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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

There were a lot of very happy Year 3 and Year 4 children who were enthralled and amazed watching the Wellington School performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Our thanks to Wellington School for the invitation to watch the performance, the children all thoroughly enjoyed it.

I have been delighted by the amount of children who have been receiving Times Table Rock Star certificates in recent weeks. The children benefit greatly from playing on this game as it reinforces their basic understanding of multiplications in a fun and competitive manner. Please encourage them to support their learning in school with some practice at home as it will make a significant difference to their Maths.

Home reading scores have been incredibly high this term and it certainly can be seen from the improvements that are being made with phonics and reading in class. Reading before bed is a really relaxing for the children before they go to sleep, and so much healthier than screen time which can make them far more alert. Sharing a book with a trusted adult is also a really rewarding experience for all, and can encourage a lifelong love of reading.

As many of you will have seen from my letter, we welcome a new Chair of Governors, Jo Leigh, and look forward to working with her. My thanks to Brian King whose term as Chair has ended.

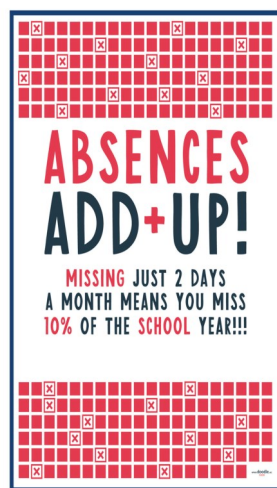
Kind regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Attenborough - Melvin
Mandela - Ivy
McCartney - Olivia-Rose
Hawking - Liam
Simmonds - Darcie-May
Pankhurst - Reuben
Rashford - Isla
Medal - Aseye (5)

Attendance:



Safeguarding/Well being:

A reminder to all parents to check the ingredients of the items in packed lunches to ensure that there are no nuts in the ingredients of any of the items. Due to some severe allergies in school this is absolutely imperative. If we find items of food which potentially have nuts in them, we will have to take them from the dinner hall in order to protect some of the pupils in school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST GEORGE

Parent Evenings

You will have received information about forthcoming Parent Evenings. These are being held on Monday 14th October from 3.40-5.20pm, and Tuesday 15th October from 3.40-6.20pm. Please go to Scopay and sign up for an appointment time to suit you.

If you have more than one child in school, please allow at least 10 minutes between appointments. If you are unable to come in to school to make this appointment, please call the office so that we can help you.

Mobile Phones in School

Children are not allowed to bring a mobile phone in to school unless there are exceptional circumstances, and they are NEVER permitted to take photos while on the school site. Our policy states:

Pupils are not permitted to have mobile phones at school or on visits. In the rare event of a parent wishing for their child to bring a mobile phone to school to contact the parent after school:

- the parent puts their request in writing to the headteacher
- the phone is handed in, switched off, to the office first thing in the morning and collected from the office by the child at home time (the phone is left at the owner's own risk)

Mobile phones brought to school without permission will be confiscated and returned to the parent/carer.

Upcoming events:

9th October	9.30-11.30 Open morning for 2025 Reception children
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

Name a Gritter

Somerset Council, in collaboration with Kier, invites schools to participate in our winter gritter naming competition. To give the fleet some personality and to raise awareness of winter road safety, the county's youngsters are being invited to give the new vehicles a name. Why not put your thinking caps on. Submit your best name by sending it in to the school office by Wednesday 9th October. The schools providing the chosen names will receive a visit from the gritter and have the honour of seeing the name emblazoned on the side of the vehicle.