



"These have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God"
John 20:31

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 30.04.21

Compassionate

and

Loving

A Busy Week!

Another busy and successful week at St John's; all children are working hard and we're really starting to see progress as we continue to follow our catch up curriculum.

This week we've managed to escape most of the rain but more importantly, we managed to avoid contact with our dinosaur visitors who decided to choose Early Years as a safe place to lay their eggs! CCTV footage shows a very angry and protective dinosaur mum, and judging by the size of the footprints she left, we've all had a lucky escape!

We thank God for the gifts he has given to all of us and appreciate the many examples of love, friendship and compassion that we have seen around school this week.

May Celebration

Next week marks the start of May - Month of Mary. To mark this celebration we will be leading prayer services in our prayer garden, for each separate class bubble.

To show our respect to Mary Our Mother, we ask that each child brings flowers in to school with them on Tuesday 4th May. This can be just one flower, picked from the garden, or a bunch of flowers if you prefer.

Thank you.



School Uniform

Thank you to those of you who have supported school by ensuring your child is in full school uniform and to those parents/ carers who have taken the time to explain that items are still on order or on their way.

It's great to see how smart everyone is looking!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 3rd May

All day - School closed (May Day Bank Holiday)

Tuesday 4th May

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 28th May

2.00pm - Break up for May Half-Term

Monday 7th June

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

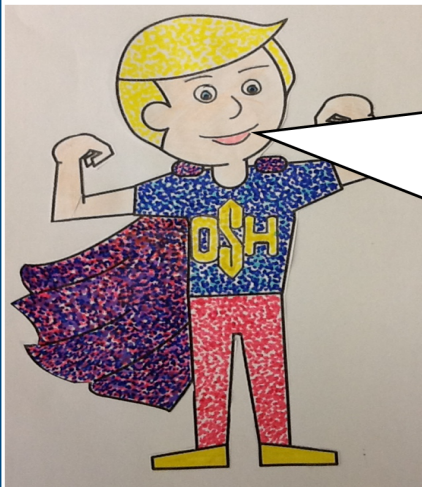
Tuesday 8th June

8.55am - Children return to school

Wednesday 21st July

3.15pm - Break up for Summer holiday

Online safety hero says...



*Don't always believe
what you read on the
internet. Check three
websites to see if is true.*

#fakenews

#checkbeforeyoushare



Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Owen H in Year 1 for excellent effort and good score



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School Ties - New Prices

MAPAC have changed the prices of school ties, this will take effect from Tuesday 4th May. Please see new prices below,

Elastic tie - £3.05

Clip-on tie - £4.65

Payment Arrangements

We cannot accept cash for school ties, you can pay online via ParentPay, or alternatively you can request a barcoded letter from the school office and pay cash at a PayPoint store. If choosing to pay cash at a PayPoint store you will need to bring the receipt to the school office before being provided with a school tie. Thank you.

Science Superstars

This week Early Years have been really busy learning all about dinosaurs. We have looked at their bones, diet and size. We even had a visit from a very special dinosaur! We have been keeping a close eye on some dinosaur eggs and we can't wait to see if they hatch whilst we are at school!

Class Report - Early Years & KS1

Early Years children completed 100 throws and catches around the circle and 1 more in honour of Captain Tom's 101st birthday! Early years also had a surprise visitor this week! The dinosaurs have arrived! We were greeted by some huge footprints this week in EYFS. We found out they belong to a dinosaur! She left her eggs for us to care for and we have been learning all about dinosaurs this week and thinking about how we will care for them when they hatch! We even got to see some video footage of the dinosaurs in our own classroom!

The topic in Year 1 this half term is 'Right'. This week the children had fun following instructions to create their own aeroplanes, they then took them outdoors to see how far they could fly.



Today the children completed their 'Captain Tom' Birthday Challenge of 100 jumps with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Well done Year 1!



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Charlie M

in Year 2

and Talulah H

in Year 3.

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Eva-Rose H

NN

Ava-Rose B

Reception

Amelia H

Year 1

Nikolaj J

Year 2

Rosebella P-S

Year 3

Ella A & Savni D

Year 4

Emily K

Year 6

For being Compassionate and Loving.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 98.7%

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Tommy K, Eloise M-S, Jasmine N, Ritchie R and Olivia A.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Lord, you are the vine, we are the branches. Help us to bear your fruit and follow your word.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how Jesus is the vine, and how he gives life to us, his branches.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener. He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be clean and bear more fruit. You have been made clean already by the teaching I have given you. Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it. My Father's glory is shown by your bearing much fruit; and in this way you become my disciples.

Jesus was teaching his disciples. He called himself the "true vine". He called us his branches because he supports us, like a tree trunk supports its branches. And he wants us to bear fruit for him.

What Jesus means is that he wants us to stay close to him and follow his teachings. This means being the best we can be, loving each other, and loving the beautiful world he has given us.

There are many ways that we can show love for our neighbour and care for our world. Can you think of some, so that you will be like the strong, healthy branches on the vine that Jesus talked about?



Generous God, support us in all we do as a vine supports its branches, and help us to support and share with others around the world, especially those who are affected by the changing climate.

Amen.

I. Gallagher

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