

St John's RC Primary & Pre-school

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Autumn Term 1

NEWSLETTER: 15/09/2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to a new academic year here at St Johns!. A special welcome to all our new families/children who have started in Acorns Class and to Lily Mae, Ella, Beatrice and Layla who have joined us in our KS2 classes. We hope that you will all enjoy your journeys with us at St John's.

We trust that all our families have had a good summer break and despite the slightly disappointing weather, you have managed to have some great family time together. Of course, once we returned to school the glorious weather decided to reappear, however it was lovely to see the children enjoying the school grounds again, particularly the field and forest areas.

Your children seemed very settled in their new year groups and there has been a buzz around the school on coming back, with children excited to work in their new classes and with their new staff. They certainly all seem to have grown taller during the summer break!

This term, our new Y6 GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) team have taken up their positions, supporting our whole school gospel liturgies, leading prayers, reading the Gospel and they also met with Mrs Herbert this week to plan their first exciting projects. More information on these will follow shortly. The children can identify our GIFT team as they wear their own special GIFT team ties.

Our Tea and Tots toddler group held its first session of the year earlier this week and was well attended by many new families and also some returning families. Please continue to spread the word about this group which meets on Tuesdays from 2pm - 3.15pm in the school hall.

Our extra curricular clubs have also all started with over 35 children attending a Starmakers taster last week! There are still places available at all our clubs so please let the office staff know if your child wishes to join. All clubs run from 3.20pm - 4.30pm.

Monday - KS2 Dance Club

Wednesday - KS2 Football

Thursday - KS2 Starmakers

Friday - EYFS and KS1 Gymnastics

We are very pleased to report that our kitchen staff were visited by a food hygiene inspector from Mid Devon District Council earlier this week and were awarded the highest level of 5* rating for food preparation and hygiene. This is testament to their hard work and the delicious lunches they serve, A big well done to Sarah B our Cook and Sarah F our kitchen assistant on achieving this.

Diary Dates

19/9/23 -PTA AGM 3.30pm in the school staffroom - all very welcome

3/10/23 - Flu Vaccines for BA - Y6

6/10/23 - Laudato Si Season of Creation Mass - 9.30am

20/10/23 - Harvest Liturgy

Advance notice

8/11/23 - Parents Evening - more details to follow at a later date.

Finally, please ensure you have returned your child's housekeeping paperwork to their class teacher or the school office as soon as possible, allowing the admin team to ensure they hold the most up to date permissions for your child. Please remember to make us aware of any changes to your child's personal details, permissions etc throughout the year if anything changes with your family circumstances.

Here is to a great term ahead!

God Bless.

Rob Meech and Claire Webber



Rob Meech - Executive Head



Claire Webber - Head of school



Let us pray,

We thank you for giving us your peace.
Help us to spread peace at home and at school by loving and caring for one another.
Help us to spread peace by listening to one another, even when we don't agree.
Let us pray every day for peace for our families, our friends, ourselves and our world.
Amen.



First Holy Communion Preparation

The preparation programme for Holy Communion at St James' Church next summer will start soon. If you have a child, aged 7 or over, who you would like to start preparation for the reception of First Confession and First Holy Communion next year, please pick up an application form from the **school office** or **download a copy** from the parish website:

[First Holy Communion | St James Roman Catholic Church | Tiverton Devon UK](http://stjameschurchtiverton.org.uk)
stjameschurchtiverton.org.uk

Please return applications as soon as possible.

Celebrating our Achievers:

| Wks: 5-15/09/2023 | Gospel Guardians | Stars of the Week | Celebration cafe |
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| Little acorns | Esmae | Hattie | Rupert & Rosie |
| Big Acorns | Savannah | All pupils for an amazing start to the term! | Grace & Bradley |
| Maple | Amelia, Isabelle, Toby & Xena | Ace, Amara, Martyna & Riley | Ava & Elliott |
| Willow | Jack S & Julian | Albert & Kaiden | - |
| Sycamore | Evie & Nathaniel | Noah & Beatrice | Nathaniel & Lettie |
| Oak | Charlie & Ollie | Emmerson & Bethany | Amaya & Chethumi |

| Class | Attendance 04/09/2023 | Attendance 11/09/2023 |
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| Acorns | 88.3% | 96.8% |
| Maple | 97.4% | 100% |
| Willow | 94.7% | 93.4% |
| Sycamore | 99.1% | 99.5% |
| Oak | 96.3% | 99.4% |

Dates for your diaries!

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| 03.10.2023 | Flu Nasal Immunisation for Reception - Year6 |
| 30.10.2023 | Inset Day - Non pupil day. Premier sports event. Please see attached. |
| 22.11.2023 | Autumn Term portraits taken by Tempest |

School Office Opening Hours are 8.30am-3.45pm

Please ensure that, if your child is unwell and can't attend school, you phone the School Office on 01884 253630 before 8.45am Or email: sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk
A letter will be sent termly regarding any child's attendance below 90% using the Traffic Light System.

It is vital that a good level of attendance continues for each child and we will continue to monitor attendance in line with our school policy.
Please get in touch should you need advice or support on this matter.

Contact Information:

Please can you inform the office on 01844 253630 if you move to a new house, change your landline, mobile number, your email address or doctors.
This is very important. Thank You.



We are an Operation Encompass school. For further information, please come in and see us.

Pastoral Support



Contact Mrs Harte if you have any enquiries or need some advice or support.
Tracey Harte: pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk

Safeguarding Team



Rob Meech, Executive Head



Claire Webber, Head of School



Jane Trott, Chair of Governors



St John's P.T.A -



Email: stjohnspta@gmx.com



The Blue Peter Book Club is all about sharing the joy of reading! ❤️ Each month we'll talk about a different book and find out your thoughts on it too! We'll also have lots of fun activities, quizzes and cool challenges to try.

Please use the link below for more information!

[Join the Blue Peter Book Club - CBBC](#)



It is our last market in Tiverton for 2023 on 15th October at Moorhayes Community Centre!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Do you want to join Tiverton Junior Operatic Club?

If you are between 11 & 21 then we want you to join too!

Want to know more? Visit our website www.tjoc.co.uk, our Facebook page Tiverton Junior Operatic Club, our Instagram TJOC.Official or email contacttjoc@gmail.com



TJOC has been running since 1980 and is an all inclusive youth theatre group.

We have 2 performances each year: Our main show in February Half Term and a concert in July!

Rehearsals are every Thursday from 7pm - 9pm at our Clubhouse which is based at Aston Manor, Howden Road.

The first 3 weeks membership are free! Membership for the concert is only £25!

FIRST SESSION FREE



TWEHC JUNIORS

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Tiverton White Eagles welcome all youngsters to the club. The club provides opportunities for young people between the ages of 6 and 13 to receive coaching and competition experience in festivals and mini leagues.

Training takes place on Wednesday evenings from September to April

 **Exe Valley Leisure Centre**

 **Register your child here**
www.twehc.com/juniors

Under 8s & Under 10s

5pm to 6pm

Under 12s & Under 14s

6pm to 7pm



More Information secretaty-twehc@hotmail.com www.twehc.com