



# NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter – it's been another busy week!

## News from around the Classrooms ...

Year 5/6 had a Sikh visitor this week.

Ethan & Phoebe write:

'On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February a Sikh visitor named Bill came in. He told the class about the Sikh religion and what it is like to be a Sikh. He said that his favourite part of being Sikh is that you treat everyone equally. He also told us about honesty, hard work and charity. He told us about the difference between baptised Sikhs and non – baptised ones. The difference is the baptised ones have to be more committed to being Sikh and follow certain rules. He also told us about the 5 Ks. The 5 Ks are symbols that show you are a baptised Sikh.



Thank you Bill for giving up your time to come in and speak to us'.

Kanga	Kesh	Kara	Kirpan	Kachera
	This is the uncut hair which symbolises spiritual power		A Sikh sword, a symbol of respect and justice	
A special comb that represents cleanliness		A steel bangle, symbolising unity, of self and a process of constant learning		A special pair of shorts. These are a symbol of modesty

## St John's Rock Stars!

Lots of children have been working really hard on their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars online. Today in celebration assembly, certificates were given to the children that have reached 'Rock Legend' and 'Rock Star' status and our first ever Times Table Rock Band was formed (see pic below!). Mrs Young is going to be keeping a close eye on Times Tables Rock

Stars to see who is going to make it into the band next term - so don't forget to practise regularly at home.  
If your child does not know how to get onto Times Tables Rock Stars they need to check with their class teacher.



### **Celebration Assembly KS1**

There will be no celebration assembly for KS1 next Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March as we will be celebrating World Book Day.

### **Celebration Assembly KS2**

There will be no celebration assembly for KS2 next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March as we have a visitor from CAFOD coming in to lead workshops across the school.

## **Sports News**

### **Forth-coming Sports Fixtures**

28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y3/4 Gymnastics Festival at Baskervilles, 1-3.20pm

5<sup>th</sup> March – Netball Match v Widcombe Juniors (Away) 3.45-4.45pm

8<sup>th</sup> March – Football Match v Batheaston (Away) 3.45-4.45pm

The teams would be grateful for any support you are able to give at the matches!

## **Staff News**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Catrin Geeson to St John's. Mrs Geeson is our new SENCo, taking over from Mrs Donkor. She has joined us from Marksburry Primary School and has a wealth of experience in Special Educational Needs.

## **Notices**

### **Yr1 and Yr2 Parent Workshops**

Next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, KS1 teachers will be holding workshops for parents in Owls, Kingfishers and Dragonflies. The Yr 1 meeting will be in Owl Class and will be about the phonics screening check and expectations for writing. The Yr 2 meeting will be in Dragonflies Class and will be about the children's preparation for SATs. The workshops will both be 9.00am-9.20am. We look forward to seeing you.

### **Request for Help**

Thank you to those parents who offered to help with getting the new reading books ready. We have now had our delivery of backing plastic and are desperate for more help! In order for these lovely new books to be available for the children to start bringing home, the books all need stamping with the school logo as well as covering with plastic in order to keep them

in good order. There are about 600 books! If you are able to volunteer some time to help, please come and speak to Mrs Sanders or Mrs Rosevere. Once you have been shown how to back the books, you could even take a small box home to do in front of the TV! These are fantastic new books funded by the PTA and it would be great to see the children using them as soon as possible. Thank you!

### **Book Week .....It's Next Week!!**

Don't forget that next week is book week. The annual book fair will take place on Wednesday after school in the main hall and is supported by The Oldfield Park Bookshop. We would be delighted if your child dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday and on Friday we will be doing Drop Everything and Read so please encourage your child to bring a book to school on Friday!

### **Book Week Quiz!**

The staff of St John's have been busy reading; attached is a quiz sheet – can you identify who is behind the books?

### **Mid Somerset Festival – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

The children taking part in the Mid Somerset Festival have been given their Competitor's Entrance Ticket showing the time and venue for their event. This must be taken to the event and shown to the steward on the door. All events are being held in the Citadel, Salvation Army (across from Green Park), post code BA1 1XE. It is expected that parents will transport their children to and from the event as there is no school transport. Just a reminder that school must be informed if your child is taking part during the school day, what time they will be coming and going from school, and whether they are being transported by another parent.

### **School Uniform**

We have postponed the wear tests for a short time as Marks & Spencers have approached us to say that they too are able to offer us samples to wear test. Once all the samples are received from M&S, Tesco and Scholars the wear test will begin!

### **Catering**

We have received notification this week that BANES (Bath & North East Somerset) are ceasing to provide our school meals from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Over the coming months we will be exploring options for a new service provider from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

### **Sports Day 2018 – Have Your Say!**

There will be a meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 8:50am for parents to attend. Mrs Bennett and Mr Rouse will be hosting the meeting and we would love to hear your views and ideas on how we can revamp our Sports Day.

### **Clubs**

Clubs restart as normal this week, if you have any queries concerning your child's club please liaise directly with the club leader as they will have the most up to date information.

As a general rule, assume the club is running unless you hear specifically from the club leader that it's off.

### **Vacancies – Clerk to Governors**

We are currently looking for a new Clerk to Governors. This role involves preparing for and taking minutes of meetings. If you are interested, further information is on the school website.

### **A Day of Faith**

***“We are All Called.....How are we to Respond”*** The Parishes of the Bath Catholic Deanery are collaborating to promote and sponsor a special day for our faith formation together on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10am for 10.30am to 3.30 pm, at the Apex Hotel in Bath.** (opposite the Green Park Station) Refreshments and a light lunch are provided. The day is based on exploring themes of Pope Francis’ teaching for the Church today and will be led by Michelle Moran a leading lay Missionary who has been personally appointed by Pope Francis to work on establishing new structures for the service of renewal and mission in the Church. Please support the development of our shared Bath Catholic Community by coming to this day of reflection about our faith and our transforming task within our world today. P.S. the date is **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** This is mid Lent time. A great time to give this shared task some new thought!

Tickets £10 (£5 students) available through **Eventbrite**. The ticket link is below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/we-are-all-called-how-are-we-to-respond-tickets-42598783107>

### **Diary Dates**

w/c 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Week
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	KS1 workshops for parents 9-9.20am
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3/4 Gym Festival, Baskervilles, 1-3.15pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair after school in the hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	World Book Day – children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Day of Faith 10am – 3.30pm at the Apex Hotel, Bath
5-9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Skern Lodge Residential Trip (Year 6)
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Netball Match v Widcombe Juniors (Away) 3.45-4.45pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mid Somerset Festival
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sports Day meeting for parents, 8.50am
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Football Match v Batheaston (Away) 3.45-4.45pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	PTA meeting 6.15pm in the staff room
16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Reports out to parents
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Dance Umbrella
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Tae Kwon-Do demonstration in Celebration Assembly (EYFS & KS1)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Easter Mass 9.30am, all welcome (school or church to be confirmed)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Non-uniform day in exchange for £1
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	End of Term 4
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Start of Term 5
12 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Parents’ Evening 4-6.30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Parents’ Evening 4-6.30pm
30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Class Photos
24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5

25 <sup>th</sup> May	Inset Day
4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Start of Term 6
24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	End of Term 6

### **Inset days**

The remaining Inset day for this academic year is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

School term dates can be found on the St John's website,  
[www.stjohnscatholicprimary.org.uk](http://www.stjohnscatholicprimary.org.uk); please do take a look for more news and information.

Best wishes,

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