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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

Earlier today all families should have received the final draft of the recent SIAMS report which is the Church inspection of St John's. As mentioned in the email, we received a very positive report which highlighted a number of strengths of the school which were very pleasing to read. With a rich history and connection with the Church of England, I am pleased that we still hold their values strongly at school and honour the desire for the children of the community to have a good education.

The School Council met this week for the first time to discuss a number of important matters regarding life at St John's. The pupil voice is absolutely imperative when ensuring that we are getting things right at school. The group discussed rewards for the Reading Champions and they decided instead of non-uniform - they suggested a gift which we are looking into. The introduction of the Birthday Gift box in assembly provided the stimulus for this! As a group we also discussed which charity we would be fund raising for this year. It was unanimously agreed that we would be supporting 2Wish - a charity that Mr Foster and his wife are now ambassadors for after considerable fund raising over the last year. There will be events throughout the academic year where we will support this charity.

A reminder to all that we have our Harvest Festival next Thursday where the new school pupil chaplains will be commissioned. It has become an important service in our calendar and we look forward to seeing many families for this Collective Worship.

Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Attenborough - Winter

Mandela - Octavia

McCartney - Charlie

Hawking - David

Simmonds - Harriet

Pankhurst - Fabian

Rashford - Riston

Medal - Pria (6)

Attendance:



Safeguarding/Well being:

There is a growing trend on social media recently of adults recording their children on their way to school. We are reminding all families that there should be no other children recorded without permission from families. Videos and photos taken at school of different events are allowed as long as they stay off social media. There are a number of children whose images are not allowed on the internet so please adhere to the rules for the safety and consideration of all families.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST PATRICK

Parent Evenings Next Week

Don't forget your appointment with your child's class teacher next week. This will give you a chance to discuss your child's progress and to see some of their work.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebration will be held in St John's Church on Thursday 17th October at 1.30pm. Once again we are supporting the Taunton Foodbank and ask for children to bring in an item for the Harvest Table which we will donate after the service. The Foodbank supports local families in need by providing food boxes. They are desperately in need of tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, long life fruit juice and treats and snacks, although any donation will be welcomed.

Items can be brought in to school from Tuesday 15th October, thank you.

Ordering Meals on SCOPAY

We have had a number of occasions this term where parents have ordered a meal which contradicts their child's allergy information, for example, we have been told that a child has a dairy intolerance but macaroni cheese has been ordered. Our staff are very vigilant and do their best to pick up these anomalies, but it is very time consuming and there is always a chance that one might be missed.

Can you please keep us up-to-date with your child's allergies and intolerances, and be conscientious when ordering meals, thank you.

Sleep Advice

Sleep can be hard work!

Sleep Action suggest these three starting points for supporting your child's better sleep:

Establish a regular sleep routine: Regular sleep and wake times, even during weekends, help to set the body's internal clock. Physical activity and exposure to natural light during the day, limited screen time and large meals close to bedtime can also improve sleep quality.

Find a motivator: When working with children, it is important to set achievable real-world goals to motivate them. Exhaustion may prevent a child from engaging in social or academic life.

Encouraging a child to engage with a bedtime routine so that they will then have energy for their favourite after school activity, can be a good motivator.

Rally support: Progress can be slow, which can be difficult for young people and their families. Encouraging support from the wider family, carers, and other professionals can be critical to the success of improved sleep.

Upcoming events:

14th October	3.40-5.20pm Parent Evening
15th October	3.40-6.20pm Parent Evening
17th October	1.30pm Harvest Festival in Church
23rd October	Flu vaccinations in school
28th October –1st November	Half Term
19th November	School Photos
18th December	Christmas Lunch-free to all pupils
19th December	1.30 Carol Service and Nativity in Church
20th December	Last day of Autumn Term
6th January	School Closed for Staff Training
7th January	First day of Spring Term
17th-21st February	Half Term
4th April	Last day of Spring Term
22nd April	First day of Summer Term
5th May	Bank Holiday
26th-30th May	Half Term
27th June	School Closed for Staff Training
30th June	School Closed for Staff Training
23rd July	Last day of Summer Term