

# St. John the Evangelist Church School

## NEWSLETTER



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"That they may have life, life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Dear Parents/Carers,

School is now fully back in the swing of things and the children and staff are certainly working hard at the start of the new term. It was a pleasure to welcome our new cohort of children to Owls and they are settling really well under the careful and caring guidance of the Owls team. As always, there is a wealth of information to share as we start a new academic year and this week's newsletter has some important reminders.

We have also added our Big Picture for 2018/2019 to the school's website. This document explains the school's key priorities for the months ahead and details what we will be working on to ensure St John's goes from strength to strength. The Big Picture can be found here:

### [The Big Picture 2018/2019](#)

Our website now features more pictures of the children at work and play, and is really starting to truly reflect our school. We will be adding more images over the coming weeks, and there are also many placed around the school and displayed on the screens in the entrance foyer and in the Key Stage 1 playground. We hope you enjoy looking at them. My grateful thanks to Mrs Chambers and Mrs Demers-King for their expertise and support in organising such lovely photos.

In response to your requests, we have returned to publishing a document version of the school calendar this will be published on the website, this document will be updated at the start of each term. I hope that you find the new version helpful.

Further details will be sent out about new initiatives and upcoming events as we progress through the term. For now, I hope that you find this week's newsletter informative and I wish you all a very peaceful and happy week ahead.

Best wishes,

Ian Doswell  
Head teacher

### Hawks Base

Hawks base started their topic with a bang this week, after discovering an alien landing on the school field. The children were called out onto the field to find an array of strange metallic objects strewn around the gazebo and cordoned off with police tape! They had just started to read *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes, and the crash site sparked their imaginations with lots of ideas for writing and some fantastic conspiracy theories!

Many thanks to North Somerset Metal Recycling in Tweed Road for their support with this project.



### **Educational Visits**

As part of the National Curriculum requirements, children from all Bases will be taking part in educational visits and activities throughout the school year. We do have to ask parents for voluntary contributions to pay for entrance fees, coach transport, workshops etc. Costs vary between £2.00—£25.00 depending on the venue and the activity. We have responded to feedback from the parent survey and have developed a new timeline for planning visits, which means that parents will be given at least two weeks notice regarding any visits requiring payment. We will also endeavour to inform you about more local visits and sporting fixtures in the same time frame. However, we do not always receive confirmation of external and more local events until nearer the time and this impacts on timely communication. Please note that, where a visit requires funds, we will need payment to be made via Parent Pay and by the deadline given. Where sufficient funds are not received a visit may have to be cancelled.

### **Your Child's Safety**

Can we remind you that unless they are attending Breakfast Club, no children should be on school premises before 08.40 since supervision is not provided until the school doors open at 08:45. Children arriving on bikes/scooters should dismount at the gate and walk their 'vehicle' in to the bike park to lock it up. Please do ask pupils and younger siblings not to ride around the playground/outdoor learning areas before or after school to avoid potential accidents.

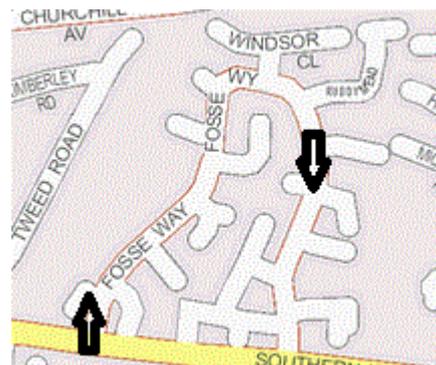
In addition, with safety in mind at all times, pupils and pre-school children are not allowed on Explorers Challenge before or after school.

### **Parking using the one-way system**

To all new parents and as a reminder to everyone else, please use Fosseway as a one-way system, entering at the Asda end when arriving to deliver or collect children and leaving via the Tesco end (please see map). Please park on the school side of the road only without blocking the entrance to the staff car park, or residents' driveways.

This makes busy school times much safer for everyone and allows emergency vehicles to have access if needed.

Also, would you please ensure that anyone collecting or delivering your children is aware of this one-way system.



### **School Fruit and Veg. Scheme**

Fruit and vegetables are provided daily for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils only. All other year groups may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable from home to eat during morning break.

### **After School Clubs**

All details for clubs are published on the school website and start week commencing 17th September 2018.

[Link to: After School Clubs page >](#)

### **Medication**

If your child needs medication in school e.g. inhaler, please bring it to the school office and complete a medication form.

### **Communication**

#### **- ParentPay**

Just a reminder that our main method of communication with parents is via email through the ParentPay system. It is therefore important that you ensure there is an up to date email contact address on your ParentPay profile, also that you check your emails for information from St John's on a regular basis. Newsletters are usually published weekly on Thursdays and are also available to view on the school website.

#### **- Crediting your ParentPay Account**

You can make payments into your ParentPay account and then assign them to payment items as they are requested. This could be helpful when you are planning your finances as you can top up your account whenever you wish.

#### **- Debts**

Reminder notices are sent to parents when a balance over £25.00 is outstanding (e.g. school meals), if a payment has not been received within 7 days, the school can withdraw the service until the account is cleared. If you have any difficulties in paying, please do contact the school office.

#### **- Medical appointments**

If you need to take your child to a medical appointment we do ask if you can provide evidence of this for our attendance records, preferably in advance of the appointment. If your child will be arriving at school after morning registration, would you please advise us whether a school meal will be required that day and, if so, their menu choice to ensure the correct meal is ordered for them. This is particularly important when leaving a telephone message regarding the appointment.

### St Johns Church

Most Sunday's an informal service of worship lasting around 30 minutes or so is held in the school hall starting at 9.30am. Church In the School (CIS) as it is known is run by St. John's church, the service includes activities for children and is open for everyone to come along, why not pop along for a visit. If you have any further questions in the meantime about CIS please contact Martin on 07740552831.



[Link to Parent Zone for weekly updates >](#)

*Please be reminded that general safeguarding information can be found on our school website under the policies section. The Child protection officer for the Primary school is Mr Ian Doswell, or Mrs Nicola Short in his absence. If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child in our community please do not hesitate to contact them.*

## Community News

(Although these events are not endorsed by the school, they are shared with you for your information).

### WESTON Hospice

On September 15, we will be staging It's A Hospice Knockout! at Clarence Park in Weston-super-Mare. The event will see teams compete in a series of fun challenges and obstacles to be crowned champions – it is sure to prove enormous fun for spectators.

However, that is not all that will be going on that day. The event will also include a family fun day, with a host of rides, games and inflatables, soft play and a sandpit, face-painting, and tons more – plus food and drink too.

The event begins at 12pm, and entry costs only £1 on the day – with all proceeds from the day going to support the hospice's work caring for patients from across our community.

### The Rock Project - FREE Trial session - learn Guitar, Bass, Drums and Vocals and perform in a band!

The Rock Project has some spaces in their North Somerset sessions on guitar, bass, drums or singing for 7-11 & 12-18 year olds. The two hour after-school sessions include an hour of tuition learning their instrument and songs ready to play together as a group in the other hour. Over the year they will learn many songs and then perform in their bands in a big July gig. It's great fun, they make new friends and it builds their confidence. To enquire about the sessions in Nailsea, Clevedon, Portishead and Ashton or to book a place for a free taster session please contact [herts@therockproject.com](mailto:herts@therockproject.com) or visit [www.TheRockProject.com](http://www.TheRockProject.com) and fill out an enquiry form.



