



St. John's CE Primary School

November Newsletter



Greetings from St. John's ☺

Vision and Values

We are all very excited to share our new St. John's Vision and Values with you. We have been working hard with pupils, staff, governors, parents and Reverends Steve and Michael from St. John's Church to develop a Vision and Values which will enable our school community to flourish:

<https://www.st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk/prospectus-vision-values/>

Our Vision:

To develop within ourselves an understanding of what is right and fair, and to have the strength to face challenges and do the right thing. To be people of hope.

To celebrate individuality, and to respect ourselves, others and the world in which we live. To be the best we can be.

Our Motto:

Shine like the star you are.

Our new Vision and Values is displayed in our school entrance hall along with examples of pupils demonstrating the values in action.

Our Values (SHINE):



Strength: have the strength to stand up for what is right. Be a courageous advocate.

Hope: to be people of hope. Have hope when times are dark and difficult. Keep positive and be resilient – there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Individuality: embrace and celebrate our differences. God made us all unique and this is a very special thing.

Nurture: cherish, care for, encourage and protect everything in God's world - including yourself.

Excel: fulfil your God given potential; be the best you can be. Shine like the star you are.



We already have some great examples of pupils showing our values in action outside of school, for example:

Oliver who overcame his fear of the open water when he went kayaking in Wales recently – a great example of ‘strength’. Well done Oliver!



A great example of ‘Excel’ for Kai who was awarded ‘Player of the Match’ recently for his team in Werrington – super work Kai!

If you have any examples of our school community (children and adults) putting our values in action, please feel free to share so we can celebrate them together via our newsletters or display in the entrance hall.

Positive Behaviour and Rewards System

Our Vision and Values will be at the heart of our policy and procedure here at St. John’s including our **new positive behaviour and rewards system** – details to follow soon!

It’s Christmas!

It’ll soon be that time of year again when we celebrate the special time of year that is Christmas.

This year, we’re having a Christmas fun day on **Wednesday 8th December** and it’s going to be jam packed! Dig out those Christmas jumpers as we’ll be collecting money for charity by celebrating ‘Christmas Jumper Day’ (suggested donation of £1 cash please).



We are very much looking forward to a **Christingle Service at St. John’s Church on Wednesday 8th December**. **Key Stage 2’s service will be at 10am** and **Key Stage 1 will be at 1:30pm**. Covid permitting, we are over the moon to be able to invite you along to celebrate with us!

We thank you for abiding by our control measures:

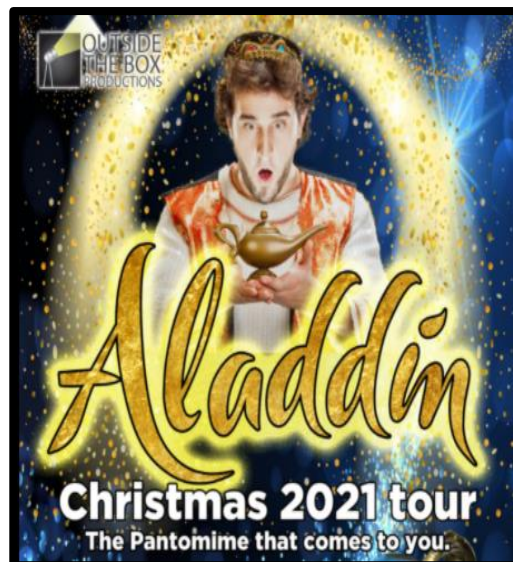
- Only one person per child is able to attend.
- A negative lateral flow test result on the morning is required.
- Please only attend if you are Covid-19 symptom free.
- Please wear a mask whilst in church or in congested areas outside.



And to top off the day, we will be having our very own **pantomime in school** from 'Outside the Box Productions' – OOOOohhhhh no we won't! OOOH YES WE WILL! ☺

KS1 Nativity / Open Days

We are very aware that visits to school have been very limited during Covid times, and some parents haven't visited us at all! We hope to address that this half term. Covid permitting, KS1 classes are going to hold some 'Nativity / Christmas' based activities which we would love to invite you to. We will combine these with an informal 'open day' to give you a chance to have a look around and have a chat with us. More details to follow soon.



School Attendance / School target: 96%-100%

Regular school attendance is the key to enabling children and young people to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community. Good attendance is especially important after the disruption due to Covid-19. We are working closely with the Education Welfare team to ensure that pupils have good attendance. Our attendance policy has been reviewed and will be available soon.

After School Sports Club



BEE ACTIVE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

**Book now for Autumn Term
Bee Active After School Clubs!**

We are delighted to be able to offer your child the opportunity to participate in extra curricular Bee Active clubs at St John's Wetley Rocks.
We welcome children of all abilities and guarantee that your child will have a blast in every session.

Year 3/4 Multi Skills
Tuesdays (15:30 – 16:15)
Start: 02/11/21 End: 14/12/21
£3.50 per session
Maximum: 20 Children

If you would like your child to participate in the above sessions, you can book now by visiting: **www.beeactive.co.uk** or call us during office hours on **01782 205 915**
Places are strictly limited and will be secured on a first come, first served basis.

Pupils will need to bring their PE kit into school and will get changed at the end of the day before the session. Please note that ALL sessions will be delivered outside so pupils will need appropriate clothes for that day's weather. All of the Bee Active coaches are DBS checked, insured and first aid trained.

On Tuesdays, the BeeActive sports coaches will be running a fun-filled, multi-skills club after school from 3:30pm-4:15pm for just £3.50. This term's club will be for Years 3 and 4 and will take place outside on the MUGA.

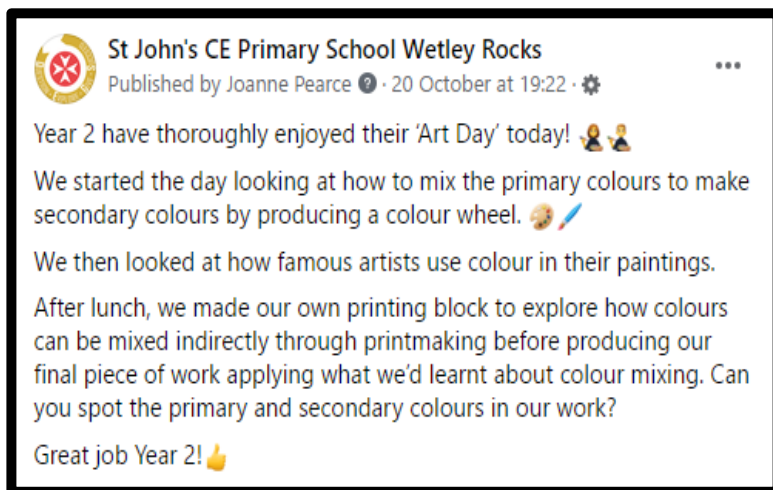
Places will be on a first come, first served basis and can be booked by visiting the BeeActive site <http://www.beeactive.co.uk> or by calling **01782 205 915**.

More information can be found on the school website: <https://www.st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk/sports-pe-events/>

What we've been up to:

Keep up to date with our news and what's going on in classes with our school Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnswetleyrocks>



A huge thank you to Lynne Parker for writing a prayer for our newsletter:

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your constant love and strength in our lives. We pray today Lord, that we might provide love & strength to our friends here in school. Help us that we might live with constant hope in our lives, & show our individuality in our lessons and play. Give our teachers, support staff and parents, wisdom in their nurturing of each of us as we grow in height, knowledge and excel in our gifts of talents.

May our School come into its own in our community and SHINE out into the world as a place where love and God exist.

Amen

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

SHINE like the star you are.

Very best wishes.

Mrs Stone and the St. John's team

