



NEWSLETTER

26th October 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Please see below for this week's news and information.

News from around the Classrooms

Year 3/4

In their RE lessons Badgers class have been thinking about how they can be Stewards of Creation and the attached report shows the work they have been doing.

Día de los Muertos

You may have noticed the cheerful floral displays in Southgate over the past week, which are part of Bath's celebrations for next week's Mexican Day of the Dead. Key Stage 2 have been learning about all the traditions associated with this special family time. Thank you to Rhiannon and Cadel for bringing in and sharing *alebrijes* decorations from Mexico, and well done to all the children in Year 3/4 who have been making and baking '*pan de muerto*'. Anna, Max and Jamie did a super job mixing the sweet dough and glazing all the loaves. The results were delicious!

Look out for the colourful Carnival procession in Southgate on 1st November:



<https://www.southgatebath.com/news-events/day-dead-southgate-bath>



Times Tables Rock Stars



Well done to our new Times Tables Rock Band this week – keep up the hard work!
Remember, if you haven't done so already you can download the Times Tables RockStars App for free.

Rocksteady Music Competition

Congratulations to Tilly in Owls Class who is the lucky winner of the Rocksteady competition. Your Rockleader Ellie and your 'band mates' look forward to you joining them next term.

Notices

Author to Visit St John's Exciting News for Years 3 and 4!

Year 3/4s will now be able to meet bestselling superstar author Andy Stanton when he visits the school on the 13th November. Andy Stanton will give a special assembly for our Key Stage 2 children and visiting children from Moorlands. Andy Stanton, the author of the million selling Mr Gum series, will be talking about his new book Natboff: A Million Years of Stupidity. Further information will be sent out after half term as well as an opportunity to pre-order the book on ParentPay.

School Uniform

Don't forget that after half term children will be expected to come in to school in full winter uniform. Girls should have black shoes, not boots; boys should have black shoes not trainers. Navy jumpers with the school logo are available from the PTA.

School Dinners

Don't forget to send in your child's meal pattern form for dinners next term. As you know the new dinners have been extremely successful, if your child would like to start having a school meal, or would like to change the days on which they have them, please complete and return the form.

Please note that on the new menu, Wednesday's roast is either Pork or Chicken on alternate weeks. The first Wednesday back it will be Pork.

Celebration Assembly KS1

The following children in KS1 will be receiving certificates in assembly next Thursday 8th October at 9.10-9.35am in the hall:

- **Dragonflies** – Ava G, Jahmiah H
- **Kingfishers** – Lacey R, Oscar R
- **Owls** – Thomas C, Matilda W

Celebration Assembly KS2

There will be no Celebration assembly for KS2 on Friday 9th November due to a whole school assembly on the theme of Peace, which we are holding to mark 100 years since the end of World War 1 and to pray for peace in our world.

Does your child have an inhaler in school?

If your child has an inhaler in school, they will be bringing them home to be checked and cleaned over the holidays; please ensure that they are brought back in on the first day after the holidays if they are still needed.

Year 6 – Secondary School Applications

Please don't forget to complete your child's secondary school application – the deadline for applications is **31st October 2018**. For any further information please contact School Admissions, details can be found on the BANES website.

Year 3/4 Data Forms

If you've not already done so, please ensure you return your child's data form with any amendments as necessary.

News from St Alphege's

Please see attached for this week's Church Bulletin from St Alphege's.

Sports News

Cross Country Success

Official results are now in and St John's Year 6 Girls are B&NES cross-country champions! Congratulations to them!!

The inter-school competition took place at the Odd Down Sports Field and involved a circuit of the whole perimeter. Over the past few years St John's have managed to get a number of runners in the top ten, which qualifies them to represent the county.

This year we had 5 runners in the top 10: Beatrice, Eloise, Hannah, Phoebe, Gus.

The overall results:

- Yr 6 girls 1st/17 teams
- Yr 6 boys: 12th/17 teams
- Yr 5 girls =13th/17 teams
- Yr 5 boys: 7th/18 teams



St Mark's Primary Football Festival

30 players from Bathford Primary, St Saviour's Juniors and St John's Catholic Primary met on the St Mark's astroturf for an end of term football festival. Teams played two matches each with St Saviour's coming out on top with 2 wins whilst Bathford had one victory. The matches took place on over-sized pitches so that all could play, this led to lots of space for players to show their different skills. Mr Rouse (who was unable to coach due to being the ref for all matches) was especially pleased that there were 5 girls taking part, 3 from St John's, all of whom took prominent roles. The star players were the goal keepers who bravely threw themselves around to keep the scores lower than expected as there were so many shots on target.



Scores:

- Bathford 2 - 0 St John's
- St Saviour's 5 - 0 Bathford
- St Saviour's 5 - 1 St John's

Indoor Athletics

St John's have secured a place in the B&NES Yr 5&6 Indoor Sportshall Athletics competition to be held on Thursday 13th December 2018 from 3.45-5.45pm.

We will be taking part in 6 field and 6 track events (listed below); the team will be selected by last year's Sports Day results and trials which will take place during PE lessons. Please encourage your children to practise the events at home. For more information please click on the following link. <http://www.sportshall.org/>

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| ~ 4x2 Relay | ~ Chest Push |
| ~ 1+1 Lap | ~ Standing Long Jump |
| ~ 2+2 Lap | ~ Standing Triple Jump |
| ~ 6 Lap Paarlauf | ~ Soft Javelin |
| ~ 4 x 1 Hurdle | ~ Vertical Jump |
| ~ 4 x 1 Relay | ~ Speed Bounce |

PTA News

Film Night – 22nd November 2018

Don't forget to complete and return your form with payment to the PTA post box in the front reception area. A copy of the form is attached, and they are also available from the school office.

Dates for Your Diary

26 th Oct	Half Term
5 th Nov	Start of Term 2
8 th Nov	PTA meeting 2.30pm, school meeting room
9 th Nov	Peace Day
12 th Nov	Girls' Football tournament 12-4pm, Odd Down Sports Complex

12 th Nov	Choir performance in assembly
13 th Nov	Author visit
19 th Nov	Y1 & Y2 Viking Day (more details to follow)
21 st Nov	EYFS parents' reading session 9:00am
21 st Nov	Youth Speaks competition
22 nd Nov	Film Night (PTA event – more details to follow)
23 rd Nov	Inset day
25 th Nov	Mass at Ss Peter and Paul, 10am – joint Parish and school Mass
30 th Nov	Chaplaincy Team Commissioning Clifton Cathedral
30 th Nov	EYFS Pirate Party Day
w/c 10 th Dec	EYFS and KS1 Nativity
11 th Dec	Y6 Life Skills
11 th Dec	Nativity Play 1.45pm
12 th Dec	Nativity Play 1.45pm
12 th Dec	EYFS height and weight screening
13 th Dec	Nativity Play 6pm
13 th Dec	Y5/6 Indoor Athletics
14 th Dec	Christmas Disco (PTA event – more details to follow)
18 th Dec	Carol Service at St John's church 6.30pm (Choir involved)
19 th Dec	Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm (more details to follow)
21 st Dec	End of Term 2
7 th Jan 2019	Inset day
8 th Jan	Start of Term 3

Inset days

The inset days for the rest of this academic year are as follows:

- Friday 23rd November 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Friday 24th May 2019

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

Have a lovely half term break!
Best wishes

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