



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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school following the half-term break.

With the prevalence of covid continuing to be a cause for concern, the school have made a couple of tweaks to our risk assessment. For the foreseeable future there will be no whole school assemblies. We have also reduced the number of children in the hall at lunchtimes by returning to children with packed lunches eating them in their classrooms.

Star-makers rehearsals will continue to run but there will be slight changes to how the children are organised in the hall.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the PTFA disco but we very much hope to be able to re-arrange this in the not-too-distant future.

Parents evening will continue as planned next week but I ask that you wear a face covering whilst in the school, that you arrive promptly and leave the school building as soon as your meeting is over to avoid congestion. I look forward to seeing many of you then.

As we move towards the end of term, we hope to be able to return to some of the traditional Christmas festivities that St John's is known for. However, we will continue to monitor the situation and act in accordance with national and trust guidelines to ensure the school community is kept safe.

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

God bless,

**Rob Meech**  
Executive Headteacher



Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.

Amen.



# Community News

Thank-you to everybody who kindly sent in donations to our Harvest Liturgy for CHAT. We are blessed to have such a supportive community within Our school. Thank you once again.

## Latest news from The Golden Mile

Week commencing – 4/11/21



### Leader board of miles ran

- 1st =Willow– 46 miles
- 2nd =Sycamore– 18 miles
- 3rd =Maple – 13 miles
- 4th =Oak–12 miles

2 Miles Certificates (Green wrist bands) - Eva

5 Miles Certificates (Red wrist bands) - Ellie M

10 Miles (Orange wrist bands) – Alfie B, Faye, Rawdon, Godfrey, Noah T

20 Miles Certificates (Blue Wrist bands) – Freddie O

25 Miles Certificates (Silver Wrist bands) – JJ, Finley and Nathaniel

Diary Dates	Attendance <small>This week</small>	Gospel Guardians <small>This Week</small>	Achievers <small>This Week</small>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>November 2021</u></p> <p>* 11<sup>th</sup> - Parent's Evening</p> <p>* 4<sup>th</sup> - Willow class Swimming</p> <p>* 25<sup>th</sup> – Tempest Class Photos</p>	<p>BA -</p> <p>Maple –</p> <p>Willow -</p> <p>Sycamore -</p> <p>Oak -</p>	<p>LA – Martyna</p> <p>BA – Evelyn</p> <p>Maple - Lydia</p> <p>Willow -</p> <p>Sycamore – Sienna T</p> <p>Oak -</p>	<p>LA – Connor</p> <p>BA – Ava</p> <p>Maple - Riley</p> <p>Willow - Angela</p> <p>Sycamore - Maisy</p> <p>Oak - Dylan</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>December 2021</u></p> <p>* </p> <p>* </p> <p>* End of Term 16/12/2021</p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;">Children return 04/01/2022</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Attendance <small>Last Week of Half-Term</small></p> <p>BA –</p> <p>Maple –</p> <p>Willow -</p> <p>Sycamore -</p> <p>Oak -</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: orange;">Gospel Guardians <small>Last Week of Half-Term</small></p> <p>LA – Ruby</p> <p>BA - Lennox</p> <p>Maple - Stanley</p> <p>Willow -</p> <p>Sycamore -</p> <p>Oak -</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Achievers <small>Last Week of Half-Term</small></p> <p>LA – Harper</p> <p>BA – Brooke</p> <p>Maple - Lucas</p> <p>Willow -</p> <p>Sycamore - Maisy</p> <p>Oak - Ben</p>



# PTA News and Events

[ptaofstjohnstiverton@gmail.com](mailto:ptaofstjohnstiverton@gmail.com)

## Current fundraisers are:

Unfortunately the PTFA Disco has been cancelled. However, there are other ways you can support ...

All Fridays in November – Hot chocolate & cookies – 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](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](mailto:sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk)

## 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**

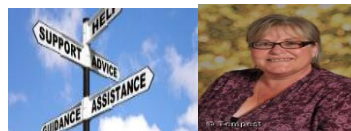


**Operation Encompass**

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

## Safeguarding Team



Robert Meech, Headteacher



Claire Webber, Early Years



Simon Coombs, Chair of Governors