



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



Friday, 19th November 2021

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Dear parents and carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Due to covid cases still being relatively high amongst the school community, we will continue with our current restriction on assemblies and whole school gatherings and review again in the next couple of weeks. Although we have every intention of having the school nativity and carol concerts this year, we must ensure we are mindful of keeping everyone safe as we start the run in to the Christmas holidays. More detailed updates on how we intend to do this will be shared nearer the time.

The school is in the process of re-launching the website. We want to make sure we have a website that fully promotes our wonderful school but also gives parents and carers the information they need. With that in mind, if you have any suggestions on how we can improve the website please address to the sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk. We shall be taking photos of the children on Wednesday 24th November. The school office has a list of children who we will not include in these photos but please contact the office if you have any concerns.

I was delighted to be able to meet and speak with many of you at the parents evening last week. These are really important events so thank you for your attendance and your continued support. If for any reason you were unable to attend and would like the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher, then please contact them to arrange a suitable time.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

God bless

Rob Meech
Executive Headteacher



This is our school.

Let peace dwell here, let love abide here,
Love of God.
Love of one another, love of mankind, the love of life itself.
Let us remember that,
Just as many hands build a house, so many hearts make a school.

Amen



Community News

The GIFT team took all of the Harvest produce and gifts to CHAT last week. They had the opportunity to look around the premises and help the volunteers pack some of the food items! Please see the attachment where the thoughts of our GIFT team have been written!

Calvin, one of our star members has chosen to play the piano at the Tiverton Farmers Market to raise funds for CHAT which was inspired by his visit. Please wish him well and show some St John's family support – he will be playing music from **11.45am – 12.15pm on Saturday 4th December.**

Contact Tel: 01884 255606 Email: theoffice@chatmid.co.uk Web: www.chatmid.org Coggan's Well House, Phoenix Lane, Tiverton, Devon. EX16 6LU

Wraparound care:

Please make sure you complete the wraparound care form to be in no later than **Wednesday 1st December.**

Should you require a form, please ask your child's teacher or the admin team will have spare copies for you to pick up.

PARENTAL PHOTO CONSENT FOR OUR WEBSITE

Please would you inform the office if you DO NOT give permission for your child's photo to be on the schools website.

We will be updating it in the next coming weeks, therefore it is very important that you update any changes.

Tel: 01884 253630 – email: pherbert@stjohnstiverton.co.uk

Latest news from The Golden Mile



Week commencing:

15/11/21

Leader board of miles ran

1st = MAPLE – 7 miles

2nd = OAK – 6 miles

3rd = WILLOW – 4 miles

4th = SYCAMORE – 2 miles

2 Miles Certificates (Green wrist bands) –

Florence, Lennox, Isla, Aiden J, Samson, Nikola,
Lenny G, Amber, Mia, Ashton & Kya

5 Miles Certificates (Red wrist bands) –

Lettie & Lenny S

10 Miles (Orange wrist bands) –

Erin & Amelie

20 Miles Certificates (Blue Wrist bands) –

Rawdon

Diary Dates

November 2021

- * 19 – Children In Need
- * 20 – St James Christmas Fair (Star makers performing)
- * 21 - St James Youth Mass
- * 25 - Tempest Class Photos
- * 26 – Flu Nasal Vaccinations

December 2021

- * End of Term 16.12.2021

Children return 04.01.2022

Wraparound Care Payment due
04.01.2022

Attendance

This week

BA – 93.0%

Maple – 87.7%

Willow – 91.8%

Sycamore – 99.00%

Oak – 97.8%

Attendance

Last Week

BA – 96.5%

Maple – 95.6%

Willow – 99.1%

Sycamore – 100.00%

Oak – 95.8%

Gospel Guardians

This Week

LA – Harper

BA – Aiden

Maple -

Willow -

Sycamore – Darcy

Oak -

Gospel Guardians

Last Week

LA – Molly

BA – Felicity W

Maple -

Willow -

Sycamore - Godfrey

Oak -

Achievers

This Week

LA – Ruby

BA – Olivia

Maple -

Willow -

Sycamore - Alfie

Oak -

Achievers

Last Week

LA – Elliott

BA – Joshua B

Maple -

Willow -

Sycamore - Jakub

Oak -



PTA News and Events

ptaofstjohnstiverton@gmail.com

Current fundraisers are:

All Fridays in November – Hot chocolate & cookies – served from 3.20pm

Christmas raffle – Tickets £1.00 per strip – Please see PTA or Class teacher/Admin staff

All Fridays in December – Mince pies and Non-alcoholic Mulled wine – served from 3.20pm

Easyfundraising raises 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



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 please bear these offers in mind.


Gift Amnesty – If you have any items suitable for re-gifting then these would make great raffle prizes at future fund raising events! So please drop them into 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 into 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!!)


This is our **payment system**  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.

And just a reminder that school meals for Y3-6 now cost £2.34 per day.

Meals, and all other payment items, should now be paid for in advance please.


This is an optional app which can be used to **verify your own and your child's data** e.g. contact, medical, dietary and ethnicity details which we hold for you. It also allows you to update details such change of address or mobile number. This information is essential should we ever have to contact you in the event of an emergency.

Sorry for the delay! Registration emails will be shared with everyone again next week so that you can verify the data we hold for you.

Parent Mail  This is the **main school messaging system** which we use to keep in touch with parents.

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.

If you are not registered already then please let the school office staff know and they can get you set up.

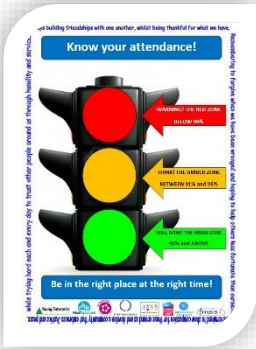
DOJO  This is our **teacher to parent** communication app.

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.

For class activities and one to one messages this is the most likely method of communication.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you still need to get set up.

School Attendance



Every Term, we will be sending letters home regarding your child's attendance using the Traffic Light System.

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

Your child's traffic light attendance letter will be coming home with them on 16.12.2021.

Contact Information



Please can you inform the office if you move to a new house, change your landline, mobile number, your email address or doctors. This is very important. Thank You.

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



Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key adults

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

Pastoral Support



Contact Mrs Harte if you have any enquiries or need some advice or support. **Tracey Harte:**
pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk

Safeguarding Team



Robert Meech, Headteacher



Claire Webber, Early Years



Simon Coombs, Chair of Governors