

St. John the Evangelist Church School

NEWSLETTER



Term 2.3 Thursday 19th November 2020



BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have nearly made it to the end of another busy and productive week here in school. Time really is flying by isn't it? It seems no sooner Monday is over than Friday has arrived. I also cannot quite believe we are coming to the end of November, and Christmas is around the corner. I have just drafted a separate letter to you all about our arrangements for Christmas this year and this should be sent to you before the end of this week.

I do hope you are all well and managing to cope during this current lockdown, along with all the heightened unknowns about what might come next. In school our mantra remains as *one day at a time and taking everything in small manageable steps*. We seem to be doing ok and, compared to national levels, Clevedon does not seem to have too many cases currently. I appreciate that some of you will have dealt with the virus first hand, or through relatives and friends, and I do hope you are well and things have improved. I would also reinforce that the school is here to support you all in whatever capacity we can, so do please get in touch if we can help you.

I know some other local schools are experiencing higher numbers of cases and have had to close classes and bubbles. Fortunately, for us, this has not been the case yet and I am grateful to you all for continuing to work with us to protect the school as best we can. I am also grateful to the staff who have really pulled together over the last few weeks to provide cover when staff have been away from work due to having to isolate, seek tests etc.

I am sure it is only a matter of time before we find ourselves in a position to have to close some aspect of the school but I remain positive, and I hope you do too. Whilst we are able to function as fully as we can it is important we work hard to ensure the children are receiving as full and enjoyable education as possible, and that we can really start to see some progress after time lost in the last academic year.

Risk Assessment

Our fully updated COVID risk Assessment can be found here for your information:

[St John's COVID Risk Assessment](#)

Parent Consultations

I am grateful to you all for your support of our online parent consultations, which took place last week. Thank you also to the staff for their efforts in making it as successful as possible. We appreciate the situation was not ideal and for some of you there were technical difficulties etc. If you still require an appointment, either because your child's class teacher was away from school or because you could not get onto the system, more details of replacement dates and times will be sent out at the beginning of next week to those parents affected.

Think You Know Resources

Please see a useful set of resources to support online safety education at home. I have included this at the end of this newsletter.

Clevedon Foodbank collections

As part of our ongoing support of the local community, and following on from our Harvest request, please see details below from our local, foodbank. With Christmas fast approaching, many families will be in greater need over the coming weeks and any help and support you can give them would be much appreciated. We were planning a collection in school but with COVID restrictions continuing it is safer for all concerned to ask for donations to be made directly at this time. Thank you.



HELP FILL THE HAMPERS – by first week in December, please!

Details of what we need most will be regularly updated on our social media, and our donation bins will remain in local supermarkets. Circumstances permitting, a special collection is planned in Tesco, Clevedon, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 19th - 21st November. Posters will be up in the store suggesting items we most need. (Please remember food use by/best before dates need to be long enough.)

AGE- AND GENDER-APPROPRIATE GIFTS

Please give these to us unwrapped, so that we can be sure what we're giving to people (last year, sadly, we found one or two which were inappropriate and could have caused hurt or disappointment). Volunteers will wrap them so you can be sure they will look festive on arrival.

Free School Meals

Please be reminded that your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included

Full details about how to apply for Free School Meals can be found by following the link below:

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

STEM at Home

The opportunities for children to do STEM (Science:Technology:Engineering:Maths) such as after school activities, science fairs and code clubs have all been severely curtailed with the continuing impact of COVID.

STEMforstarters has been set up as a response to this challenge with a growing collection of practical Coding and Science projects that children can enjoy and largely do by themselves. The aim is to support young people, parents, and teachers with ideas for great STEM @Home activities.

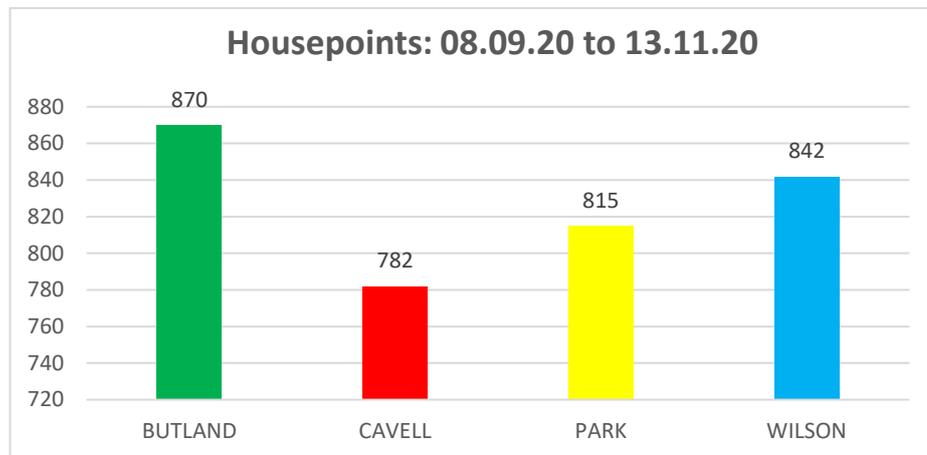
Check out a range of really good resources using the link below:

[STEMforstarters](#)

Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 96.7%. Thank you for continuing to send your children to school at this challenging time, and ensuring we maintain such good attendance.

Housepoints



School Calendar

The full calendar has been updated. Please see the school website for further details

www.stjohnevangelistbwmat.org/about-us/calendar

With every best wish

Ian Doswell

Headteacher

E-Safety



[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 Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) for our school in Mrs Nicola Short, or Mr Doswell in her 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).

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With children indoors and spending more time online during this second lockdown, it's important to continue creating opportunities for conversations about online safety.

For families: [#OnlineSafetyAtHome packs](#)

Our [#OnlineSafetyAtHome packs](#) are still available for parents and carers to use at home. These include fun activities, conversation starters and practical tips on topics such as:

- [Sharing images](#)
 - [Watching videos](#)
 - [Live streaming](#)
 - [Cyber security](#) (developed in partnership with the [National Cyber Security Centre](#))
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Cyber security tips for you

Take a look at our new short guide for:

- 6 Cyber Aware steps you can take to practice good cyber hygiene at home and at work
- Thinkuknow resources that provide learning opportunities around the importance of protecting data and keeping it private

[Read our short guide](#)

Band Runner: our fun educational game for 8 to 10s

Consolidate children's knowledge of the risks they may encounter online and how they can stay safer with [Band Runner](#), our fun interactive game for 8 to 10s.

Based on our Play Like Share series, you can use our game to play with your child at home. Download our [guidance pack and parent helpsheet](#) for further information on how to do this.



NHS Annual Workforce Campaign

Now in its third consecutive year running, NHS England and NHS Improvement, in partnership with NHS Health Education England, has launched its annual workforce recruitment campaign, 'We are the NHS.' The campaign aims to increase positive perceptions of, and pride in, working for the NHS. The campaign celebrates the 350+ roles within the NHS including nursing, the Allied Health Professions and Healthcare Support Workers.

The campaign has been commissioned by NHS England and NHS Improvement and is running until March 2021.

Further information and resources are available [here](#)