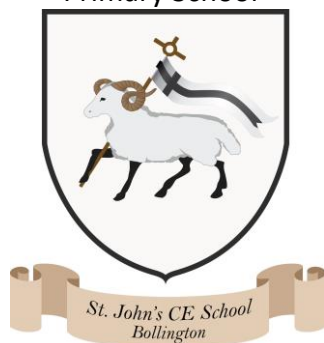


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'Christian Value' – Thankfulness

'Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!'

Psalm 106:1

19th January 2018

Head's Message

I unhappily need to inform you that Mr Rutherford will be leaving us at the end of this half term. He and his wife are relocating to Jersey, and he will quite obviously be sadly missed by our whole community. We are a very tight, supportive family here at St John's and all staff wish to extend deep thanks to Pete for, among other things, raising the profile of sport in our school and being such a valued member of our team.

Reception Early Morning Routine

From Monday please can the Reception children please join all the other children in the main yard before school. This time of year, every year, we ask Class 1 to stop entering school via their class door and line up outside with the other children at 8.50am in preparation for their transition into Class 2. Please continue to collect your child from the Reception class playground at the end of the school day.

Changes to Sex and Relationship Education and PSHE

The current statutory guidance for teaching Sex and Relationship Education (introduced in 2000) is being updated, after legislation was passed earlier this year to make Relationship Education compulsory in all primary schools and Relationship and Sex Education compulsory in all secondary schools. The government is asking parents, teachers and young people to help shape the new curriculum. Full information is available here: <https://consult.education.gov.uk/life-skills/pshe-rse-call-for-evidence/>

Choosing Healthier Snacks

Recently, Change4Life updated their guidance on snacks for children. New guidelines state: *We know that half of the sugar children consume comes from snacks and sugary drinks. Too much sugar can lead to harmful fat building up inside, and serious health problems, including painful tooth decay. Fruit and vegetables are always the best choice, but if you're shopping for packaged snacks for your children, use this helpful tip: look for 100 calorie snacks, two a day max!* For snacks you send to school, please avoid crisps, chocolate bars and sweets.

Next Week

We are very excited for Young Voices on Tuesday. The bus will depart school at 1.15pm. We also have Stay, Play and Pray in Reception at 3pm on the same day.

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In school next week:

Sunday – Family Communion at St Oswald's at 10.30am.

Monday – Class 1 Health Screening. After School Clubs start.

Tuesday – Young Voices. Stay, Play and Pray at 3pm.

Saturday – Epiphany Party at St Oswald's at 3pm.

Sunday – Puppet Ministry Group at St Oswald's at 3pm.

Curriculum update:

Class 1 – This week we have continued to focus on the story of Paddington Bear. We have packed a suitcase of our own, ready for a long journey and we have written to our families to tell them we are safe. In maths we have focussed on one more and one less and number recognition.

Class 2 – This week in literacy we have written our own versions of Little Red Riding Hood. In maths we have been adding on 9/10/11 to two digit numbers using a number square. In our topic work we have been learning about the Great Wall of China. We have written our names in Chinese and made our own terracotta warriors.

Class 3 – This week, in maths, we have revisited column addition. We have continued to look at volcanoes in our topic 'Active Planet'. In literacy, we have started to create a story based on 'Mr Stink'.

Class 4 – This week, in class 4, we have been completing a set of practice tests papers, and the children should be very proud of their efforts. We have looked at our strengths and the next steps in our learning. In IPC, we have been creating PowerPoint presentations about the city states in ancient Greece, and we have been learning about what a democracy is. We have also started to look at the Persian Empire. We have looked at how our country is run and how new laws are made. In RE, we have been discussing confession of wrongdoings and how we may feel before and after.

Sports news – Class 1 have been learning skills using basketballs, whilst child 2 have been taking part in basketball drills. Class 3 and 4 have had some inter-house basketball matches and also been officiating over games.

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