

St John's RC Primary & Pre-school

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Autumn Term 1

NEWSLETTER: 13/10/2023

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, a big thank you to all our families and parishioners who attended our Laudato Si Season of Creation Mass last Friday. It was lovely to welcome so many visitors into school for this. The children worked on both individual and class Laudato Si pledges to care for our world. Laudato Si is Pope Francis' message to us to care for our Common Home (the planet).

Acorns Class have been taking their pledge of litter picking very seriously and it has been great to see them collecting any litter at break times to help keep our school environment clean and tidy. Other classes have been thinking about how they can all do their bit to save precious resources by turning off taps, wasting less paper, recycling more and saving energy by turning off lights when they are not in class. Together as a school community we can make a big difference to protecting our planet.

Today marks Mrs Veen's last day before she heads off on her maternity leave for the birth of her second child. I am sure you will join us in wishing her well for the exciting time she has ahead and we will ensure we update you once we have news of the new arrival.

We are excited to welcome Miss Elaine Shea to our teaching team. Miss Shea will teach in Maple Class on Monday - Friday, covering Mrs Veen's maternity leave, working alongside Mrs Yeandle, Mrs Pearce, Mrs Muchmore and Mrs Eva. She is


excited to begin her new role and cannot wait to meet all our children and families. Miss Shea will hold an informal 'Meet the New Teacher' drop in session on Tuesday 31st October at 3.25pm in the Maple Classroom. Please pop along to say hello and introduce yourself.

Mrs Webber will take on Mrs Veen's role as SENDCO during her maternity leave and will be available to continue the SEND support role for families who need advice/support.

On Tuesday, Sycamore Class attended FarmWise at West Point Arena in Exeter. The day culminated in many hands-on activities allowing the children a deeper understanding of farming methods, how their food is produced/grown, rearing farm animals, wildlife, forestry and looking after the environment. It was such a fantastic day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, experiencing lots of new learning. Highlights were: milking a cow, holding a day old chick, milling their own corn//wheat and making their own sausages! Thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied the children to this exciting event. A very big thank you to the trustees of Tiverton Agricultural Association who provided funding to cover the cost of the coach travel to this event, allowing the children to attend this event at no cost to their parents. We are very grateful to charities like this who can support exciting enrichment adventures for our children.

You may have noticed a busy bike shelter this week too. This is because our Y5/6 children have been taking part in Bikeability - a cycling proficiency programme provided by Devon County Council. The children have been completing their Level 1 and Level 2 proficiency assessments, allowing them to learn to cycle safely on the roads around Tiverton. A big well done to all the children who took part and completed their proficiency assessments. Safe cycling!

Next Friday 20th October, we will be holding our Harvest Liturgy at 9.30am. You are very welcome to join us for this event and we hope that we can show you our wonderful Harvest songs. As usual, we are asking for donations of non-perishable goods and cleaning products to donate to CHAT for those less fortunate in our town. Goods can be brought into school at any point next week and will be placed in the school hall ready for our liturgy. Thank you in advance for your generosity with this.



We are always overwhelmed by your kindness and giving at these times. The staffroom will be available for parents wanting to wait after drop off until the liturgy begins at 9.30am. Pop in and stay for a coffee/biscuit and a chat before the liturgy begins!

Don't forget Monday 16th October is the deadline for you to return your child's Christmas artwork if you wish to order any of the personalised items. Please ensure all artwork is returned to class teachers by 3pm on Monday and we will collate them before they are collected by courier and sent to the printers. It already looks like several orders have been placed and there is a good amount of commission for our PTA to put back into supporting your children and additional planned activities for them.

Finally, please note the diary dates below and mark them on your calendar as this is always a busy term and we don't want you to miss out!

Have a restful weekend.

God Bless

Claire Webber and Rob Meech



Rob Meech - Executive Head



Claire Webber - Head of school

Let us pray,

God, help me navigate whatever challenges I encounter today.

Be my comfort and my rock.

Guide me to do Your will and be an instrument of your peace today and each day.

Amen."



Celebrating our Achievers:

Wks: 2-13/09/2023	Gospel Guardians	Stars of the Week	Celebration cafe
Little acorns	Rosie & Rupert	Bee & Effie	Bee, Olive, Ezra & Hannah
Big Acorns	Delilah & Ivy	Bradley & Flynn	Bailey, Naoise, Brandon & Jack
Maple	Eli, Lena, Ruby & Fliss	Molly, Neve, Ollie & Aiden	Isabelle, Riley, Roux & Evelyn
Willow	Nikola & Kaiden	Maria & Myah	Amber, Kaiden, Evelyn & Myah
Sycamore	William & Amelie	Lily & Lenny	Evie, Lydia, Finley & Daisy
Oak	Ruby & Lauren	Jakub & Sophia	Maisie, Bethany, Sophia & Sienna

Class	Attendance 02/10/2023	Attendance 13/10/2023
Acorns	97.9%	96.2%
Maple	98.6%	99.1%
Willow	89.5%	98.1%
Sycamore	95.6%	95.8%
Oak	91.5%	100%

*** Half Term Attendance Winners ***

SYCAMORE (97.1%)

Diary Dates

Monday 16th October -

Christmas Artwork must be returned if you wish to place an order.

Tuesday 17th October -

Y2-Y6 Trip to Planetarium at PETROC

Thursday 19th October -

Non Uniform Day - £1 voluntary contribution towards school Christmas Fayre preparations

Friday 20th October -

Harvest Liturgy - 9.30am

Refreshments available in the staffroom from drop off (8.45am) All welcome

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half term

Monday 30th October -

Non Pupil Day (staff training) and Premier Sports Holiday Club in school for children (bookings to be made in advance)

Monday 6th November - Additional Maple Class Parents Evening -1pm - 4pm

Wednesday 8th November- Little Acorns - Year 6 Parents Evening (Timings/sign up sheets and more information to follow next week)

Thursday 9th November- Additional Sycamore Class Parents Evening -1pm - 4pm

Wednesday 22nd November - School Photographs - more details to follow nearer the time

Friday 24th November - Non Uniform Day (in exchange for tombola prize - more details to follow)

Advance dates:

Friday 1st December - PTA School Christmas Fayre - 3.30pm - 5pm

Friday 8th December - School Christmas Lunch and Christmas clothing day!

Tuesday 12th December - Acorns and Maple Class Nativity - 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 13th December - Acorns and Maple Class Nativity - 2pm

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Carol Concert

Friday 15th December - Last Day of Term

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

A showcase of some of our best young musicians

A CHANCE TO SHINE

Tiverton Pannier Market

SAT 28 OCTOBER | **FROM 10AM**

- Open to all aspiring singers, bands, pianists and instrumentalists
- Up to 30 minutes of performance time
- Sound and stage equipment provided
- We'll promote you on social media
- Running alongside Halloween Pumpkin Hunt

INTERESTED? WANT TO RECOMMEND SOMEONE?

Call Jim Bray on 07815 791191 or e-mail him at jbray@middevon.gov.uk



Kingwood Children

23rd - 27th of October 2023
Kingwood Holiday Club this half term - A week of Wild fun!

Cosy, Magical and Exciting Autumn Holiday Club this Half Term!

- Autumn walks and wreath making
- Cakes picking and jewellery making
- Hibernation discoveries and clay creations
- Everything to do with Pumpkins (pumpkin picking, cooking and carving...)
- A magical Harry Potter day at Woodknave
- Woodwork and fire magic
- Stories around the fire, shelter building, cooking and so much more!

Suitable for school aged children
Sessions available
8 am to 4 pm - £58
8 am to 6 pm - £41

Book your place
Kingwood Children, Muddifords
Court Willand, EX15 2QG
admin@kingwoodchildren.org.uk
01884 906332

PUMPKIN RESCUE

PUMPKIN CARVING & COOKING

21/10 TIVERTON LIBRARY
23/10 SEATON LIBRARY
25/10 CREDITON LIBRARY
27/10 TAVISTOCK LIBRARY
28/10 EXETER LIBRARY

10am-12pm

Free Age 8+

Book:

Recycle Devon COMMUNITY FUND Libraries Unlimited

Willow Tree 
DANCE & THEATRE ARTS
 presents
SHREK
The Musical
 Based on the Dreamworks Animation Motion Picture
 and the book by William Steig

The New Hall
BARRINGTON STREET, TIVERTON
17TH - 22ND OCT
2023

ADULTS £14 CONCESSION £9
 FAMILY 2 x ADULTS 2 x KIDS £40
 TICKETS AT TICKET SOURCE WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK
 AND TWYFORD PRINT, BAMPTON STREET.

PERFORMANCES
 TUES TO FRI 7.30PM
 SAT 2.30PM & 7.30PM SUN 1PM & 5 PM
INFORMATION@WILLOWTREEANDTHEATREARTS.COM
WWW.WILLOWTREEANDTHEATREARTS.COM
 TEL: 07476 917416

Book and Lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire. Originally produced on Broadway by DreamWorks Theatricals and Neal Street Productions.
 Music by Jeanine Tesori. This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.
 All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.co.uk

Tiverton Pannier Market presents...



HALLOWEEN
PUMPKIN HUNT

Saturday 28 October (10am to 2pm)

- 50p to enter (guaranteed prize)
- Collect entry form from central lobby and, afterwards, return it to Kwirky Krafts stall in wooden units
- Fancy dress, lantern making, face painting and Curry Shack
- Running alongside "A Chance to Shine" music event