



St. John's CE Primary School

Summer term Newsletter



Greetings from St. John's. It's a long one so get a cuppa!

Vision and Values:

We are giving our 'Vision and Values' a spring clean so we could really do with your help please.

Firstly, a survey will be sent home shortly. We'd really appreciate your views if you've got 5 minutes spare. Returned surveys will be quarantined before they're analysed.

Secondly, would you like to be part of our 'Parent Vision and Values Committee'? You'd be part of developing our new Vision and Values here at St. John's. If this is something you'd like to be involved with, please email me:

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Worship:

Our focus for this half term is Jesus's parables and the lessons they teach us like being kind and forgiveness. We'll enjoy reading: The Good Samaritan, The Lost Sheep, The Hidden Treasure, The Lost Son, The Two Builders and The Sower.

We have also tried to keep up with our daily gratitudes. What thing three things are you grateful for today?

PTA:

A huge thank you to the PTA for their continued support and hard work. The Easter raffle raised an amazing £361! Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and I hope you winners enjoyed your chocolate. Our Summer PTA plans will be released soon.

Year 6 visit to Stanley Head:

Fingers crossed that the planned trip to Stanley Head for 3 days of fun, adventure and challenge will still go ahead. I know our Year 6 pupils are excited about their visit. I can't wait to hear all about it. Medical and consent forms will be coming home soon.

Meet the team:

Hi, my name is Lynne, I am a mum of two and I help to run a family business - Lynnes Pet Feeds - in our lovely village of Wetley Rocks and I have been invited to introduce myself as I am also the Chairperson of St Johns PTA.



I have been involved with the PTA for several years. I am really looking forward to been able to get back to fundraising in person again soon. I can't wait for the next disco – seeing the children dressed up and enjoying themselves – it's my highlight of the school year.

If you have any ideas or would like to chat I am usually around on the school run or can be contacted via the office or on the 'St Johns School Wetley Rocks PTA' Facebook page. You can also find the link for the next PTA meeting, **Monday 17th May at 6.30pm**, on there.



What we've been up to:

Accelerated Reader Success:

A huge well done to Max T, Beth R, Reuben T, Noah B, Lois H, Ellie K, Max W, Luke W and Isaac W for achieving 'Word Millionaire' status! Excellent reading – well done. 😊

New Playground Equipment:



We are very excited about our new playground equipment which we've started to set up. Pupils have new play opportunities which we hope will make their break times lots more fun.

Have you got any Lego / building blocks that you're not using and wouldn't mind donating to us please? If so, please put them in the red box outside the front of the school – thank you!

Development of the Early Years Outdoor Area:

We have big plans to develop our Early Years outdoor area over the next academic year so that we can make the most of our fabulous outdoor space. We will be securing the Millennium Garden for our little people which will include vegetable patches and a forest school area.

A day at the seaside:

Get your bucket and spades ready! Our Early Years team will soon be having a day at the seaside – details to follow soon.



Year 1:

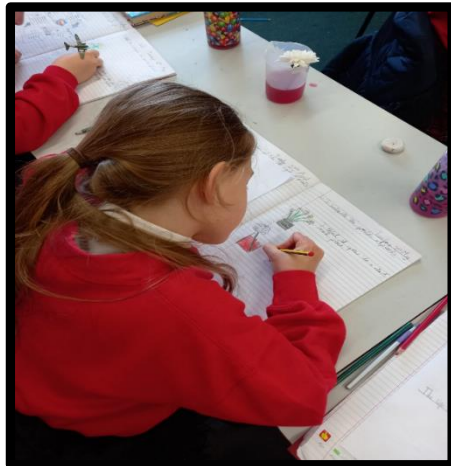
Year 1 have been studying The Great Fire of London this half-term. As part of this topic, they have created some pieces of art based on the fire where they used red and yellow to paint a fiery backdrop and even mixed the 2 colours together to make orange. They then created a silhouette of the London skyline from black card and placed it in front.

Year 2:

Year 2 have spent the last 2 science lessons investigating the wonderful world of mini beasts.

Last week they searched for as many different creepy crawlies they could find, making careful observations of their habitats.

This week they set up an experiment to find out what conditions woodlice preferred, and used their results to create a suitable overnight hotel for them.



Year 3:

Year 3 have been investigating how water is transported in plants. They have been working scientifically to predict what they think will happen. The children provided reasons for their predictions which demonstrates their understanding of the functions of parts of plants.

Year 3 have also been busy writing a news report about a super hero – David Attenborough – who is working hard to save the planet against climate change. They've posted some of their work to him, so fingers crossed we'll get a reply.

Year 4:

This term in Year 4, pupils have been learning about the rainforests of the world. They have learnt about the layers of the rainforest and some children, as part of their homework, decided to create a rainforest in a box.

They've also been busy writing letters to Boris Johnson asking him to ban the use of palm oil in all supermarket products, so fingers crossed for a reply!



Year 5:

The children have been producing some fantastic vector drawings in computing lessons which can be found on our website page. They have been developing their drawing tool skills and knowledge of short cuts. We are nearing the end of our English and topic work on Anglo-Saxons. The children particularly enjoyed re-enacting the Battle of Hastings which involved some very dramatic deaths!

Year 6:



A huge well done to Year 6 for achieving 'Master Class' status with the Accelerated Reader scheme – they have a class average of 25 minutes daily reading time, 90% of pupils have an 85%+ quiz pass rate for their reading quizzes. Great work Year 6.

We're not sure how it'll work yet but where there's a will there's a way, so sit back and await the arrival of our end of year **school production** which Year 6 are currently working on: 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'.

A Win for Stoke City:

We are all super proud of Freddie - top goal scorer for Stoke City last night in their match against Congleton. Freddie trains with Manchester and Derby County and his local team (Cheadle) are currently top of the league. Freddie puts his success down to his dedicated attitude and lots of training. Great work Freddie!



In Other News:

Parking:

Please be mindful of local residents during collection times. Remember that the Village Hall carpark is available for parent use. We will start the **Walking Bus** as soon as we can. Thank you ☺

Moorlands Scouts:

With lockdown coming to an end, are you ready to get outside and start your next adventure? Then join Moorlands District Scouts and learn some new #SkillsForLife. You can be part of the adventure, learning new skills and making new friends. They cater for every age range and have 8 Groups spread across the Staffordshire Moorlands waiting for you to join! Parent information poster is available on the school website (parents / letters / other).

Covid update:

As restrictions lift, we hope you can enjoy more social time together. In school, we will remain in bubbles for now. We thank you for wearing masks where social distancing is not possible. Please remember that we are not able to authorise holidays taken during term time.

Thank you!

A big thank you to those who have taken the time to bring things to our attention and discuss any issues – we want St. John's to be the best it can be and your feedback for that is vital. I'm usually manning the Key Stage 2 gate in the mornings so please feel free to come and have a chat or shout hello! ☺

A prayer for Summer...

Heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us through the Easter holidays, and back to school for the Summer Term. We thank you for your Son and His sacrifice upon the cross, and His Resurrection to New Life.

As we approach this Summer Term and we see the promises of New Life springing up around us, may we learn of, appreciate and understand the surroundings in which we live. May our lives show kindness to the earth, nature, and to one another as we learn, share and love each other.

Thank you for the lives of those that have gone to be with you over the last year, including Philip Duke of Edinburgh. May our lives reflect your love in everything we do, as he reflected his love for the Queen and country.

Bless our teaching staff, dinner ladies/men and all those that volunteer in our school, may they know and see your love in our bright and shining faces each day within our school.

Amen

We'll leave you with a prayer for Summer.

Take care everyone and we're looking forward to seeing you soon.

Very best wishes. Mrs Stone and the St. John's team