

St. John the Evangelist Church School



NEWSLETTER



LOVE, LEARN, AND TOGETHER WE SOAR

Term 1.6 Thursday 11th October 2018



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week at St John's with lots of exciting learning opportunities going on across the school. On Monday, KITES base held their Globetrotters day, which saw the children involved with lots of activities linked to their topic on Explorers. There were some super activities taking place, including making ships from a range of recyclable materials, and writing interview questions for the famous inventor Brunel. The day culminated in a wonderful dance performance in the hall. It was lovely to see so many parents and friends attend this presentation. I was holding a prospective parent tour at the time, and our visitors were very impressed with the talents, enthusiasm and efforts of the children.

We welcomed our Regional Director for Learning and Achievement, Deborah Eveleigh, on Tuesday. She was very complimentary about the quality of the work in the children's books, and commented on the stimulating learning environments around the school. Her work with us is invaluable in ensuring we continue to make good progress, and to ensure the school continues to improve. The children were very pleased to see her, and enjoyed talking to her about their learning as she visited each classroom.

I witnessed some super writing taking place in Owls this week, as the children begin to get to grips with developing their handwriting. They have also enjoyed using the new sand pit that has arrived. On 20th October more exciting developments will take place in the EYFS playground – do watch this space!

HAWKS base continues to enjoy their topic on all things "alien" and they have made a lovely display based around the Iron Man, including some very descriptive writing and models of the Iron Man himself. They have also learned all about light and shadows this week.

EAGLES base visited Clevedon yesterday to learn about the town's Victorian history. In class today, I witnessed children engrossed in writing brochures about the town's history using all of their first hand experience learning. I was really impressed with the quality of their work and how much they knew.

Across the school, our work on the Maths Mastery approach is really beginning to make a difference to the children's grasp of the subject, and there is some impressive progress to be seen in books.

Each base's new improved curriculum maps for Autumn 2018 can be found here:

<http://stjohnevangelistbwmata.org/curriculum/>

On Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th October, teachers will be available to meet with you for the first parent consultations of the year for Years 1-6. These will be taking place after school with teachers based in the hall. Appointments will run until 19:00 to allow for working parents to attend.

OWLS will hold their consultation appointments on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October. These will take place in their classroom.

A new electronic booking system has been introduced to allow you to book appointments online. You will receive further details of this shortly, via Parent Pay, once the system has been fully installed.

I will be available during each consultation evening, should you wish to meet with me to discuss any aspect of provision for your child.

We will also have the results of our parent survey on display for you to see at this time. These will be displayed in the Atrium.

Sponsored Event

The Usbourne Books sponsored reading event concludes tomorrow. We hope that you have been able to participate in this with your child. Please ensure that all sponsor money is paid into ParentPay and sponsored forms returned to the school office by 24th October 2018..

School Library

Our library reopens fully from Monday 15th October 2018. Parents of pupils in Year 3-6 will have received details about this via Parent Pay today.

Important Dates

In response to suggestions in the recent parent survey, I will now publish reminders of forthcoming dates in the newsletter. Key dates until the end of Term 1 can be found below:

Date	Start Time	End time	Event	Venue
17.10.18	13:30	15:00	Owls Base - Welcome & Phonic Workshop. YR Parents invited (Adults only)	School Hall
19.10.18	12:45	15:15	Swimming Eagles Base (5 of 5)	Strode Pool
22.10.18	ALL DAY		Educational Visit for Eagles 3 - Sevington Victorian School (Cost Approx. £19.00 each)	Sevington
23.10.18	ALL DAY		Educational Visit for Eagles 2 - Sevington Victorian School (Cost Approx. £19.00 each)	Sevington
23.10.18	16:00	19:00	Year R Parent Consultations (Day 1 of 2) Y1 - 6 Parent Consultations (Day 1 of 2)	Owls Base/Hall
24.10.18	ALL DAY		Educational Visit for Eagles 1 - Sevington Victorian School (Cost Approx. £19.00 each)	Sevington
24.10.18	16:00	19:00	Year R Parent Consultations (Day 2 of 2)	OWLS base
25.10.18	14:00	15:00	Owls Base - Welcome to School Service. YR Families invited	St. Johns Church
25.10.18	16:00	19:00	Y1 - 6 Parent Consultations (Day 2 of 2)	School Hall
26.10.18	ALL DAY		Term 1 Ends – (INSET Day 3 of 5) SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	

The full **parent calendar** for the year can be found on our website:

<http://stjohnevangelistbwmat.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2018/09/2018-19-Parents-Calendar.pdf>

Friends School Discos

These take place on Friday 19th October 2018.

Year 1-3 from 18:00 to 18:45

Year 4- 6 from 19:00 to 20:00

Tickets cost £3.50 and include a drink and a snack. The box office will be open tomorrow before and after school in the Atrium.

Attendance

Please ensure your children are in school daily, unless they are too unwell to

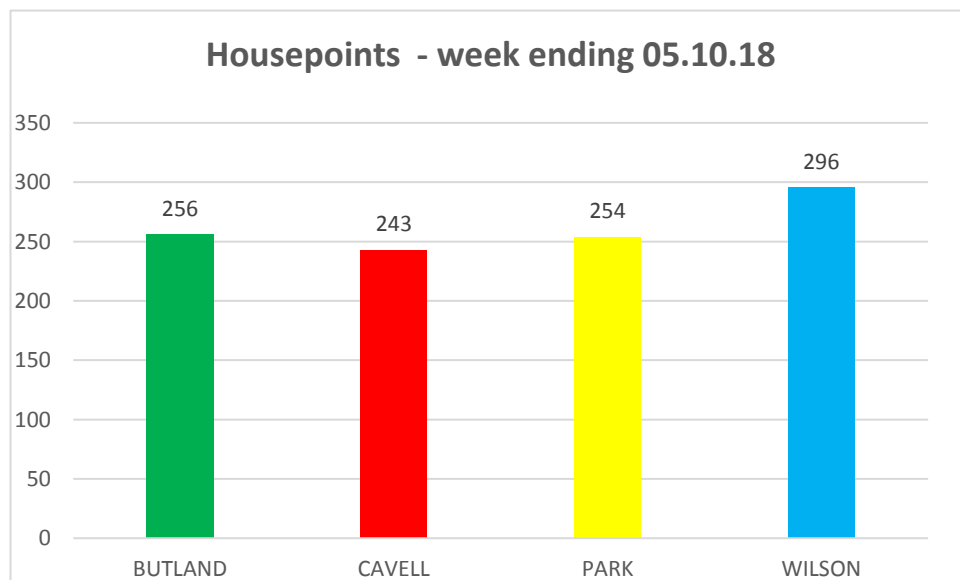
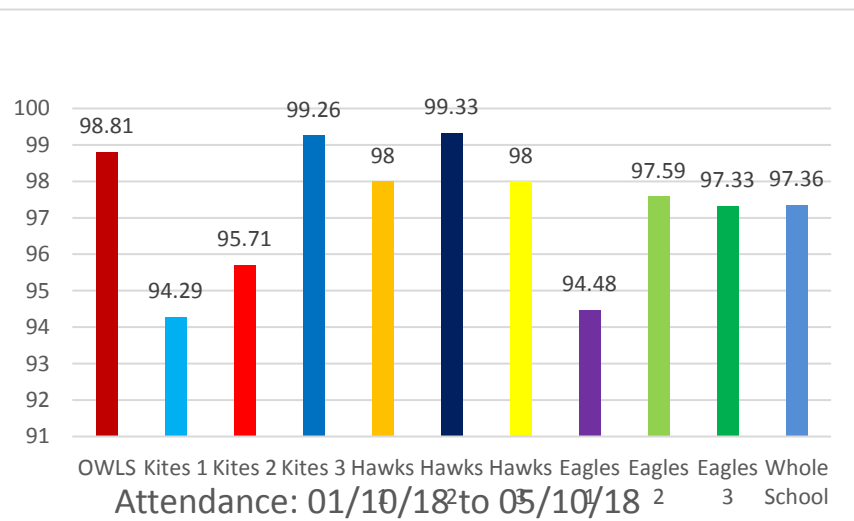
Please be reminded that all absences must be reported to the school office morning of the first day of absence. You should then contact the school daily your child is well enough to return. Children experience sickness and/or diarrhoea should not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout of Please see more information about norovirus below.

House points

Attendance for last week dipped slightly to **97.36%**. Let us all keep working hard to ensure we maintain high attendance at St John's!

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Very well done to **KITES 3** and **HAWKS 2** classes for attendance that exceeded **99%**.



Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful week ahead,

Ian Doswell

Head teacher

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.



Public Health
England

Stop norovirus spreading this winter

Norovirus, sometimes known as the ‘winter vomiting bug’, is the **most common stomach bug** in the UK, affecting people of all ages. It is **highly contagious** and is transmitted by contact with contaminated surfaces, an infected person, or consumption of contaminated food or water.

The symptoms of norovirus are very distinctive – people often report a sudden onset of **nausea** followed by **projectile vomiting and watery diarrhoea**.



Good hand hygiene is important to stop the spread of the virus.

People are advised to:

- Wash their hands thoroughly using soap and water and drying them after using the toilet, before preparing food and eating
- Not rely on alcohol gels as these do not kill the virus

An infection with norovirus is self-limiting and most people will make a full recovery in 1-2 days. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Do not visit either A&E or GPs with symptoms as this may spread the virus.

Further information and advice is available from NHS 111, including an online symptom checker at [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk).

October Beak Art and Craft classes in the Art Rooms at Clevedon School are now booking:

Monday 29th October and Tuesday 30th October.
For ages 5 - 14 years, 9.30am - 3pm.
£20 per session, including all materials.

Please contact trudie.hawkins7@hotmail.com or on **07849821576** for more details or to book a place.

CMA Kayaking Holiday Club

Tuesday 30th October 2018

Clevedon Marine Active is running a morning kayaking session for children aged from 8 to 11 years old on Clevedon's Marine Lake. This session is a perfect opportunity for beginners and those with a little experience in kayaking to have some fun and meet new friends. Children will be given instruction in basic paddling techniques and will play fun, confidence building games, which encourage balance and agility. We will provide each child with a buoyancy aid and helmet, but they will need to bring a wetsuit or suitable clothing (leggings, shorts and t/shirts) with a change or two of clothes and a towel. Footwear should be wet shoes, crocs or old soft trainers. Everyone will need to bring a drink and snack with them. Steve Holland is the chief instructor for kayak sessions. Steve is a British Canoeing Level 2 Coach. As part of the coaching remit, Steve has Professional Indemnity Insurance, are fully first aid trained and hold current DBS certificates. Meet point is the boat store (beside the Coastguard hut) at Marine Lake on Clevedon's seafront (near the Little Harp pub on Elton Road BS21 7RH). There are separate boys and girls changing rooms and a toilet. There is no parking outside the boatshed. ***Please note that the minimum age for this activity is 8 years old.***

*** We will watch the weather in the days leading up to this session. If for any reason we have to postpone we will offer you a session at one of our Easter or Summer Holidays 2019 dates ***

Bookings can be made through Eventbrite