

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 1.3 Thursday 20th September 2018



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust
'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always a privilege to be in classrooms and see the exciting learning that is going on. Eagles base have made a super start to their Victorian project and have begun reading "Street Child", using the text to write their own recounts and create a range of descriptive writing based on the novel.

Hawks have been studying "The Iron Man" and making models, as well as adapting their own writing from the book by Ted Hughes.

In Kites, the children are still talking about their visit from Pedro, who came to school to tell them all about his adventures alongside Christopher Columbus. They were enthralled with his stories and are very much enjoying their learning based around the theme of Globetrotters.

In Owls, the children are settling into their routines and enjoying learning all about classic tales, including The Little Red Hen and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Parent Consultations

The school feels alive with learning and we look forward to showing you the children's work at the forthcoming parent teacher consultations. These have been moved to slightly later in the term and will take place on **Tuesday 23rd October and Thursday 25th October 2018** after school. Following feedback from parents, it was decided that this would be a more convenient time and give the opportunity to more working parents to attend the meeting with their child's teacher. Further details will follow nearer the time but do please put these dates in your diary.

Behaviour

A reminder that our Behaviour Procedure can also be found on the website:

<http://stjohnevangelistbwmat.org/curriculum/school-houses-2/>

Here you will find our Behaviour Policy, along with information about our approach to rewards and sanction, our house system and the school's exclusions policy.

Please be reminded that I am available to discuss any aspect of school policy and procedure. Appointments can be made via the school office.

I will also be holding two **Parent Surgeries in the Atrium on Monday 8th October 2018 (09:00 to 10:00) and again on Tuesday 9th October 2018 (18:00 to 19:00)**. These are designed to be informal drop in sessions if you wish to come and meet me and/or to discuss any aspect of school life.

Friends of School Annual General Meeting

This takes place next Thursday (27th September 2018) at 19:00 in the school. All parents are welcome to attend and the committee will be reporting on their many successes from last year. We will also be voting in the new committee. Please do attend if you can and find out about the fantastic work undertaken by the Friends of School. New parent volunteers are always welcome!

We are very much looking forward to receiving the new Reception playground equipment, which was purchased using funds raised by the Friends of School. This should be in place before the Autumn break and I can't wait for the children to start to enjoy using it in their learning.

Class Worship

Dates for Class Worship are set and published at the beginning of each term, and an invitation to attend will be sent to the parents of pupils in the relevant class. For Term 1 these will be:

Thursday 4th October 2018 - Eagles 3

Time to Start School 2019

Parents of children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 need to apply for 2019 school places now.

Applications open on 12th September 2018 and closed at 23:59 on 15th January 2019.

There is an online guide and other useful information available for parents on the North Somerset website: www.n-somerset.gov.uk/admissions.

Pupil Premium Funding and Free School Meals

The government's Universal Free School Meals initiative ensures that all children in Foundation/Key Stage 1 have the opportunity to receive a daily free school meal. You will have already been sent details about this. Since the introduction of the scheme there has been a decline in the number of families who are officially applying for Free School Meals, and (understandably) most now wait until their child/children are in Year 3. However, registering for Free School Meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for you're the school and your child, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed below.

Your child is eligible for Pupil Premium (Free School Meals) if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If you feel that you are eligible and would like further advice (even if your child is in Foundation/Key Stage 1 and receives universal free school meals) then do please contact the school office or myself and we will be very happy to assist you.

You can apply on-line:

[Free School Meals Application](#)

The Pupil Premium Autumn Census take place 4th October 2018. All applications need to be made as soon as possible to ensure your child receives their entitlement.

Calling all Mischief Makers

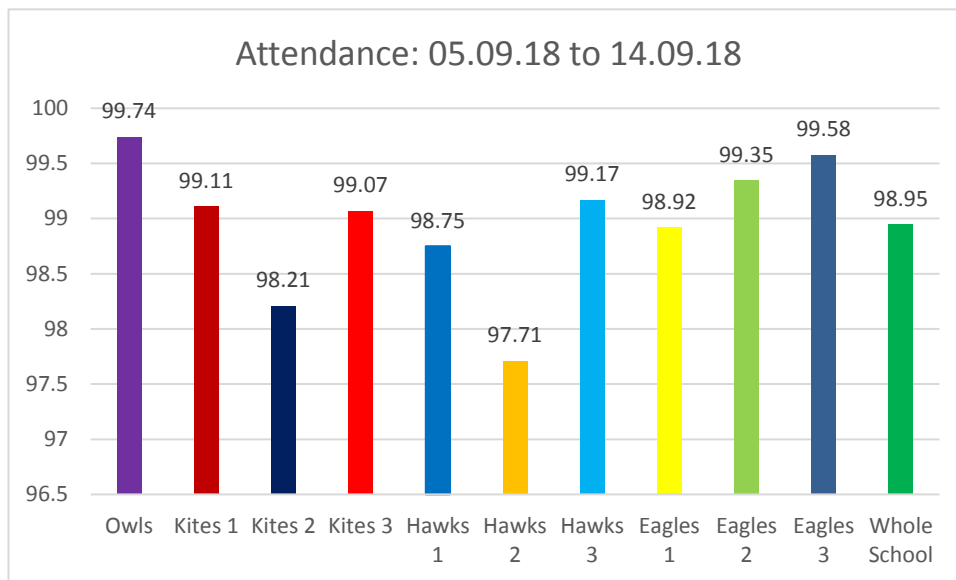
If you completed the Reading Challenge organised by our local libraries this summer, we invite you to bring your certificates and medals into school on the morning of Friday 28th September 2018 in order that we can celebrate your success during our Thanksgiving Praise celebration worship on that day. We have not forgotten that team points have been earned by you wonderful readers and we are looking forward to seeing which house teams and classes have earned the most!

Attendance

Good attendance at school for your child is so important. Poor attendance has a very detrimental impact on a child’s wellbeing in school, as well as delaying progress and important developments in their learning. Please ensure that your child attends school unless they are too unwell to come in, or there is another valid reason. Further information about our approach to attendance can be found on the school’s website, by following the link below.

<http://stjohnevangelistbwmat.org/parents/attendance/>

Attendance for last week:



Harvest at St John’s Church

Please see the message below about the harvest service at St John’s Church. Some of the children will be involved in this and you are all warmly invited to attend.

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful week ahead,

Ian Doswell

Headteacher



HARVEST at St. John's

Sunday 30 September - All Welcome

St. John's Church, Queens Road

**10:00 – Joint Family Service with Church in the School
and St. John's school**

Donations welcome of:

- non perishable food suitable for the food bank OR
- cash for the Sisters of the Church (in Bristol) to be used to fund fuel cards

**11:00 – Coffee and cake sale in aid of the Mother's
Union charity "Summer of Hope"**

12:00 for 12:30 - Harvest Lunch (Ticket only)

Tickets £5.00 - Adults over 16 (children under 16 free)

Available from:

- Fiona at Church
- Martin at CIS
- Nicola (churchwarden) 07940759891

Menu

- Beef casserole, baked potato & salad (vegetarian option available on request)
- Fruit pie / crumble & cream
- Tea & coffee

Donations welcome for "Produce table" (Harvest related goods only) –
cash donations to the sisters of the church



[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



*"Football for Everyone
Everyone for Football"*



'Free' Football training for Reception/Year 1 Boys & Girls

Clevedon Utd Junior Football Club - Somerset FA Development club of 2017 - are proud to offer Free football training:

When: Saturday mornings

Time: 9.30am – 10.30am

Where: Everyone Active stadium Davis Lane Clevedon BS21 6AH

Please contact the club Secretary on Secretary.cujfc@yahoo.com to confirm your interest or for more details



your information).

October Sports Camps

29th October - 2nd November

Strode Leisure Centre
SportsZone Camp
Monday to Friday

Court De Wyck School
SportsZone Camp
Tuesday and Thursday

Gordano Sports Centre
Football Camp
Monday and Wednesday

Worle Rec Ground
Football Camp
Tuesday

Times 9:00am – 3:00pm

To book go to www.rmcsports.co.uk

**Or for more information contact info@rmcsports.co.uk or call/text
07725632214**