



Message from Mr Watson.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the half term, I am incredibly proud of the way our children have settled back into school life. I have very much enjoyed seeing the children come into the school each day excited about their learning experiences. All the children have been producing some fantastic work which they shared with you recently on Seesaw. Thank you for your positive feedback around our Termly Learning Conferences. All the teachers enjoyed catching up with you to share your child's start to the new academic year. We have already started to plan February's meeting and we are looking into using video streaming to meet with you. It is important that everyone has a rest over half term. My staff have worked incredibly hard over the past 8 weeks and I have told them not to work during the break.

COVID update

As Coventry will be moving into Tier 2 on evening at midnight, additional advice for the Local Authority will be send out with the newsletter tonight. If you need to report a positive test to school during half term, please e-mail covid@stjohns.covmat.org One of the school's leader senior leaders will contact you to offer advice and support.

Thank you so much for your harvest donations this year. Despite the challenges we all face, we have had so many donations. Your generosity will make a huge difference to lots of families over the next few weeks.

We look forward to seeing you back at on Monday 2nd November. Have a fantastic half term.

Stay safe Mr Watson

I can shine!

Isaiah 60:1-3

"Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all to see. For the glory of the Lord rises to shine on you. Darkness as black as night covers all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the Lord rises and appears over you. All nations will come to your light; mighty kings will come to see your radiance."

Showing Stewardship means:

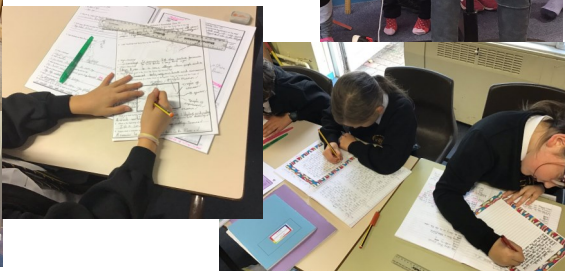
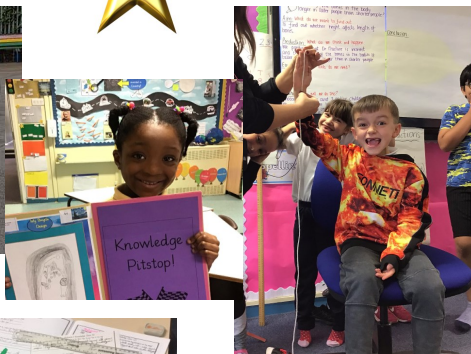
- Knowing that you shine in the classroom
- Knowing that you shine outside the classroom
- Knowing that you shine when you make good choices
- And when you make things right for not making a good choice

School Office opening hours

Monday to Wednesday - 8:30 - 4:30 Thursday 8:30 - 12:30 Friday 8:30 - 4:00

Our Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon

As the first term comes to an end, what a fantastic start to this academic year. Keep that positivity going. All pupils have adapted back so well and we couldn't be prouder.



Key Dates

5th November	School Photos - Info to follow
9th November	Flu Spray Vaccinations in school - info to follow
13th November Information will be e-mailed out	Come & Share Reception
17th November Information will be e-mailed out	Come & Share Yr 2
26th November Information will be e-mailed out	Come & Share Yr 1
1st December Information will be e-mailed out	Time to Shine Yr 2
2nd December Information will be e-mailed out	Time to Shine Yr 3
4th December Information will be e-mailed out	Time to Shine Yr 4
4th December Information will be e-mailed out	Time to shine Reception
8th December Information will be e-mailed out	Time to Shine Yr 6
10th December Information will be e-mailed out	Time to Shine Yr 5
4th January 22nd February 12th March 21st July	2021 Inset days

Safeguarding Reminder

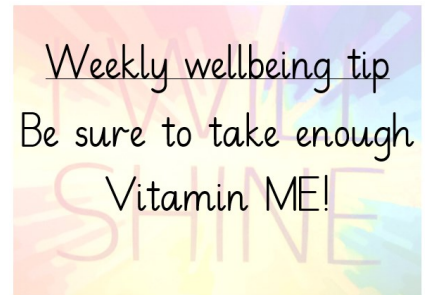
At St John's C of E Academy, we have a Safeguarding Team who work to keep children safe both in and out of school. Mr Watson, Miss Smallldon and Mrs Henderson are the school's safeguarding team so please contact them if you are worried about the safety of a child who attends our school.



Wellbeing with Mrs Henderson

We are coming to the end of a very busy half term for children, staff and families. Please take time during the half term holiday to rest and re-charge! You all deserve it. More wellbeing and SEND drop-ins will be organised for after the holiday, but remember we are here if you need us. Happy Holiday! Mrs Henderson

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End of Term Awards

★ Well done to everyone for a great week; all children at St. John's shine. Here are our 'super' Stars of the Week!



I WILL SHINE AWARDS

- Amelia - Reception
- Gideon - Yr 1
- Esme - Yr 2
- Archie - Yr 3
- Trai - Yr 4
- Alexander - Yr 5
- Ollie Hemming - Y6



DEPUTY HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

- Henry - Reception
- Sophie - Yr 1
- Evelyn - Yr 2
- Woody - Yr 3
- Florence - Yr 4
- Tyrik - Yr 5
- Eli G - Yr 6

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS

- Noah - Reception
- Aron - Yr 1
- Joel - Yr 2
- Evie S - Yr 3
- Joel - Yr 4
- Antony - Yr 5
- Jevan - Yr 6



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
- Toys and swaps cards should not be brought into school
- Reminder to all years; all small fruits & tomatoes from home need to be halved to prevent choking
- The deadline for pupils applying for their secondary school placements is looming. Please can you make sure you have applied if not already as deadline is 31st October 2020 for 2021 placement
- 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
- **PLEASE NOTE** - this years school photos will **not** be allowing for sibling photography. This is keeping within current covid restrictions.
- Please fill in the flu consent which was sent out earlier this week by 4th Nov if not done so already
- Please let any family or friends know that we are allowing school show arrounds for any pre-school / nursery aged children due to start reception in 2021 - spread the word, we are a great school that shines :)

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



Reception Parent Representative Volunteer Needed!

At St John's C of E Academy there are lots of ways for parents and carers to get involved with school life.

We have two groups that coordinate most of those opportunities—the **Parents Association (PA)**, who are mainly focused on fundraising, and the **Parent Council**.

As it is a new school year, **we have a vacancy for the Parent Representative for the Reception year group**. We are a really friendly crowd, and we'd love to have a new member, **so if you are interested please do let us know—ideally by the beginning of next half term, Monday 2nd November**.

For more info on what the Parent Council does, and how you can get involved, please look out for an email from school this week.



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:



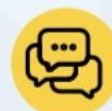
Phone - our freephone hotline number 08085 834 333, available Monday to Friday 9am till 5pm

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.





St. John's Parents' Association

The past year has proven very difficult for the PA to raise funds for the school. Although we have some fun ideas in the pipeline, there is a way you can easily help.



Like Amazon Smile, this creates a small donation to the PA when you shop on over 4000 online shops and price comparison websites!

Go to - www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Create an account and search for our cause -
St John's Academy Parents Association - Coventry

If you add the donation reminder to your web browser it will tell you everytime you can raise a donation!

There is also an easyfundraising app for your phone. Downloading it will maximise our donations.

Remember family and friends can register too.
If you have any problems or questions, please email -

PA@stjohns.covmat.org

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>