



Message from Mr Watson

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term and 2020 comes to a close, I would like to wish you and your family, on behalf of everyone at St John's, a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2020 has been a very challenging year for so many and one that we will, but at the same time, it has also been a year that has seen us come closer together and stronger as a community. Your resilience and support through the adversities and disappointments has been inspiring.

We have had an amazing last week at school. Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner, discos, Christmas activities, watching the productions, meeting Father

Christmas and much more. We wanted to give the children a special week to remember and we have all had an amazing time. Please look at our Facebook and Twitter sites for all the latest photos and videos.

A massive thank you to the PA's support this week. They managed to get a special visit to come to the school on Wednesday with gifts for all of the children and set up the school discos.

Christmas would not be Christmas at St John's with out the 12 days of Christmas being performed.

Chloe in Year 6 has performing this since she was in year 1 and with this being her last year, we wanted to make it special. Sadly, you were able to come to school to join us for our carols and we missed you not being here. All the classes came together virtually, and we had the best time. Please click on the link below to see the full version. <https://youtu.be/gCWFO49KD6A>

We sent out links to the school Christmas productions yesterday and the children have watched them today. Thank you for all your positive feedback; the children were amazing. A massive thank you for all you donations for the Christmas Production through ParentPay and donations to the school office. This will make a huge difference for the children next year.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all of my staff who have worked tirelessly throughout this term to make the children feel safe, cared for and have provided an amazing curriculum for the children to learn. I have told them to rest and spend time with their families this Christmas. The staff have asked me to pass on their thanks for all their gifts and cards. You have all been very generous. We say goodbye to Mrs Polding and Gail who are leaving St John's. We wish them all the best for the future.

Don't forget your first day is back is Tuesday 5th January. Whilst the pandemic will continue to challenge us in 2021, the New Year brings with it a sense of hope and a new beginning. Christmas will be different for all of us this year, but I do hope that you manage to spend time with love ones and enjoy the festive period ready for a 2021 full of hope and promise.

Mr Watson
Headteacher

Our Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon

And that's a wrap...production...term...festivities at school. Have a fab Merry Christmas all :)



I am hungry to discover more

Proverbs 25:2

It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; it is the glory of kings to search it out.

Having Drive means:

- Discovering new things about the world
- Asking questions to find out more
- Being inquisitive
- Understanding different points of view

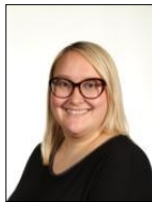
Key Dates

4th January 22nd February 12th March 21st July	2021 Inset days
4th January	INSET day No children in school
5th Jan	Pupils back in school
9th February	Termly Learning Conference 4.00pm— 6.30pm
10th February	Termly Learning Conference 4.00pm— 6.30pm
15th February—19th February	Half Term
22nd February	Pupils back in school
4th March	World Book Day
19th March	Red Nose Day



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.



together we
SHINE



Wellbeing with Mrs Henderson

In school we are continuing to support the mental health and wellbeing of all the children and staff. We are holding a Parent Wellbeing session, via Zoom, on Friday 4th December. There will be a short wellbeing session and then a game of WellBelNGO - bingo with a jazzy name!! Look out for the information posters or ask me or a member of the Parents Council. Looking forward to seeing lots of you 'virtually' there! Please remember we are here, if you need to chat, drop me an email, phone me or catch me on the playground
Take care, Mrs Henderson

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Weekly wellbeing tip

Remember this holiday...
Be still,
Breathe,
Ground yourself...
If only for a few minutes each day.

Star 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 Awards -

Louisa YrR, Martha Yr1, Eva Yr2, Olivia Yr3, Isla T Yr4, Chloe Yr5 & Lilly C Yr6

Deputy Awards -

Mielahier YrR, Emily Yr1, Grace Yr2, Lillie Yr3, Douglas Yr4, Gracie Yr5, Minnie Yr6

Learning Log Awards-

Ewan Yr1, Esme Yr2, Evie M Yr3, Amayah Yr4, Jemima H Yr5 & Sienna Yr6

Drive—Value Awards -

Sammy YrR, Finley Yr1, Jack Yr2, Sunni Yr3, Sunni Yr4, Tobias Yr4, Christian Yr5 & Issac Yr6

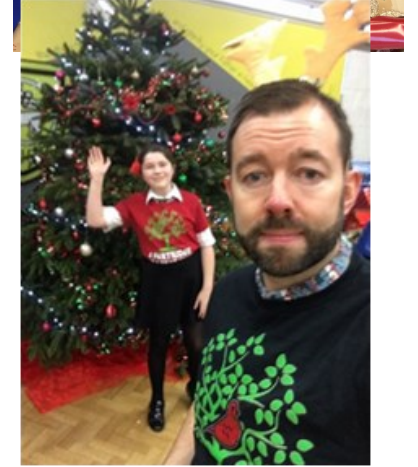
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Kacie-Mai and Hope Yr 5

Sports Award -

Elias Yr1





**Some of the Family Hubs are open as
normal on
21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th
and
29th, 30th and 31st Dec**

**FAMILIES FOR ALL FAMILY HUB
454 FOLESHILL ROAD
FOLESHILL
CV6 5LB**

**PARK EDGE FAMILY HUB
ROSEBERRY AVE
BELL GREEN
CV2 1NE**

**WOOD SIDE FAMILY HUB
UPPER RIDE
WILLENHALL
CV3 3GL**

**MOSAIC FAMILY HUB
JARDINE CRESCENT
TILE HILL
CV4 9PL**

**IF YOU NEED HELP AND SUPPORT DURING
THIS TIME PLEASE DROP INTO ANYONE OF
THE ABOVE HUBS OR CALL THE FREE
TELEPHONE NUMBER AND A MEMBER OF THE
TEAM WILL BE THERE TO HELP YOU**

0800 8870545



A new **COVID**
Winter Grant is available
to support vulnerable families
and individuals over the winter
months in many ways –
from food to warm clothing.



Additional Notes For Parents:

- Please refrain from sending your child in with nuts or products containing nuts for their lunches or snacks as we have some children with severe allergies within the school
- If pupils are celebrating birthdays whilst in school and wish to bring in goodies to help celebrate with their class mates, please can they be shop brought covered goodies as in sweets, chocolates or wrapped cakes
- Reminder to all years; all small fruits & tomatoes from home need to be halved to prevent choking
- Polite reminder that the staff car park is for staff **only**. Please be considerate when dropping / picking up your child/ren and refrain from coming into the car park area
- Our new catering team Caterlink will be up and running and providing delicious hot food come the start of January all ready for the new term. Emails were sent out with the new menu attached but please get in contact if you wish to obtain a copy or if you have any questions.
- As the weather is getting colder and we are still required to keep classrooms well ventilated, some classrooms are colder than normal. In Key Stage 2, you can send your child with an additional warm top to wear in class. Children should come in wearing their school jumper with an additional top e.g. tracksuit, jumper, hoodie etc. Children must still bring a suitable jacket to wear outside as well.

Covid Reminder:

If your child is displaying Covid symptoms please let us know immediately and not be brought into school. If you are taking your child for a test, please keep them at home until you have receive the results back. They can only come back into school setting once a negative result has been obtained or 14 days following a positive result. Please forward result onto the school once you have them

Little Note from Louise in the office

Just wanted to say a huge thank you to all of you for making me feel such a part of St John's school family. I was lucky enough to have had written communication with some of you, phone calls from many and even face to face visits on occasion. I know I haven't been here all that long but everyone has made me feel so welcomed and its massively appreciated. I will be around for a bit in the new year doing a little hand over to the new person, so will be lovely chatting and potentially seeing a few faces then. Take care all. When I actually leave I will miss you all dearly :) I wish you all a very happy Christmas and here's to a far better year then we have all just had.



Coventry's help and support during COVID-19

We know that during the COVID-19 emergency, a lot of people are feeling frightened and isolated.

- ? Do you need help to get food, medicines and other essential items?
- ? Are you worried about how you will pay your bills?
- ? Are you struggling or alone?
- ? Worried about a child or adult who lives with you or in your community?

If you need help in finding the right support in Coventry due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), you can:



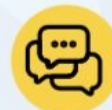
Phone - our freephone hotline number 08085 834 333, available Monday to Friday 9am till 5pm

Outside of these hours you can leave a message. We can give you advice and support on a range of issues and direct you to other organisations that can help. With our partners we are helping with Universal Credit and Council Tax support, food and supplies, a safe place to stay, befriending in the community.



If you have the internet, visit our website at www.coventry.gov.uk/coronaviruscommunity

Use our online map to find advice and information, community support groups, food delivery options or emergency food



Use our online chat at www.coventry.gov.uk/coronaviruscommunity

You can chat to our Customer Services



Out of Hours

If it's after 5pm and you're worried about a child or adult who may not be safe you can call our Emergency Duty Team on 024 7683 2222

Other telephone numbers you might find helpful:

Domestic abuse and sexual violence

CRASAC
T: 024 7627 7777
www.crasac.org.uk

Safe to Talk helpline
T: 0800 111 4998
www.safetotalk.org.uk

Mental Health – Adults

Mental Health Matters
T: 0800 616 171
www.mhm.org.uk/coventry-warwickshire-helpline

Safe Haven
T: 07921 876 065

Samaritans
T: 116 123 free from any phone
T: 0330 094 5717 local call charges apply
www.samaritans.org

Mental Health – Children and Young People

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust - Rise Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service
T: Between 8am and 8pm please call 024 7664 1799
T: Between hours 8pm and 8am please call Coventry Crisis Team on: 024 7693 8000

Positive Choices
T: 07741 900 799



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.



Some information from Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

Children and Young Person Advice Helpline number to support crisis intervention and prevent mental health crisis

Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust (CWPT) want to support you during the difficult times we are facing due to the Covid 19 situation. To do this we have developed a 24 hour 7 day a week telephone Advice Helpline run by qualified mental health clinicians to be there for you to contact when you need. We know that the feelings you may be experiencing at such difficult times are frightening and can make you feel that your emotional wellbeing is in crisis. We know that these emotions can lead to a mental health crisis which often means that you no longer feel able to cope or be in control of your situation. You may feel great emotional distress or anxiety, cannot cope with day-to-day life, intense sadness and may be thinking about suicide or self-harm or experiencing thought disorientation that can feel like hallucinations or hearing voices.

We want to be there for you to support and give advice, to work with you to feel more able to be in control of your emotions and manage the distress you are feeling together with you.

 **RISE** Children and Young Peoples Specialist Mental Health service in CWPT have with the current crisis team worked together to develop a CYP response that will allow us to support you 24 hours 7 days a week and where needed continue to support you within the Rise Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing service directly for Children and Young People.

Contact details

If you are calling between the hours of 8am and 8 pm please call Childrens Crisis Team at Whitestone on:

024 7664 1799

If you are calling between the hours of 8pm and 8 am please call Coventry Crisis team Crisis team:

024 7693 8000

What to expect when you call:

The mental health clinician who you speak to will want to know about you and will ask you some questions to help understand your feelings and emotions. They are doing this to help understand how to best help you and make sure that they get the right support for you.

Listening to you is so important and hearing your voice in terms of what you are experiencing, the feelings and the situation.

We may ask you about your family and the adults who are able to also support you or be part of your coping plan. This may mean we need to speak to an adult in your house as well but we will do this with you.

At times we may need to call you back to offer ongoing support and advice to do this we will need to have a contact number.

We also may need to think with you about other agencies that can support you but we will talk these suggestions through with you and or the adults you feel able to involve.

Most importantly we want to be able to offer advice and support over the phone as you need it to prevent a crisis feeling becoming too overwhelming.

As well as our 24 hour 7 day a week phone advice helpline we have also been working hard to provide resources on line to provide more direct advice and guidance.

We acknowledge that these Covid 19 times are presenting challenges for all of us and we want to make sure that we are reaching out to you all - children and young people, parents, career's and families.

On the Rise website you will find a wealth of up to date links, advice, guidance and support to help support during these times.

In addition the following resources are available to all to telephone or contact via their website that are children and young people focused.

Young Minds parent helpline

Tel: 0808 802 5544

Website: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-helpline/>

Papyrus

Tel: 0800 068 4142

Website: <https://papyrus-uk.org/hopelineuk/>

Opening hours: Weekdays 9am – 10pm, Weekend / bank holidays 2pm – 10pm

ChildLine

Tel: 0800 1111

Website: <https://www.childline.org.uk>