



# St John's CofE Primary School

# Newsletter

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Praise Awards 14/12/2018

Rose, Finley, Brodie, Isabella, Jack, Ben, Greta, Giorgi, Ava, Hanka, Kayley, Frankie, Evan, Eadie, Faithful, Heidi, Amelia and Kaya.

Winning House: SUN 607 (Water 574, Earth 596 and Fire 577)

Out of School.

Jack A: Kick Boxing Isabel A: Level 8 swimming

Summer G: Grades 5,6,7 Gymnastics

## Welcome Back!

We have had a great first week back and have embarked on lots of exciting new learning topics! Please look out for the Termly Overview of Learning coming to the website soon.

**Date for your diary: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 3.15pm to 5pm Open Evening.** This will be a chance to come and see your child's work with them and for a brief chat with Teachers.

Turn up any time before 5pm via the office entrance. Parent meetings will be in June, when we are writing reports and can give more information about learning progress across the year. Parents can make an appointment to speak to Class Teachers at any time in the year, with any concerns or questions. Email or ring the Office to make appointments or come in to class in the morning to ask for a suitable time to meet. We can meet Parents a little later on Wednesdays during our staff meeting time, with some notice (finishes at 5.10pm). Clubs start next week – 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you Mrs. Bruton, the Staff Team and all the Children.** On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December we held a surprise assembly for **Mrs. Vye**. We gave her a suitcase for her travels with lots of little gifts inside. Thank you to everyone who donated toward the gifts. Every class had made a secret card for her and the children had learned a song written for her and staff had another one. Mrs. Singleton and Mrs. Bindon performed a little dance! We held a series of surprise events which were all delightful. Thank you to the team past and present.

## Connecting with Local Schools

Mrs. Crutchfield and Mr. Gumm, the Head at St. Keyna, spent an enjoyable afternoon on 18<sup>th</sup> December having a tour of both schools and meeting staff. We agreed that friendship links across both schools would be worthwhile for the children and staff at both schools and hope to keep in touch.

## Andrews Property

We are so grateful to Andrews Property in Keynsham for providing all of us with high visibility vests for everyone! This will help us to be seen when we are out and about. Please give them a thumbs up and a smile when you walk past!

## A NUT FREE SCHOOL

We are a nut free school, due to allergies emerging, so please consider no nuts in any cakes or treats you make for

the children e.g. birthdays or cake sales. The kitchen doesn't use nuts in recipes and we avoid them for class or group cooking lessons.

## Reading Support KS2

We are promoting Reading at the school and have asked children in KS2 to really use their **Reading Diary** daily at home and in school. This book is for children to record the books they read, to write book reviews and to make quality comments about what they read each day. Parents are also encouraged to write positive comments each week to boost progress. Each morning teachers ask to see the Reading Diary on each child's desk at 8.45am when, during the week, they will check them and reward reading effort. During each day we have many reading opportunities including whole class comprehension time, guided reading groups, silent reading and time to be read to. There are also reading opportunities across the curriculum. We are promoting a life-long love of Reading for every child and have invested in new books to encourage and engage. In YR and KS1 we are finding Read, Write, Inc a huge step in the right direction too. We would like a Library in time too. Thank you for your support at home.

Mr. Hilliam, English Team Subject Leader.

## Shelterbox

Our Christmas performances raised £206.45 for Shelterbox. *Thank you.* We think we may raise enough for two Shelterboxes at this rate! We would also like to support Keynsham Food Bank and School Council will be thinking about that this term. This will give us a global and a local charity to focus on.

## Praise Assembly on Fridays

This is such an important part of the week that we've given it more time and hope to reward all children for many different aspects of achievement, friendship, kindness and progress. Please continue to bring in labelled awards from home. Try and bring these to the Office **on Thursdays** each week so we have time to record them in our Star Book. They will be kept safe. Do remember labels and explanation notes!

## End of the School Day

**We will be locking the school gates at 3.30pm prompt each day for school security and safety.** Please enter and exit via the Office if you need to be on site after 3.30pm or are late picking up. We do not have staff supervision or first aid available from 3.15pm so please don't allow your children to use the playgrounds or climbing areas after school. Scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on site by school aged or pre-school aged children.

## Clubs

We have a lovely Parent willing to run a Spanish class for children after school. Any other offers? Please email Mrs. Crutchfield with your ideas. The more we can offer the children, the richer our learning will be.

## Missing Items

Please look out for a Homesense bag with a dress, belt, t-shirt and apron. These are still missing from December.

