic seeing all the children seeing each other again. Year 5 have their pets joining the meeting as well!!!!

We are still awaiting an announcement, but have our fingers crossed for an 8th March return. The government has promised to give us 2 weeks notice this time and it could be a phased return for certain year groups. I want children back in school as soon as possible. School just isn't the same without all of us being together. We will of course keep you informed along the way of any announcements and decisions. Every child and family is unique and one of our priorities is to make sure the work set is right for your child. I know that not everything can be completed everyday and that you and your child (ren) are doing your best. If you need anything, we are always here. Please ring the school or send me an e-mail. 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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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

As we near the end of half term, 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 sessions are being planned for both children and adults - watch this space! Look out on Seesaw for a list of books, available in the local libraries, to help children stay safe, calm, connected and hopeful. There are some really good books on the list! 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

Talk to someone instead of sending an email.

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

Reception: Guinevere - for her fantastic work across all areas in home learning, beautiful handwriting and trying really hard with her number sentences! Well Done!

Year 1: Imogen - for her excellent attitude towards all of her learning, amazing work and always smiling! Keep it up Imogen!

Year 2: Keziah - for always completing her work to the highest standard and showing excellence in everything she does. Well done, you are a superstar Keziah!

Year 3: Faith - for amazing learning on SeeSaw this week and trying really hard to complete her work independently at home which is fantastic!

Year 4: Jacob - for his brilliant attitude to learning, persevering and challenging himself at all times! Amazing superstar!

Year 5: Alice - for producing some amazing work at home. Always presented beautifully and has made some great progress in her writing!

Year 6: Tai - for has had such a positive attitude to learning and has been a pleasure to have in the class. We're really proud of you Tai!





Super Writer Awards

Reception: Joseph - for great memory and sequencing of the story of 'The enormous Turnip and great independent writing of the story too! Well Done!

Year 1: Emma - for her amazing start to her diary this week and using amazing emotions! Well Done!

Year 2: Millie F - for producing some brilliant Owl and the Pussycat learning and reading with fantastic expression. Well Done!

Year 3: Eleanor - for trying so hard with her English and improving her presentation! Super Work!

Year 4: Archie - for his incredible writing linked to Robin Hood and the Golden Arrow - amazing writing!

Year 5: Gracie - for producing a fantastic formal letter using amazing vocabulary! Well Done!

Year 6: Lily D - for having a really positive attitude towards English and really enjoying our learning recently! We're super proud of you Lily!



Pen Licences

Year 6: Annalise



Sports Award

Year 2: Esme - for brilliant gymnastics work, holding a range of balances and linking them together into a sequence. Well Done!

Year 5: Toby - for some brilliant gymnastics work at home! Well Done!



Additional Notes For Parents :

- 'Live' well-being sessions will started for Key Stage 2 this week. Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 will start the next week.

Year 1 Monday 8th February 10:00am
Year 2 Tuesday 9th February 10:00am
Reception Tuesday 9th February 2:00pm
Year 4 Wednesday 10th February 10:00am
Year 3 Wednesday 10th February 2:00pm
Year 5 Thursday 11th February 10:00am
Year 6 Thursday 11th February 2:00pm

- If you have not done so, please try logging to your child's account before the 'live' session. If you have any problems, please contact the school office.
- We are aiming for these sessions to run weekly.

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/sarahsmalldon/dbhoyuoie93xa fx>

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 | GOVIEWS | 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



ACTION CALENDAR: FRIENDLY FEBRUARY 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Send someone a message to say how much they mean to you	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone else	4 Organise a virtual 'tea break' with colleagues or friends	5 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Make an effort to have a friendly chat with a neighbour
8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for the good in people, even when they frustrate you	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost	12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Send a friendly message of support to a local business	14 Tell your loved ones why they are special to you
15 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself	18 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	19 Share a video or message you find inspiring or helpful	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Actively listen to what people say, without judging them
22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about their strengths that you value most	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why	26 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to cheer somebody else up" - Mark Twain

"The only way to have a friend is to be one" - Ralph Waldo Emerson

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

www.actionforhappiness.org

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Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/friendly-february



St John's C of E Academy @S... · 18h

Hi St John's! If you are after something arty to do, have a look at these ideas! They look amazing! If you do any, we would love to see it! #iwillshine #art

Darrell Wakelam @DarrellWa... · 23h

If you are looking for 'Screen-Free' ideas for #childrensmentalhealthweek2021 I've got lots of FREE art projects, all using materials you already have at home. You can find them at darrellwakelam.com #ScreenFreeLearning

This has been an "art jumpstart" by Darrell Wakelam

*You will need a sharp pair of scissors



St John's C of E Academy Retweeted

Coventry Sport @CovSport · 21h

How is the art challenge coming along? 🎨

Remember to be as creative as possible and submit your drawings to your teachers by the end of the week!

#GoParks

@SGOCoventryWest @SGOCoventryEast

7 retweets, 1 like

St John's C of E Academy @Stj... · 1m

If you need a break from academic learning, why not try creating 'Spoon Friends' or 'Ice Suncatchers'? Great for Reception and KS1 children! I think KS2 might have fun too!! 😊

ICE SUNCATCHER

Collect natural treasures

Place in container

Add string and fill with water

Freeze overnight

Peel out of container and hang on a tree

What you need:

- wooden spoons
- coloured paper
- markers
- glue
- scissors

@EarlyYearsOutdoor

9 retweets, 9 likes

St John's C of E Academy Retweeted

Coventry Sport @CovSport · Feb 2

This week is #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.

It's extremely important to look after our mental wellbeing & a great way to do that is to get moving.

Why not go for a walk to your local park and get involved in the #GoParks Challenge 🌳

Learn more orlo.uk/9zaZM @place2be

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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.




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 14 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:

- o 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 \(airmore.com\)](https://www.airmore.com/troubleshoot-youtube-not-casting-to-smart-tv)

HOW TO: Fix connection & casting issues on Android TV with Chromecast Built-in <https://youtu.be/Epyj-l2ARjc>

LG Smart TV: How to Fix YouTube App Not Working (9 Solutions) <https://youtu.be/jOVIFAzS-V0>