

# St. John the Evangelist Church School

## NEWSLETTER



Term 1.5 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are such a lucky and well supported school. Not only do we have wonderful children, staff and governors but we have amazing parents and carers who support us in so many ways. I recently held a meeting for volunteers and was thrilled to see almost thirty adults in attendance. This morning, we held class worship led by Eagles 3. It was wonderful to see so many adults attend the service to join us in worship and support the children. We are also fortunate to have such an active and dedicated Friends of School organisation. We are very fortunate indeed to have this support with us all working together to give the children the best possible education. A special thank you from me this week – to all parents, carers and friends of St John's. Your support, however you give it, is greatly appreciated by us all in school.

### Dream Scheme Award

We were delighted to welcome members of Clevedon Lions in to school this week. They came to celebrate the fact that the Friends of School have been presented with a Clevedon Lions Dream Scheme Award. The award has recognised that the Friends raised a large amount of money towards the cost of new audio equipment, to replace the old system in the hall. The Lions award enabled us to have enough to purchase the complete unit, which was installed over the summer holidays. This includes state of the art speakers, a new CD player, a mixing desk and two hand held radio microphones. Grateful thanks to them, to the friends of school and especially to Mrs Lillington, who coordinated the venture and ensured it was a success.



### Friends of School AGM

Thank you to everyone who came to support the Friends of School Annual General Meeting, which took place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018. During the meeting, grateful thanks were given to the old committee, who stood down. We are pleased to say that a new chairperson, treasurer and secretary were officially appointed to

continue to lead the amazing work that our Friends of School undertake. It was also fantastic to welcome in a new, and larger, committee for the coming year. Minutes of the AGM will be available shortly.

**Pupil Discos**

It has been some time since we held an after school disco for the children. I am happy to say that the Friends of School will run two discos on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Key Stage 1 will have a disco from 18:00 to 18:45 followed by Key Stage 2 from 19:00 until 20:00. The box office for both discos will be open from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Entry includes a drink and a snack.

Further details will follow shortly, via Parent Pay.

**Sponsored Event**

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of stories and reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored LISTEN for Reception children and a sponsored READ for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6, between MONDAY 8TH OCTOBER and SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2018.

All the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne Books will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. Therefore, for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books! The books will be used in our classrooms and library to enhance the children’s learning with fantastic, current, content filled quality books! We want all pupils to have access to many more books... to listen to, look at, read, share and enjoy both at school and at home! Your support for this event is greatly appreciated.

Full details will follow shortly via Parent Pay.

**Dogs on site**

I would like to remind you that dogs (with the exception of assistance dogs) are not permitted in the school grounds at any time.

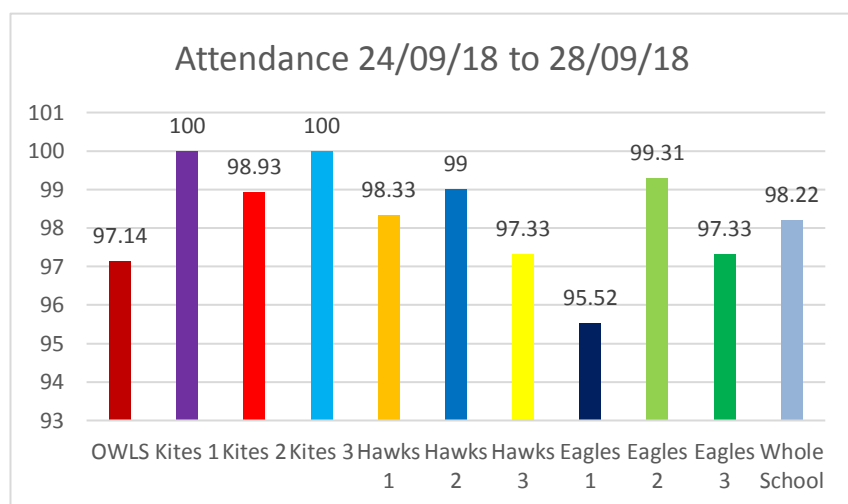
**Lost Property**

There is already a large pile of lost property in school, most of unnamed. Please can I ask you to check if you have lost any items and come into school to claim them. Anything left by 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018 will be recycled.

**Autumn is here!**

As the nights draw in, and the the cooler weather arrives, please can I remind you that children need to bring coats to school. Please ensure all coats and other items of warm clothing are clearly named.

**Attendance**

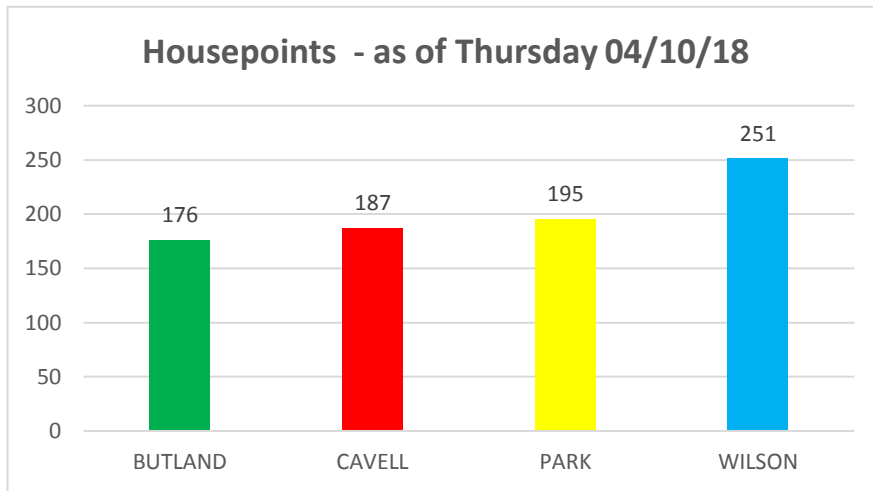


Attendance for last week was an excellent **98.22%**.

A special well done to both **Kites 1** and **Kites 3** for an impressive **100%** attendance.

Well done!

**House points**



Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful week ahead,

Ian Doswell

Head teacher



[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).

Coding bug - three days of coding workshops for local children this autumn break.

The workshops are FREE of charge and kindly sponsored by Viper Innovations Ltd. The event is taking place at their offices in Portishead.

For details of the workshops and to sign up, please visit: [codingbug.co.uk/autumn18/](http://codingbug.co.uk/autumn18/)

**Footlights**

Does your child love to perform? Would they like to try something new?

Our Classes in Nailsea and Portishead are a perfect place to build confidence, technique and performance skills. We offer dance, singing and theatre classes from the age of 5 upwards. Our professional teachers nurture development in fun filled classes.

As part of Footlights there is also the opportunity to take part in the yearly showcase in a large theatre venue with lights, music and costumes. We have also taken students to perform at Disneyland Paris.

Every child will be offered the opportunity to take accredited dance examinations with the renowned ISTD if they would like to, giving them qualifications for life.

Visit our website [www.footlightspersonalityacademy.co.uk](http://www.footlightspersonalityacademy.co.uk) for more details on class times and locations or contact us on [footlights@footlightspersonality.com](mailto:footlights@footlightspersonality.com).