

### Newsletter

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord



"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 02.07.21

Faith-filled

and

Hopeful

# **Working Together**

It's been another very busy week at St John's and you will be aware that, unfortunately we have had to send two 'class bubbles' home to self-isolate. We are still very proud of our record at St John's, in terms of managing and dealing with Covid-19 but we still need your support to ensure we can keep our school running as normally as possible.

The situation in schools in Solihull and Birmingham is the worst it has been since the pandemic began. For a variety of potential reasons, our children are now experiencing much higher rates of transmission and infection. The symptoms for children also appear to have changed so please look out for:

- Continuous headaches
- Tummy aches
- Persistent runny noses
- Hay fever like symptoms

If your child experiences these symptoms please check with a lateral flow test before sending them in to school.

Lastly, as parents and carers, please act responsibly and wear your face mask when on our school site. From observation this week, I would estimate that at least 40% are not wearing masks. Unless you are medically exempt, this is completely unacceptable and irresponsible.

We appreciate that this pandemic has been with us for a long time and we're all feeling a bit weary but now, more than ever is the time when we need to work together to keep our children safe and well.



### **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 5th July** 

3.30-4.30pm - Parents Consultation (via phone)

**Tuesday 6th July** 

2.00-3.00pm - Parents Consultation (via phone)

Wednesday 7th July

Sports Day (children only)

**Friday 9th July** 

All day - Non-Uniform Day (50p donation per family)

**Friday 16th July** 

All day - Non-Uniform Day (50p donation per family)

Wednesday 21st July

2.00pm - Break up for Summer holiday

**Inset Days** 

**Thursday 2nd September** 

All day - Inset Day

**Friday 3rd September** 

All day - Inset Day

**Tuesday 4th January 2022** 

All day - Inset Day

**Monday 28th February 2022** 

All day - Inset Day

Monday 6th June 2022

All day - Inset Day

Please note: We are holding Non-Uniform days in July as sadly, we are unable to hold a Summer Fayre this year due to the pandemic.

## **Sports Star of the Week**



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Luke H in Year 5 for having an excellent football lesson.



## **Class Report - KS2**

Year 4 were very glad to return to school this week. As well as completing all our assessments, we also found some time to design and create our own instruments. We then experimented with them, changing the volume and pitch.

We hope our parents and carers liked hearing them when we brought them home!

Year 5 have been very busy lately. We have really enjoyed learning all about Sikhism, particularly when having a go at Bangra dancing.

In PE we have not only been making great progress with swimming but also learning to play cricket and rounders with Coach Hale.

Creating great Samba music has continued with Ms Roe and we have introduced an online reading platform called MyOn which we have really enjoyed - so much that this week we have read 57 books so far!

















### Ice Pops!



 $Where-your\ own\ classroom$   $When-Monday\ 5^{th}\ July\ -\ Friday\ 9th\ July\ at\ break\ time$   $(or\ until\ we\ run\ out)$ 

How much? 20p each



# **Confirmation**

The sacrament of Confirmation was received by some of our Year 6 children. Coming together with Guardian Angels to welcome Bishop David Evans as celebrant; a wonderful evening was shared by all for this wonderful event in the children's Catholic life.



## **School Reports**

Your child will have brought home their end of year school report today. We hope that you're pleased with the comments which are overwhelmingly positive for every child, reflecting their resilience, tenacity and positive attitudes throughout, what has been, a very challenging year.

We have arranged for two opportunities for a parental consultation appointment, by a telephone call, next week. If you are satisfied with your child's report, you do not have to book an appointment. However if you have something further to discuss or have any concerns then please indicate which time slot you would like by no later than this Monday - 5th July.

Parents of Year 2 and Year 6 children will receive their child's report when the class return to school. Furthermore, you will also receive alternative dates for the parents consultation evening.

# Science Superstars

This week, to end our 'Sound' topic, Year 4 used junk materials to create their own musical instruments. They then played them, making big vibrations to make a louder sound and small vibrations to make a quieter sound. Some children also attempted to change the pitch of the sounds too! We really hope our parents/carers liked hearing them when we took them home.











## **Excellent Work**

Today was so creepy.

I rancet as my house happying. I started to jump across the line
I tried not to step on them. It was so quiet and there s normaly so
much kids here. I was really lonley without my scients today. The
always waiting outside my woden door until I come out I said to
mysels. Oh well there probably busy. I carried on jumping bucks
forth. I thought everyone would be here but I guess not. It was
really creepy and loads or thick metal windows. As I walked I dro
a said suce on the stoor with the foot snow. It was very cold as
I thought It was going to be.

Agter that I saw a weined greenish black and board. I came closer until I saw the board saying i Please write your name to entur" I wrote my name Alma. Then I heard so mishing, I boke behind me It was a cold aboy vorsion of me. I was really perpleced and doll I two really suspicious cuts creepy I tooked at the doll again it was gone. I was so puzzold that it went. I storted to push the hear I wouldn't open so I got very yary Mad. So I got a snow ball and Miled it into a persect ball and there it I walked sive in away from the door. The creeky door opened.

Next I walked inside, not knowing what was happening. I spott the doll I climbed that treatise that the twin doll eyes were moving. I climbed until I got up there. I took my mittens agg. I went to touch the doll the boyon the blee was trying to except still. I got my hand and slowly touched the dolls face. Then I think it took me into my cost him sections seems It was the literature sould add to the took me.

This week's excellent work comes from Lilly-Mae M in Year 5.

## **Class Teachers for Next Year**

I'm sure all of our children are excited to find out who their class teacher will be for next year.

Please see the table below to find out:

Year Group	Class Teacher/s	Classroom Support
Nursery	Mrs Day/ Mrs Dolphin	Miss Cherry
Reception	Miss Kelly	Mrs Molyneux/ Miss Andrews
Year One	Mrs Patterson	Mrs Worth
Year Two	Miss Breslin	Mrs Hastings/ Mrs Banks am
Year Three	Mrs Richmond	Mrs Blundell/ Mrs Banks pm
Year Four	Miss Jackson	Miss Ward
Year Five	Mr Smith	Miss Lowe
Year Six	Mr Craggs	Miss Thompson
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**Congratulations to** 

**Demi-Leigh S** 

in Reception

and Connie K

in Year 4

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Sophie H NN

Paisley McK Reception

Liam O'K Year 1

Arcange P-L Year 3

Lexi-Boe N Year 4

Grace D Year 5

Courtney C Year 6

For being Faith-Filled and Hopeful.



#### **Attendance**

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Nursery with 97.5%



### Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week was Year 6.



### **Birthdays**

Happy birthday this week to: Ellis S, Chloe H, Amiela A, Kyron C and Lewis T.



### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God in all things, help us to recognise your Son Jesus in all people – those we know well and those who we will never meet but who are part of our global family.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how Jesus was teaching with great wisdom, but the people found it hard to believe in him.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left that place and went back to his home town, followed by his disciples. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him.

Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own home town and by their relatives and their family."

He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was greatly surprised, because the people did not have faith.

Then Jesus went to the villages around there, teaching the people.

Jesus was back in his home town and teaching in the synagogue. The people listening were very surprised. They couldn't understand how Jesus, who they had known since he was a little boy, could have so much wisdom and teach so well. They thought that they knew who Jesus was – the son of Mary and of Joseph the carpenter. They thought Jesus was just an ordinary man, but he wasn't.

Jesus is the Son of God. But the people he had grown up with could not accept that Jesus was special. They did not believe in him.

Sometimes when we know someone really well we can forget how special they are. It can be hard to see past all the things we know about them, to what they are really like. And sometimes we forget how special the things that we do are, because they just feel ordinary to us.



This week, let's try not to judge anyone for where they come from or who their family is, but instead listen to them, look out for the special things that they do, and see what we can learn from them.

Creator God, you made us all in your image and we are all special and loved by you. Help us to treat all people with fairness and respect. Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.



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