



“Celebrate life in all its fullness. Let's learn together in God's love”

RESPECT

OPPORTUNITY

COLLABORATION

ASPIRATION

A few words from Mrs Bamfield.....

It has been wonderful to welcome many of our parents and carers into school this week for our parents evening. I have also had the pleasure of meeting with prospective parents and showing them around the school. There were many positive comments about how calm and purposeful our learning environment was how polite and respectful the children were. Last week, we held our first 'Parent/Carer' forum meeting and I would like to thank those of you who attended. This forum provides an opportunity for the school to seek parental responses and common themes discussed will be taken back to our leadership team.

Cross country: I had the pleasure of attending the cross country event with some of our Year 5 and 6 children this week. The children demonstrated great resilience and were encouraging one another throughout the event. Thank you to Mr Livingston for organising this event- further information about the event can be found below.

Exemplary behaviour: Our Year 5 children have been taking part in their cycling proficiency training over the past few weeks and have been commented on how well behaved and polite they have been throughout the sessions. Their instructor met with me as he wanted to say that, out of all the school that he visits, the children at St John's are exemplary and he thoroughly enjoys working here. Well done- what a fantastic comment!

PTA AGM and Colour Run: Please read the information below about the upcoming AGM meeting and re-scheduled Colour Run. Both events are happening next week in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Pupil Leadership Roles- updates

Spiritual Leaders have led two collective worship based on our value of thankfulness. They have shown dedication to their role and have all actively participated in the worship. They will also be focusing on our spiritual garden and looking at ways to further improve this area and ensure that it is a place for calm reflection.

School Council are looking at ways to improve reading throughout the school and have gathered views from their classes to share at our next meeting. They have suggested that an author visit would be a great start and will be looking into organising this. They are also keen to introduce reading rewards for those children reading at least 4 times per week.

House Points Results

Well done to everyone for their efforts. The results each week are very close! Keep up the fantastic effort and exemplary behaviour. Thank you to our house captains for collating the results each week.

	Earth	Fire	Water	Sun
House Captains	Phoenix and Mia	Prince and Izzy	Alfie and Cora	Luka and Holly
Week 3	4 th	3 rd	1 st	2 nd
Week 4	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd

Reading Volunteers at St John's- a request for your help!

Reading Challenge Results

Reading is such an important skill for all learning. We are asking for volunteers to come in between 2:30pm and 3:15pm – just before the end of the school day – to listen to children reading and to and discuss their reading book. We hope that half an hour's commitment would be manageable. Please let us know if you are interested by contacting the school office. We appreciate your help and continued support.

Year	25/09	02/10
Year 1	32%	57%
Year 2	62%	69%
Year 3	33%	40%
Year 4	39%	39%
Year 5	43%	40%
Year 6	45%	29%

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 who were the winners of the attendance cup for both weeks.



18th – 22nd September

YR	99.3%
Y1	94.8%
Y2	94.7%
Y3	99%
Y4	98.7%
Y5	100%
Y6	94.2%

25th – 29th September

YR	96.7%
Y1	91.7%
Y2	92%
Y3	97%
Y4	99.4%
Y5	100%
Y6	97.7%



Eco Council

Congratulations to the Eco-Councillors after achieving the green flag award from Eco-Schools.



Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 had a fantastic time doing their bikeability! They enjoyed practising their road safety in the playground and then out on the roads. All those who took part passed with flying colours and their instructor commented on how well they represented St Johns!

B&NES Y5 and Y6 Cross Country

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 Cross Country teams, who ran a distance of 1.2km by participating in the B&NES cross country at Odd Down. All those laps of the school field, dedicating their lunchtimes paid off and they should be very proud. In each race, there were around 60 pupils running.

Well done to:

Y6 girls and placement

Lily - 8th

Amber - 9th

Ella - 20th

Emily - 25th

Mia M - 34th



Y5 girls and placement

Poppy - 8th

Phoebe - 23rd

Ava - 29th

Rose - 30th

Erin - 32nd



Y6 boys and placement

George - 7th
William - 8th
Phoenix - 11th
Isaac - 12th
Oscar - 29th



Y5 boys and placement

James - 19th
Arthur - 20th
Archie - 25th
Eddie - 30th
Noah - 35th



Brendan Rouse Visit

On Thursday 5th October some pupils from across the school were invited to join Brendan Rouse in some Physical Activity workshops. He focused the workshops around tag tails and skipping. Using different methods and equipment to build their knowledge and confidence. As you can see from the delight on the children's faces, they clearly enjoyed themselves.



Brave the Shave

A huge well done to all of the people who took part in Brave the Shave – they definitely were very brave!! Also a big thank to those who donated money to support MacMillan Cancer Support as part of this event.



Zambia Event

St John's Church and our school have linked up with a parish in Chipata South. The school had a visit last year from Father Benard who told us more about life in Chipata South. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer about a Zambian evening being held at St John's Church on Saturday 14th October, which you are all warmly invited to.



#Hello Yellow Tuesday 10th October 2022

Here at St Johns we are very happy to be supporting this wonderful charity again this year.

This will be a uniform day, children are invited to come into school wearing something yellow on this day for a donation of £1.00, please use the link below in our diary dates to make donations. Please note Cash will not be accepted.

Communication: If you ever have any queries, questions or concerns, we encourage you to talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Our office team can support by phone or e-mail at enquiries@stjohnsprimaryschool.org.uk, including messaging to the class teacher if necessary. If this does not resolve the matter, then please speak with me or a member of the leadership team. I am out in the playground first thing so either catch me there to discuss making an appointment or ask the office to make one.



St John's Association (PTA) Update



<https://st-johns-school-association.sumupstore.com/product/colour-run>

Only a week to go! Ticket sales are carried over from July and previous Y6 students have been invited back to attend. Tickets for new YR children, as well as those who were unable to make it last time can be purchased via the link above.

There is an FAQ document available on the PTA section of the school website which we hope will answer any questions you might have about the event.

We still need volunteers to ensure the event runs smoothly, if you are able to help, please take a look at signupgenius.com (shared on class WhatsApp groups) and add yourself to a role. Alternatively, please contact your class rep or email talktothepta@outlook.com.

Tuesday 7th November - Bags2School collection: An excuse for a post half term clear-out! Please drop bags in the undercover area by reception before 9am. Any waterproof bag or bin liner is fine. For details of items accepted for donation, please refer to posters (to follow).

Other important upcoming dates:

Friday 8th December, after school: Christmas Fair & Grotto. Details to follow.

Please watch this space for news of other events, following the AGM. We will also be in touch about **Xmas4schools Christmas cards**.



Generate **free donations** for our PTA with the simple click of a button every time you shop online. Shop through the app or the donation reminder tool. Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to our PTA whenever you buy with them online. You can still use your usual shop accounts and claim your customer rewards! Please click the link to register:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=115105&invite=uqm3kz&referral-campaign=c2s>

Dates for Diary

10 th October	Hello Yellow Y6 Lifeskills Trip PTA AGM	Children to wear yellow link below for donation https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-johns-primary-school-1694001781200?utm_term=ej2p28jE2 Children to bring packed lunch, payment via MCAS School Hall 7-8pm
11 th October	Boys Football Match Away	Chew Stoke 3:30-4:30pm
12 th October	Open Afternoon for Reception 2024 at 2pm Girls Football Match Away	Oldfield Park 3:30-4:30pm
13 th October	Fraser Portraits individual PTA Colour Run	Pre-school children to arrive at 8.30am 3:30-5:30 school field
17 th October	Netball Match Away	Newbridge 3:30-4:30pm
18 th October	Harvest Celebration at School @10am (Y1 –Y6) YR Harvest Celebration	Parents invited 14:45 in classroom parents invited
19 th October	Netball Tournament	Wellsway School 3:45-5:45pm
20 th October	End of Term	
23 rd - 27 th October	Half Term	
30 th October	Back to school at 8.50 prompt	
1 st Novemner	Y4 Cross Country	Odd Down 1pm-4pm
2 nd November	Girls Football Tournament Away Open Afternoon for Reception 2024 at 2pm	Odd Down 9:30am-12:15pm
7 th November	PTA Bags2School	
8 th November	Diwali Day	More information to follow



13 th November	Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying week	More information to follow
16 th November	Girls Football Match Away	Oldfield Park Juniors 3:30-4:30pm
17 th November	Children in Need Term 2 Open Afternoon	More information to follow 14:45 in classrooms parents invited
28 th November	Talent Show – celebrating differences	More information to follow
1 st December	Keynsham School carol concert 10.30-11.30am	KS2 Only
8 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day PTA Christmas School Fayre	More information to follow More information to follow
12 th December	Christingle Service	St Johns Church
13 th December	KS1 Nativity performance	
14 th December	KS2 Nativity Performance	
15 th December	Christmas party End of Term	

Keynsham – Chipata South Parish Link

Zambia Evening

Saturday 14th October 6pm in the Parish Hall, for all ages.

An evening of songs, fun, food and fundraising. Come dressed in **Zambian colours** (red, gold, black, green)– there will be prizes for the most original ideas!

Please book on **Eventbrite** so we know the numbers for catering.

There will be no charge for food, however, **donations are welcome**. Bring your own drinks or try a Tropical Mocktail!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zambia-evening-at-st-johns-parish-hall-keynsham-tickets-725280051157>