



"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 16.07.21

*Faith-filled*

and

*Hopeful*

## End of Year Message

This is our last newsletter for this academic year and what a year it has been! Firstly I'd like to thank all of our staff who have worked so hard to keep our school clean, well-ordered and safe.

We have faced many challenges and learned many new things along the way, (I had never even heard of Teams, Zoom or Sway eighteen months ago!) and have provided exceptional home learning opportunities when the need has arisen.

Secondly, I'd like to thank all of our children. They have been so sensible when following the many new routines and safety measures that have been imposed upon them. They have been incredibly adaptable; switching between school and home learning and returning each time with a smile, eager and happy to be back. I can't tell you how happy we were to see them return too! Children, we are all so proud of you!

Lastly, to you our parents and carers. Thank you for your patience and support and above all for trusting in us. We have done our very best, in what has been the biggest challenge we have ever faced. Although Covid has caused many problems, there are some positives to be gained, one being that our home school partnership has never been stronger. This is something that we will aim to maintain and develop further next year.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday and look forward to, what we hope will be, a more normal year next year.

happy  
holidays!



## Dates for your Diary

### Wednesday 21st July

All day - Non-Uniform Day - wear something bright to celebrate summer  
(no donation required)

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.**

### Online safety hero says...



*You may want to share photos from your Summer holidays.*

*Remember to think about which photos are appropriate to share and who you share them with.*

*Photos can hold personal information so check before you share.*

*#checkbeforeyoushare*

*#isthisappropriate*



## Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Marley-Rae R in Reception for brilliant goalkeeping skills.



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# Class Report - KS1

This week, our Year 1 scientists created walking rainbows and shaving foam rain clouds. Linking their experiments to our weather theme. The children used their observational skills to explain what resources they used, what happened and why. Our scientist reporter this week was Kelsey, thank you for taking photos of the experiments.

Computing: The children enjoyed using the laptops to create greeting cards and learning to edit their work.

Preparing for Year 2: The children have been completing their transition books and adding questions to the curiosity tree for Miss Breslin. These are some of the questions the children have asked, "How much homework will we get?" "Do we do draw and art in Year 2?" "What sort of maths will we do?" "What things do we do in science?"

In Year 2 this week in English we finished reading the story *Pattan's Pumpkin*. We have done a lot of work on this book over the last few weeks so we were excited to find out the ending. On Monday we re-read the story and created story maps, on Tuesday we used our story maps to retell the story orally and on Wednesday and Thursday we re-told the story through writing. It was wonderful to see the progress all the children have made this year from the start of Year 2 to this final piece of writing. They should all be very proud.

In computing we have been learning how to send e-mails. Make sure you check your inboxes over the Summer as this is a great way to keep in contact with each other!



30<sup>th</sup> July – International Day of Friendship

*Through friendship and developing strong ties of trust we can help ourselves in achieving lasting stability. We can weave a safety net that will protect us, and generate passion for a better world where we are all united for the greater good.*

#ENDviolence, Spread Kindness



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# Reception Graduation

Congratulations to Reception for a fantastic graduation!  
We will miss all your lovely smiles!

You really have been a fantastic class, you have worked hard at school and at home.

We are all very proud of you.



# Olympic Games



On 23rd July the Olympic Games open in Tokyo, it's been almost five years since the last Olympic Games so this will be an extremely exciting occasion!

To celebrate the opening, next week St John's will be competing in their own Olympic Games, making their own flags and showing off their skills!

# St John's Year of Reading

From September, we are launching our 'Year of Reading.' We have so many exciting events and initiatives planned; we can't wait to start sharing them with you! Our first exciting addition is our new book exchange. When we return to school you will be able to take a children's or adult book home to read, for free, whenever you want to. All that we ask is that you return the book when you've finished with it. The book exchange is situated next to the path that leads to our main entrance.

Our thanks go to Mrs Dolphin's uncle, Graham, aka one half of the Chuckle Brothers, who has given many hours of his own time to build, what you will see, is a lovely new book exchange. We can't wait to start using it!



# Science Superstars

'This week Year 3 have created volcanoes. They have discussed the chemicals needed to cause a chemical reaction and create lava to pour out of the top of their volcanoes. We had so much fun!'



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# Year 6 - Goodbye & Goodluck!

Next week we wave goodbye to our Year 6 children. It's fair to say that their last year at St John's has certainly been challenging, but the resilience they have shown has been utterly remarkable! At the time of writing this article our Year 6 children are at home isolating, but have worked hard to continue their learning remotely.

We are so sad that we have not been able to celebrate their last year as we would normally, but we have tried to make it as special as we can and are sure that our Year 6 children will take away fond memories of their time here at St John's.

All from SJB wish each and every one of them all the very best!

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## IMPORTANT!

**IF YOU REQUIRE YOUR UNIFORM BEFORE THE START OF TERM, IT MUST BE ORDERED NO LATER THAN 2ND AUGUST TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

We will do everything we can to get orders out quickly but please be aware that if the current Covid restrictions change, this could lead to delays in dispatch and delivery.

This message is particularly important for **NEW STARTERS**, as they have no existing uniform to wear!



**Thank you and have a great summer!**

*The Mapac Team*



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## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Harvey E

in Year 2

and Joshua C

in Year 3

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Luca M	NN
Thomas O'K	Reception
Whole Class	Year 1
Isaac A	Year 2
Angel L	Year 3
Khianna D	Year 5

For being Faith-Filled and Hopeful.

### Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 93.1%



### Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week was Nursery.



### Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Khianna D, Evangeline F, Jamie K, Demi-Leigh S and Luca M. As this will be the last newsletter of this academic year, we also want to wish happy birthday to those children who celebrate their birthday next week and, those children who celebrate during the summer holiday. Happy birthday to those children celebrating next week: Thomas O'K, Lily W, Noah G, Freddie-Jay L, Arcange P and Tyler T.

Happy birthday to those children celebrating during the summer break: Devon M, Carson D, Savni D, Harrison S, Rosalea B, Ellisiya-Rose H, Kayden D, Taylor S, Courtney C, Raheena N, Riley M, Emilia K-D, Aurora D, Charlie McF, Marshall D, Ameera I, Liam G, Rosebella P-S, Emily K, Arlo B, Lilly S-L, Khailan D, Ini A, Abi H, Kai A, Abbasyn H, Elisha I, Jacob K, Kyrie D and Georgie C.



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## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God of all, you are always there for us. Help us to be there for others when they need us and to treat all people with compassion and respect.*

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how Jesus and his disciples wanted to get away and spend a little bit of time by themselves. But it didn't quite work out like that.

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

*The apostles returned and met with Jesus, and told him all they had done and taught. There were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his disciples didn't even have time to eat. So he said to them, "Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest for a while." So they started out in a boat by themselves for a lonely place.*

*Many people, however, saw them leave and knew at once who they were; so they went from all the towns and ran ahead by land and arrived at the place ahead of Jesus and his disciples. When Jesus got out of the boat, he saw this large crowd, and his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.*

Jesus and the disciples decided to go away to a quiet place so that they could be by themselves and rest for a while. They had been working hard and were very tired.

However, people saw them going and decided that they wanted to hear what Jesus had to say. So they hurried off to the place the disciples were headed for. They arrived there first, so when Jesus and the disciples arrive by boat there was already a large crowd waiting for them.

Even though he was tired and wanted to spend time quietly resting, Jesus felt sorry for the crowd. He saw that they need him, so he didn't send them away. Instead he talked to them and taught them for a long time.

Jesus is compassionate. He doesn't just feel sorry for the crowd; he also acts to help them to feel better. We all have times when we need to look after ourselves, and rest if we are tired. It is important to take some quiet time, to pray and reflect and to relax, so that we have the energy to do all the things we need and want to do. But there are other times when we can try to be more like Jesus, and to be moved with compassion to help other people who really need some love, comfort or care.



How will you follow Jesus' example of compassion this week?

*Christ Jesus, help us to follow your example. Teach us not to be selfish and to think of others with kindness, so that we may show patience and compassion to all. Amen.*

Have a lovely summer break!

*I. Gallagher*

Mr I. Gallagher  
Headteacher

