



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



Friday, 3rd December 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and for those in the school community who have been affected by covid, I wish you all a speedy recovery. Due to the current uncertainty over the new strain of covid, we ask that parents wear a mask when on the school site unless they are exempt. As always, we will follow government guidance and alert you of any changes that we make to our routines.

I would just like to express and personal thank you for the staff at St John's who have been magnificent in how they have stepped up and seen the school through a difficult couple of weeks. I am blessed to have an exceptional team of staff to work alongside.

A reminder that children should, where possible, be wearing the correct uniform at all times - this includes P.E days where children should be wearing their school jumper on top of their P.E kits. For more information on the uniform expectations please visit the school website or contact the office. We do have a selection of good quality pre-loved uniform in school - please contact the office for more details.

Next week sees the start of our Christmas festivities with the nativity performed by the Big & Little Acorns supported by Maple class. Tickets have been distributed to the families of the children involved. If you have any queries, please contact the class teacher.

The carol concert will take place on Monday 13th December. A separate letter with more information will be sent out to all parents and carers next week.

Finally, I would like to say Thank you and goodbye to Mr Simon Coombs who has stepped down as Chair of Governors. Simon has had a long association with St John's and has been a great support to the school over a number of years. I would like to welcome Mrs Jane Trott as the new Chair of Governors.

Wishing you all a peaceful and safe weekend,

God bless

Rob Meech
Executive Headteacher



Dear Lord,

Help us to help our friends if they are lonely or worried or hurt.

Help us to keep our families and friendships together.

Help our families if they are sick or need us to help to do things.

Help us to be kind to our friends and families.

Amen



Community News

Thank – you ROSETIME FLORIST

Tel: 01884561763 Email:rosetime4u@sky.com

For the beautiful Advent Wreath they have kindly donated to the school!

Tiverton Farmers Market - Calvin, one of our star members has chosen to play the piano to raise funds for CHAT. Please wish him well & show him our St John's family support – he will be playing music from 11.45am – 12.15pm this Saturday 4th December. Please see attached posters for more details and Santa's grotto/Santa's lost presents!

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



The Golden Mile

Well done to all the children who are taking part!

You are all doing a great job! Look out for the latest on the leader board next week!!



Diary Dates

December 2021

* 4th Tiverton Farmers Market

* 6th Maple class Museum trip

* Nativity Next Week *

EYFS with Maple class

* 10th Christmas Jumper Day

* 15th Christmas dinner

End of Term 16.12.2021

January 2022

* 4th Children return to school

Wraparound Care Payment due
04.01.2022

Attendance

BA – 91.0%

Maple – 91.0%

Willow – 93.6%

Sycamore – 96.6%

Oak – 94.0%

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Last Week

BA – 95.7%

Maple – 80.0%

Willow – 93.2%

Sycamore – 95.8%

Oak – 78.8%

Gospel Guardians

LA – Abigail

BA – Xena

Y1/2 - Isla

Y3 -

Y4 -

Y5 – Zachary

Y6 -

Gospel Guardians

Last Week

LA – Tyler

BA – Neve

Y1/2 – Logan P

Y3 -

Y4 – Sienna R

Y5 – Lacey

Y6 -

Achievers

LA – Cobie

BA – Lucy

Y1/2- Kaiden

Y3 -

Y4 -

Y5 – Rawdon

Y6 -

Achievers

Last Week

LA – Isabelle

BA – Jacob C

Y1/2 – Jack S

Y3 –

Y4 – Bethany

Y5 – Freddie

Y6 -



PTA News and Events

ptaofstjohnstiverton@gmail.com

Current fundraisers are:

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

DRAW COMMENCES FRIDAY 10TH December!!

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



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!!)

<p>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.</p> <p>And just a reminder that school meals for Y3-6 now cost £2.34 per day.</p> <p>Meals, and all other payment items, should now be paid for in advance please.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Parent Mail </p> <p>This is the main school messaging system 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>DOJO </p> <p>This is our teacher to parent 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>
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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**

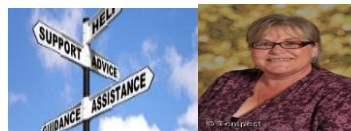


Operation Encompass

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