

*High Academic Standards: Sporting Opportunities: Caring Relationships: Musical Excellence: Christian Values*

**Hello and welcome to the latest edition our newsletter!**

This week at school we have been very busy with our Parent's Meetings. These were postponed from last term, due to lockdown. We have received very positive feedback from parents about how they feel informed about the progress their children are making and where their next steps are, especially in relation to lockdown. These targets will be sent home with your child, in an envelope, at the end of this week. We hope you find them useful.

A little bit further down this newsletter, you will find an update about how Class 3 have been getting on, raising money for their 'Tap Twinning' project.

**Dates for your Diary**

Friday 14 May 2021	Pyjamarama Book Day – please see details below
Friday 28 May 2021	Break up for Half Term
Monday 7 June 2021	Return to school for Summer Term 2
Thursday 17 June 2021	Class 6. Minster School Transition Talk
Monday 5th July 2021	School photos
Friday 23rd July 2021	Last day of term for children
26 – 28 July 2021	INSET days

**Headteacher Citizenship Award**

Here are the children who had their achievements celebrated over the last two weeks. They have all received a certificate to say, 'Well Done!'



Self-Managers		Effective Participators	Resourceful Thinkers	Reflective Learners	Independent Enquirers	Team Workers
Class R	Layton (1 May 21)	Layton has had a great week. He has worked brilliantly in our Maths lessons. He has listened carefully and contributed well.				
	Markus (7 May 21)	WELL! What a wonderful week Markus has had. All the teacher's in Class R have remarked how Markus is really improving his sitting and listening skills. He is really trying hard to concentrate on the task in hand and joining in with answering questions. We are all really proud of you Markus and what you are achieving. Keep it up for us!				
Class 1	Daniel (1 May 21)	Daniel was really involved with the teaching art this week. He listened really carefully and produced a high-quality group of sketches based on Kandinsky's tree of life picture.				
	March (7 May 21)	March has been showing an increasing confidence in her Maths. She is always pushing herself forward onto the higher colour challenges. She listens carefully to the whole class input and then goes to put her learning into action! Well done March. I am very proud of you!				
Class 2	Albie Armstrong	Class 2's nomination this week is Albie. In English we have been reading the story 'The Flower'. Albie demonstrated great empathy and understanding of the				

	(1 May 21)	character 'Brigg' and was able to describe Brigg's feelings throughout the story giving reasons to support his answers. Excellent, thoughtful work Albie!
	Cece (7 May 21)	Cece has grown in confidence in Maths showing great determination to work independently and always do her best. Every morning class 2 have an arithmetic challenge which includes addition, subtraction, division, multiplication and number sentences for finding fractions of amounts. Cece always comes into school and gets straight on with this work. She consistently matches or beats her previous days score and is making great progress. Well done Cece – You are amazing!
Class 3	Lana (1 May 21)	Lana's attitude to learning is really positive and we are really proud of how she is flourishing. She's been making excellent and regular contributions in class. We are really seeing a dedication and enthusiasm to her learning. Keep it up Lana!
	Amelia (7 May 21)	Amelia has been a superstar this week. She always listens carefully to instructions and gets on with her learning, even if she finds something a little tricky she doesn't give up and seeks help from those nearby. She is beginning to feel more confident to contribute in class and we have noticed in particular this week that she has been much more positive about school in general which is really great. Amelia, you are such an important member of our Y3 team. Keep persevering and remember that you are so well thought of. Let that light shine brightly!
Class 4	Charlie (1 May 21)	Charlie really impressed me with the writing that he did this week. He showed real imagination and creativity. Charlie made some excellent vocabulary choices and got into the role of the character he was writing as very effectively. A super job Charlie!
	Lavinia (7 May 21)	Lavinia has really impressed me with her effort and her attention to detail. This week, she produced a detailed diagram in science. Lavinia took lots of care with her work and she ensured that she used key scientific vocabulary in her explanation. Keep up the super work Lavinia!
Class 5	Oliver (1 May 21)	Oliver always has a positive attitude and is eager to learn. Oliver uses the knowledge and understanding he has to help him progress and challenge himself, particularly in Maths and Science this week. Well done Oliver for always being a star!
	Toby (7 May 21)	Toby has shared his passion for all things music this week! He has thrown himself into the pulse and rhythm activities, along with showcasing some smooth moves in true Toby fashion. It is an absolute joy to see Toby thriving in a lesson he is thoroughly enjoying.
Class 6	Tallulah (1 May 21)	Tallulah has worked extremely hard during our recent geography lessons. She has accurately labelled maps of both the UK and the wider world with rivers, cities, seas and more! Excellent work Tallulah!
	Louis (7 May 21)	I have been really impressed with Louis' work this week in Geography. He was able to carefully discuss and consider the similarities and differences between Whitby and Nottingham. He correctly identified similar features such as rivers and valleys whilst contrasting population densities. A super piece of comparative work Louis – well done!

### Pyjamarama Day – Friday 14 May 2021

Don't forget that tomorrow is Pyjamarama day! As you might have read in the last newsletter, this is a day where we can celebrate our love of reading, and also help less fortunate children have access to good quality books.



Children are welcome to come into school on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May in their pyjamas (book character costumes and normal clothes also acceptable) ready to snuggle up in class and listen to some popular stories.

There will also be a collection pot in each classroom for anyone wishing to make a small donation (£1) to the Book Trust fund. Should you wish to find out more, further information about Book Trust and Pyjamarama day can be found on the following website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/pyjamarama>

### Summer Census 2021 – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May

It's that time of year again when the number of meals purchased by the children can positively impact the amount of funding the school receives. We use this money to pay for learning resources for the children – every meal purchased will make a difference. All of our meals are cooked on site, they are super yummy and healthy. They cost £2.35 for two courses which is great value for money. On census day the menu will be burgers (vegetarian or beef option), wedges, salad and honey cake. A tried and tested favourite!

### Class 3 Tap Twinning

Last week, we mentioned that as part of their 'Young Leaders' award on 'National Community', Class 3 had chosen to support the Tap Twinning Charity. Everyone in Class 3 were trying hard to raise £2 each to go towards their £60 target to twin a tap. So far, they have raised £72 which is excellent. Well Done Class 3! Very impressive!



### Lost Property

A watch was handed into the office earlier this week that was found on the school field. Please get in touch with the office if you have lost a watch and think this might be yours.

### Changes in the Operational Guidance for Schools from 17 May 2021

As we are all aware, there are some easing of the lockdown measures from Monday 17 May 2021. Whilst this gives us greater freedoms outside school, the guidance for primary schools remains mainly unchanged. The only slight alteration is a reduction in the amount of recommended times that handwashing should occur. The recommendation is now:

- When children arrive at school,
- When they return from breaks,
- When they change rooms, and
- before and after eating.

All other systems and procedures from our risk assessment remain in place. For example:

- Children will be kept in their class bubbles;
- The staggered start and finish times;
- The one-way system for entering and leaving the school site;
- Maintaining social distancing whilst waiting on the playground;
- Staff and visitors wearing face coverings in communal areas of the school;
- Enhanced cleaning procedures during the day;
- Keeping the number of items being brought in from home to a minimum, including bags;
- Coming in PE kits on their specified days.
- Adults wearing face coverings when on the school premises. Although this is voluntary, we do appreciate your efforts to do this when dropping off and collecting children. It's just another way we can help to keep everyone a little bit safer.

A few parents have enquired as to when the children will be allowed to bring bags into school. The current Government guidance states that 'bags are allowed' to transport items. As the children bring in very little to school (water bottle, lunchbox and once a week, reading books), by not having a bag brought into school, we are following our risk assessment, (which is based on Local Authority guidance) in trying to reduce the 'contact points' and 'transmission bridges' between home and school.

In a secondary school, where the children have text books, exercise books, stationery, hats and coats etc. to carry around with them, then the use of a bag is necessary to keep their possessions together.

By continuing to ensure that all the above points are adhered to, it helps us to maintain a safe working environment for children and adults in the school. It also means that the possibility of having to close class bubbles and move to remote learning, (which I am sure you will agree nobody wants to happen), is vastly reduced.

Currently, the systems we have in place have worked very well since the beginning of the academic year last September and are fulfilling the current safety requirements in school. Please be assured though, that we

review our risk assessment on a regular basis and amend it as necessary. When circumstances and guidance changes, then we will of course adjust our risk assessment accordingly.

*Just a reminder that if your child is unwell, or has any of the symptoms of Coronavirus, please keep them at home and inform us at school; you can send an email to admin@ or call the office on 0115 965 2136.*

### Newsletter from Annie and all at St.Swithuns



Hello Everyone, how has your week been? I do hope it has been a good one.

I imagine you are all looking forward to your Pyjamarama Event on Friday, there is nothing better than reading stories.

This week we at Church have been focussing on reading about what happened to Jesus after Easter. He had spent time with His followers reassuring them and helping them understand that it was now time for Him to return back to Heaven. At Church we celebrate it as Ascension Day which simply means Jesus “ascended” or went up to Heaven. Jesus also promised His followers He would not leave them alone, He would leave them a helper to be with them all the time, in times when they felt happy or sad or alone. This helper is called the Holy Spirit and we especially remember this on Sunday, and it is called Pentecost. We cannot see the Holy Spirit just like we cannot see the wind, but we can feel it, we can feel the Holy Spirit in our hearts, it is reassurance that we are always cared about and loved. The Holy Spirit is also represented by flames and a dove. If you would like to read all about it, you can find the story in the Bible in the New Testament in a book called Acts Chapter 2 verses 1-4. This book is all about how the followers of Jesus did various acts helping people and caring for people. This is just like the Acts of Random Kindness you are always doing.

On Sunday we will be thinking about how the Holy Spirit brings us a feeling of peace when we are scared, helps us think about doing the right thing and about helping and caring for others and also about how we can feel comforted when things are hard. If you would like to know more about this time in our Churches year, we have a trail through the Churchyard with some facts about it and see if you can spot 5 pictures of flames and 5 doves around the path. Have fun.

We hope all is going well for Class 3 too in their project of tap twinning and all they have been doing to raise the money, it is a fantastic thing to do. We are praying for you and look forward to hearing more about what you have been doing and seeing your Certificate.

Know we are always thinking of you all at School and praying for you all, keep on caring and looking after each other. You are awesome ambassadors to the Community around School and in School. Well Done.

Look forward to speaking to you again soon. Have a great week next week.

God Bless. Annie <:)))><... 

### Prayer

If you would like to make this prayer your own, then please say the Amen at the end.

Father God

We thank you that you care about us all, each and every one of us.

You care when we are happy and when we are sad,

When we feel lonely and when we are finding things hard.

We pray that we will keep on helping and caring for each other just as you do.

Help us to keep on being kind, being gentle and being patient even when things seem difficult.

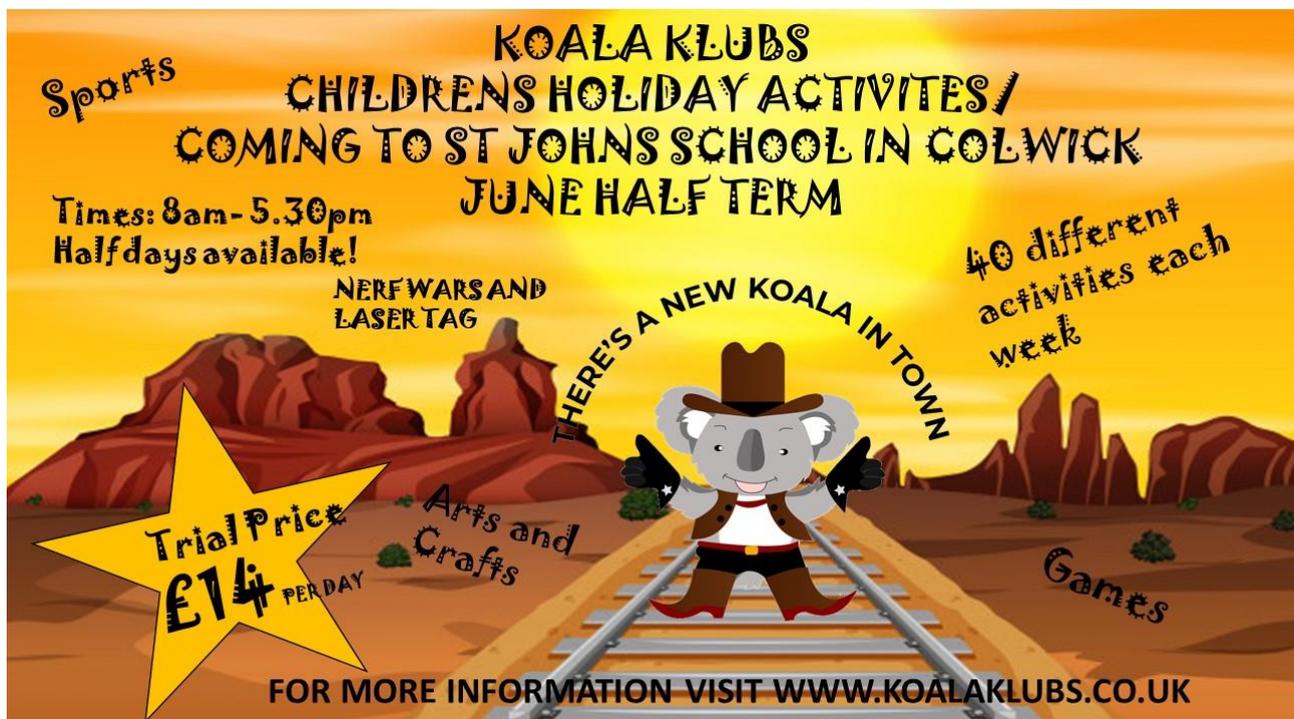
Be with us all in School and be with us all in the places where we live.

Thank you, Father God.

In Jesus name we pray

Amen

## Half Term Holiday Club



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We opened our first activity camp back in 2009. Our vision was to offer exceptional fun and experiences for children they won't forget!

Beginning with one summer camp in Nottingham, Koala Klubs offered something different for children in the school holidays. Our activity day camps went above and beyond to offer the widest range of activities to suit every child's interests. We continue to review our activities and invest in equipment to ensure we offer a unique experience for children.

### Our core values:

Knowing and understanding your children  
Offering value for money  
All children have fun and want to come back  
Loyal, friendly, family based  
Ability to be flexible

### What our customers say:

*'My son did not want to leave today and cannot wait for tomorrow!'*

*'My daughter... has loved her first day at the club and made new friends.'*

*'Absolutely fantastic... a massive range of activities, lots to keep the children entertained...'*

*'... Had a lovely time... we have recommended friends who have also been this week and had a good time too...'*



**Letting Children build memories they'll never forget!**