



St John's Catholic Primary School

Shine, Celebrate and Grow!



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27th September 2019

Please see the school website for Term Dates and Inset Days for 2019/20

Coming Up Next Week

Monday	Y3/4 to the Literature Festival
Tuesday	
Wednesday	EYFS & Y5/6 to the Literature Festival
Thursday	Harvest Festival Y5/6 Netball Trials Y5 Kilve meeting for parents 6pm
Friday	KS1 to the Literature Festival

Harvest

This year, we are sharing our harvest with those less fortunate than ourselves. We are collecting for the Bath Food Bank until Monday 14th October.

The Food Bank ask for donations of non-perishable food with a shelf-life of at least 6 months.

This month, the Food Bank are in need of the following:

- Rice pudding
- Long life fruit juice
- Chocolate
- Tinned custard
- Sponge puddings
- Jam



They currently have more than enough rice, so please don't bring that!

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Parents,

I want to say a huge thank you to Ralphie's dad – Mr Somoza, who held a fundraiser at his work and raised £175 for school. We are going to use this money to pay for hedging in the Forest School Area. This is hugely needed and we are so grateful for this donation.

Next we need to get digging! We are looking for help on the afternoon of Wednesday 9th October from 2pm – 4.15pm, to dig the boundary. If you are able to help even for part of the time please come along and bring a spade.

Next week all the children are going to Bath Literature Festival. This is an invaluable opportunity to meet an author, we are sure that it will inspire our children to delve into a book!

Kind regards,
Mrs Bennett
Headteacher

News from KS2

Last week, Year 5/6 visited Bristol Museum, they took part in an Ancient Egypt workshop looking at a range of interesting artifacts; looked around the museum in groups and visited the Egyptian exhibition. In English, they



have been writing their own poems on the topic of 'truth', on Wednesday afternoon the best poems (as voted by each class) went through to the KS2 final!



Important Notice Regarding Safety

Please do not park on the yellow lines - we need to keep the children safe and the parking at the end of the day is becoming dangerous.

News from St Alphege's

St Alphege's Church Bulletin is attached.

Email Address

The school email address for general enquiries is office@stjohns.bathnes.sch.uk

Poetry Slam 2019

This week we held our school Poetry Slam where representatives from each KS2 class competed against each other in our annual poetry competition. The quality of the poems was extremely high,

the performances were fantastic and it was a very hard decision for our three judges (Mr Rouse, Senora Dean and Mrs Parsons) to pick only two winners.

Congratulations to all of our seven contestants who

represented their classes and themselves so well! Lewis (Otters), Evelyn (Badgers), Robin (Foxes), Charlie (Blackbirds), Freya and Florence (Robins) and Zara from

(Kestrels), they were all fantastic. After much discussion and deliberation our judges decided that our Year 3/4 winner was Lewis Edwards and our Year 5/6 winner was Freya Edwards! A poetical clean sweep for the Edwards family! Lewis and Freya now will represent St John's at the Bath City Poetry Slam next Thursday in the Guildhall.



Governor Spotlight on ...

A regular feature each month will be a profile of one of our governors, allowing you to know them and their roles a little better. It may help you approach them with your thoughts, questions or concerns, and hopefully encourage you to join the governing body when the time is right. This 'spotlight on' focuses on Patrick Quinlan, one of our Foundation Governors..

I'm Patrick Quinlan and some of you may know my wife Clare who is a teaching assistant in Early Years at St John's. Our daughter, Esme is in year one while Toby will be attempting to deconstruct Reception from this September. I've lived in Bath since the early 80's and when I'm not ferrying the children around, I advise and asset manage institutional pension funds on their commercial property holdings along with managing a property company.



I joined the governing body in February 2018 as a foundation governor – our main role is to help raise pupils' standards of achievement. I've been the chair of the Finance & Premises committee since last October where we look at a broad range of areas, from building management and repair plans to budget forecasting and account reconciliation.

The governing body have the ability to shape the direction of a variety of school procurement services. One such area is catering where after investigating various options the school took responsibility of catering ourselves rather than wholly contracting this service out (following the council ceasing the operation of council run catering services in August 2018). The result is that we have a fantastic team preparing on premises a balanced healthy and nutritious menu with pupil uptake increasing. I would urge your children to give the menu a try next term if they're not doing so already.

Lastly, there is a dad's football every Thursday between 8-9pm at Odd Down Sports Ground – please get in touch if you're interested in joining.

Celebration Assembly KS1

There will be no Celebration Assembly for KS1 next Thursday due to the Harvest Festival taking place in the hall.

Celebration Assembly KS2

The following children in KS2 will be receiving certificates in assembly on **Friday 4th October** at 8.55-9.25 am in the hall

Otters — Caspar S, Lilly-Rose C

Badgers — Patryk T, Karen L

Foxes— Ava G, Lucas C

Blackbirds — Alex L, Irene W

Robins — Oskar D, Anni W

Kestrels—Gus M, Natalia T

Sports News

Netball Trials for all Y5-Y6s are being held next Thursday 3rd October on the astro at 3.15pm. A letter has gone out from Mr Rouse with more information, please ensure you send your permission and collection details to him directly by email.

Vacancies

St Gregory's currently have a vacancy for Clerk to Governors. Please see the attached for further information.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School is seeking a temporary learning support assistant/ SMSA. Please look on their school website for further information. Closing date: 11.10.19.

Staff News

Today we say goodbye and thank you to Miss Baker who has been a TA in KS1 for 10 years! We will miss her greatly but she will be coming back in on an ad hoc voluntary basis to help in the infant classes. She will also be running a Christmas Craft Club starting after half term—if your child would like to join please collect a form from the school office.

PTA News

The PTA AGM took place last night; Helen Smith stood down as joint chair, huge thanks to Helen for all her hard work over the last couple of years! Cathleen Lynott has taken over from her and will share the chairmanship with Kirsten Pass. Keep an eye out for forthcoming PTA events!

Kilve Court Residential Trip Y5

The Y5 residential trip to Kilve Court is fast approaching; there are a few people still to make a payment—please ensure your payments are up to date as we have to submit final numbers to Kilve early next week. There is a meeting for parents on Thursday 3rd October at 6pm where you can find out more about the trip and ask any questions you may have.

Dates for Your Diary



30th Sept	Y3/4 Literature Festival
2nd Oct	EYFS Literature Festival
	Y5/6 Literature Festival
3rd Oct	Foxes Class to Mass
	Kilve meeting for Y5 parents, 6pm
4th Oct	KS1 Literature Festival
5th Oct	Open Day at Moorland Road Community Library 11.30am—2pm
7th Oct	Individual and Sibling Photographs
	3:30-6:00pm Parents' Evening
10th Oct	3:30-6:00pm Parents' Evening
17th Oct	Otters Class to Mass
18th Oct	Non Uniform Day for Bishop Declan's 'Mission Together'
24th Oct	Dragonflies Class to Mass
25th Oct	End of Term 1
4th Nov	Start of Term 2
7th Nov	Owls Class to Mass
14th Nov	Flu Vaccinations YR-Y6
18th—20th Nov	Kilve Residential Trip (Y5)
21st Nov	Kingfishers to Mass
	Y6 Maths Challenge, Monkton Prep School
22nd Nov	Mass at Clifton Cathedral
28th Nov	Ducklings Class to Mass
29th Nov	INSET Day
5th Dec	Hedgehogs to Mass
9th Dec	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
10th Dec	Nativity Performance 1.15pm
11th Dec	Nativity Performance 1.15pm
12th Dec	Nativity Performance 5.30pm
16th Dec	Lifeskills Trip Y6
19th Dec	Advent Mass, St Alphege's
20th Dec	End of Term 2
6th Jan 2020	INSET day
7th Jan	Start of Term 3