



# St John's C of E Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carers

It has been a really busy five weeks in school with lots of exciting things happen and I would just like to share some of them with you all. The children are now settled into their new classes and working hard. Thank you for supporting us by encouraging your children to have a positive attitude towards school and all that it has to offer.

At the end of this newsletter is a list of dates for the coming year. Please keep your eye on dates as they will be updated as new events get added to our school calendar.

As I shared with you in the letter last week, Mrs Symonds has made the decision to leave St John's at the end of next term. She has made this decision for her own personal reasons. I am sure you will join me in wishing to respect her choices and wishing her all the very best in whatever she chooses to do next. We are actively working to recruit a replacement and once we have done so we will of course share this news with you. We should be able to let you know by the end of October early November.

## School Values

I am pleased to tell you that we have now agreed upon our 6 Christian values and I can now share them with you. They are: **belonging, perseverance, respect, truth, aspiration and forgiveness.**

## Acceptable Use Policy

A pupil's and parent's Acceptable Use Policy has been sent out. There are two copies of each policy one for you to keep and the other needs signing and sent back into school.

## School Policies

On the website there is a selection of policies for your information. However, if you require a paper copy of any of our policies these are available from the school office.

## House Points

As a result of the annual updating of our school's Behaviour Policy we have also updated our house point system. There are a range of behaviours for which children can be awarded house points. These include: being helpful, kind, polite, hardworking and on task. Also for showing perseverance and for working as part of a team. The house points are then collected on the class Dojo and added up at the end of each week.

## Visits and visitors

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September Oak class visited the Gloucester Soldiers Museums and The Gloucester Archives as part of their enquiry into World War 1. Everyone found the day very interesting and learnt lots of new facts.

Oak class have also been working with members of the Forest of Dean Local History Society to improve their knowledge of World War 1.

On Tuesday the local fire service came with a fire engine to visit Rowan and Ash. The children were able to sit in the cab and find out how the fire engine works and information about firefighting.



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Also on Tuesday Hazel class walked down in to Coleford to practise their developing map reading skills.

Chestnut class will be visiting Clearwell Caves on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October as part of their enquiry and they will be learning about mining in the Forest of Dean and child workers. If there are any outstanding payments for this visit could they please be made as soon as possible using ParentPay.

## Harvest

Thank you to all of you who attended the Harvest Festival. A big thank you to the children for all hard work they put in to writing their wonderful poetry – copies can be found on our Facebook page. We are currently collecting tinned and dried goods to go to the Food Bank. If anyone has a donation it can be left with either Mrs. Fulthorpe or Mrs Morton at the school office.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

A very big thank you to all those who gave donations of cakes and who bought cakes at the McMillan Coffee morning last Friday. A grand total of £310.33 was raised for this fantastic cause. Thank you.

## School Elections

During the past 2 weeks we have held school council elections and house captain elections. Below are the children who have been elected.

School Council	
Beech Class	Josh and Rowan
Chestnut Class	Ava and Charlie
Hazel Class	Ethan and Miles
Elm Class	Poppy and Josh
Oak Class	Joe and Skye

House captains	
Cannop	Callie and Joe
Lightmoor	Nicholas and Skye
Norchard	Ellis and Ellie-Mae
Hopewell	Lucas and Zahid

If there is anything you would like to speak to myself or Mrs Quelcuti about you can contact us by phone or via the school office.

Best wishes

Joanne Peaper (Acting Headteacher)



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## Dates for the dairy

### Term 1

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Flu Vaccinations – 9am – <b>POSTPONED</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	-	Chestnut class visit to Clearwell Caves
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	-	End of Term 1 – Finish at 3.15pm

### Term 2

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	-	INSET DAY for pupils - Staff Training
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Start of Term 2
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Parent Bonfire Lunch
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	-	PTA Bonfire night at Angus Buchanan Park - Gates open 5.00pm. Bonfire lit at 6.30pm. Fireworks 7pm. £2.00 Entry fee
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Oak Class worship
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Chestnut Class visit to Skillzone in Gloucester
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Odd Sock day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Whole school walk to Clock tower for Remembrance Service
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Hazel Class visit to Skillzone in Gloucester, leave at 11.30am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Children in Need (More information to follow)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	-	PTA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 6pm
W/c 9 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Nativity Performances (More information to follow)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Worship – Chestnut Class – Baptist Church 9.45am
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	-	End of Term 2 – School closes at 1.15pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	-	Start of Term 3



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**OCTOBER PLAYScheme**  
At The Forest Of Dean Children's Opportunity Centre.  
Available for all children aged 2-7.

Tuesday 29th  
Wednesday 30th  
Thursday 31st  
of October.

9:30 - 3:00  
£9 half day  
£18 full day



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