



# St John's Catholic Primary School and Pre-School Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well - despite the miserable weather we are having at the moment! Hopefully the sun is saving itself for when we can go back to some sense normality over the coming weeks.

As you can imagine this is a busy time for school; in terms of implementing plans for the next academic year. I am currently working with the school's Senior Leadership Team and the school's Governors to finalise the class structure for next year. I hope to be able to share this with you by the end of this half-term. We plan (covid permitting) for all children to have a taster day (Moving Up Day) with their new teacher towards the end of June. More details will follow.

### School Reports

I can confirm that ALL children will be receiving an end of year school report and there will be an opportunity to discuss these with your child's class teacher. Reports are scheduled to go out on Friday 16th July. The last day of the school year is Friday 23rd July.

### Half Term Holiday Dates

Before then, of course, we have the upcoming half term break (Whitsun). So, just a reminder that Monday the 7th June is a CAST INSET Day when the school will be closed. We break up on Friday 28 May (which is our PTA Dress Down event) and the children return to school on Tuesday 8th June.

### Ofsted

Last week, as you will be aware, we had a monitoring visit from Ofsted. We were pleased with how well this went and we hope to be able to share the findings of that visit with you in a few weeks' time.



### First Communion

On a spiritual note, we have had two of our children taking their first communion recently and I am really pleased to have photos of the occasion to share with you! Well done to Jacob and Rawdie.

### Meeting you

I am supremely aware that, due to the events of the past 4 months, I have not had the opportunity to meet as many of you as I would have liked. I hope to be able to arrange a couple of coffee morning style sessions at the beginning of July where you can meet with me and the other members of the Senior Leadership Team.



### Julie and Chris's 100 Tors Challenge in aid of the Captain Tom Foundation

Our Y1/2 Teaching Assistant, together with her friend Chris, decided to take up the Captain Tom 100 Challenge last weekend. They managed to bag 100 Tors in 3 days, walking 50 miles in 28 hours and so far raising £765!!

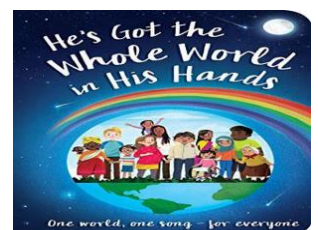
As ever, thank you for your continued support and I wish you a peaceful and safe weekend. God Bless.

**Rob Meech**  
Executive Headteacher



### A prayer for our World

God of life,  
help us to see the beauty of your world, and to treat all people around the world with respect and love. May we share your hope and love with others.  
**Amen.**



# Community News

**Do you have any old U certificate DVDs we could have for After School Club?** Please hand them in via your class teacher. Thank you.

**DCC Covid Hardship Fund** the County Council have a hardship fund. To find out more and to apply visit <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/covid-19-fund/>

**Pupil Premium (FSM)** If your financial circumstances have changed as a result of the pandemic please make sure you check whether or not you are now entitled to Pupil Premium and free school meals for your child/ren. You can check eligibility via the Devon Citizens Portal at [https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

**What to do if you owe money to the school and are struggling.** Please make sure we are aware if your financial circumstances have changed. We want to support all of our families through these difficult times and we know that owing money can be very stressful. Please contact the school if you have built up a debt with us that you are struggling to repay – whether it be for lunches, wraparound care or any other school item which needs to be paid for. We will look at a repayment plan with you that is manageable.

**NSPCC Numbers Day.** This event raised an amazing £81.00. Well done everyone!

**Used stamps.** We continue to collect these for charity (usually the R.N.I.B) please drop them in at any time as this is an ongoing collection.

<b>Diary Dates</b>	<b>Attendance</b> Last Week	<b>Gospel Guardians</b> Last Week	<b>Achievers</b> This Week
<b>28 May</b> Dress Down Day £1 <b>31 May to 4 Jun</b> Half term holiday <b>7 Jun</b> Non Pupil Day <b>8 Jun</b> Children return to school <b>11 Jun</b> Ice Cream Friday <b>18 Jun</b> Ice Cream Friday <b>19 Jun</b> PTA Canal Walk <b>25 Jun</b> Ice Cream Friday <b>28 Jun</b> Y6 Class Photo <b>29 Jun</b> Y6 Maggie Fasey Challenge Walk <b>30 Jun to 2 Jul (incl)</b> Y6 Transition Days at Tiverton High School <b>1 Jul</b> NO Y6 swimming this Week <b>11 Jul to 16 Jul</b> Starmakers performance week <b>23 Jul</b> Last day of term <b>6 &amp; 7 Sep</b> Non Pupil Days <b>8 Sep</b> Children return to school	<h2 style="color: green;">Big Acorns, Y2, Y3 and Y4!!</h2> <h2 style="color: green;">All 100%</h2>	LA Amara BA/Y1 Logan W-P Y1/Y2 Daisy Y3 Claire-Louise Y4 Rawdie Y5 Calvin Y6 Whole class	LA Stefan & Brooke BA/Y1 Nikola & Julian Y1/Y2 Ellie & Finley Y3 Sienna R & Emmerson Y4 Akiro & Alfie Y5 Alfie & Ellie Y6 Matthew & Jack
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## School Attendance

**Please ensure that, if your child is unwell and can't attend School, you phone the School Office on 01884 253630 before 8.45am or email: [sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk](mailto:sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk)**

Because of the pandemic we suspended the usual termly attendance "traffic light" letters during the last 18 months. However, with schools open again fully from Easter we are required to track pupil attendance in the normal manner once more.

Certainly, you have all been truly amazing at getting back into the swing of things since the last lockdown!

We will send out the traffic light letters (which indicate whether your child's attendance is red, amber or green) at the end of this half term and again at the end of the summer term. Attendance is being tracked from 19 April 2021 as this is the fairest start point given the numerous lockdowns we have experienced in the last 18 months. If you have any questions about your letters once you receive them, then please contact the school using the details which will be supplied.



# PTA News and Events



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## Current fundraisers are:

**PTA Dress Down Day** is being held on Friday 28 May with a £1 contribution towards PTA fund raising.

**Ice Cream Fridays in June** on Friday 11, 18 and 25 June. Social distancing must be maintained when queuing please. Ice lollies and ice creams will be individually wrapped. Cost per ice cream/lolly will be 50p.

**Sponsored Canal 2km or 5km Walk and Prize Draw!** The entry fee is £2 per family, refreshments will be provided and all families who enter the sponsored walk will also, automatically, be entered into a prize draw (3 amazing prizes). The event will take place on Saturday 19 June at 10am. In the event of rain, it will be postponed to the next sunny Sunday. Start and finish will be at the Canal Basin. Entry forms can be purchased from your child's class teacher from next week. *Please note that if you wish to be entered for the prize draw but cannot participate in the walk, then please just purchase a copy of the entry/sponsorship form for £2.*



**Easyfundraising** raise funds for the PTA while you shop online! The school PTA is registered with Easyfundraising. Please go to the St John's Easyfundraising site (link below) and register to help support the school. Registering and using this service is completely free! You then access the websites of many online retailers' via the Easyfundraising page and all purchases you then make with the connected sites will generate a small donation to our cause! Simple! Register at

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnstiverton/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=gs-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stjohnstiverton/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1)

**Support from local businesses** - in response to our requests for raffle prizes we have had the following offer from Seddons Estate Agents – they will donate an immediate sum of £200 to the PTA coffers and will also offer **an additional** £200 for every house sale transacted through them by any of our families! As well as this offer from Seddons, Diamond Estate Agents will likewise offer £100 on any house sales transacted through them between now and the end of July. We need to add that, in the immortal words of the BBC, "other estate agents are, of course available"! However, if you already plan to put your house on the market and you were already thinking of using one of these two firms then do please bear these offers in mind.



**Gift Amnesty** – If you have a Spring clean during Lent or over Easter and discover any items suitable for re-gifting then these would make great raffle prizes at future fund raising events! So please drop them in to the school office in a carrier bag (to assist with quarantining). Thank you.





**Clothing Bank** – The Clothing Bank (near the bike rack at the front of school) is a PTA initiative. Any clothes dropped into the Bank are sold and a percentage of the proceeds come to the PTA so rather than dropping clothes into the community clothing banks at Morrison's or Homebase please think about dropping them in to the St John's PTA Clothing Bank instead!



**Cheese Wrapper recycling** – we now have a cheese wrapper recycling box in school! Please see the posters included with this newsletter but basically, we can accept any RINSED cheese wrappers which bear the terracycle logo on them. The wrappers are recycled and all funds raised by recycling the wrappers go to the PTA.

**Battery collection point** – we also collect used batteries in school. These are the usual batteries we use at home in torches, fairy lights, toys and games (not vehicle batteries!!)

**Penny Challenge** – Big Acorns to Year 6 are once again having a Penny Challenge. The class which raises the most money will have a class prize such as a class movie or other treat. The coins are being collected in old (but clean!) milk poly-cartons by way of a funnel. This means that the cash is only handled by the child who is bringing it in so that the process is totally Covid safe .

<b>ParentPay</b> 	<b>SIMS Parent</b> 	<b>ParentMail</b> 	<b>Class Dojo</b> 
<p>This is our <b>payment system</b> app. We currently have over 90% of our families using ParentPay which is fantastic. If you have not already created your account, then don't despair! Contact the office for your logon details.</p> <p>And just a reminder that school meals for Y3-6 now cost £2.34 per day.</p> <p><b>Meals, and all other payment items, should now be paid for in advance please.</b></p>	<p>This is an optional app which can be used to <b>verify your own and your child's data</b> e.g. contact, medical, dietary and ethnicity details which we hold for you. It also allows you to update details such as change of address or mobile number. This information is essential should we ever have to contact you in the event of an emergency.</p> <p><b>Registration emails will be shared with everyone again shortly so that you can verify the data we hold for you.</b></p>	<p>This is the <b>main school messaging system</b> which we use to keep in touch with parents.</p> <p>Please don't forget to keep the school updated about any change in contact details to ensure that you never miss out on any important school messages.</p> <p>If you are not registered already then please let the school office staff know and they can get you set up.</p>	<p>This is our <b>teacher to parent</b> communication app.</p> <p>This is a direct messaging system and enables teachers to keep in touch with parents direct as opposed to having to ask the school office team to send a ParentMail message on their behalf.</p> <p>For class activities and one to one messages this is the most likely method of communication.</p> <p>Please speak to your child's class teacher if you still need to get set up.</p>

## Pastoral Support



Contact Mrs Harte if you have any enquiries or need some advice or support



**Tracey Harte**

[pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk)

## Contact Information

Please can you inform the office if you move to a new house, change your landline, mobile number or email address or doctors.

This is very important.

Thank You

School Office Opening Hours are **8.30am-3.45pm**



## Safeguarding Senior Designated Officers (SDO)



**Rob Meech**  
Headteacher



**Claire Webber**  
Early Years



**Simon Coombs**  
(Governor)



Supporting children through key adults

We are an Operation Encompass school. For further information, please come in and see us.



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