



Friday 18th October

Celebrate and learn together

Look what we can do!

In each addition of our monthly newsletter, classes will showcase some of the exciting skills they have been learning. It's Y4SJ & Y2 this month!

Y4SJ

Year 4 children are exploring 3D paper art inspired by Salvador Dali.



Y2

In English, Year 2 read *The Tiger Who Came To Tea*. They then learnt all about instructions and made their own sandwiches for the Tiger – just in case he was still hungry!



Star of the week

This year we are raising the profile of our school values. Each morning the class teacher chooses one child to be the star of the day. The class share ideas about how the star of the day can demonstrate the school values. The children and staff then look out for the star of the day explicitly demonstrating a school value. At the end of the day the children celebrate where a school value has been demonstrated by the star of the day and a 'star of the day' certificate is taken home. All children will have several opportunities to be the star of the day this school year.

On a Friday the teacher analyses the work of all of the stars of the day that week. The teacher will then select the best star of the day to be 'star of the week'. As an additional reward, stars of the week join Mrs Graham the following week for hot chocolate and marshmallows. Here are the stars of the week so far this school year:

Week beginning 30/9/19

Year Group	Name of Child	School value
YR	Reuben	Positivity
Y1	Sydney	Positivity
Y2	Holly C	Positivity
Y3	Enya	Creativity
Y4P	Marley D	Respect
Y4SJ	Archie N	Fun
Y5	Zion	Positivity
Y6	Libby	Trust

Week beginning 7/10/19

Year Group	Name of Child	School value
YR	Damon	Positivity
Y1	Eli	Wisdom
Y2	Luka	Creativity
Y3	Lincoln	Respect
Y4P	Bailey	Respect
Y4SJ	Ruby	Respect
Y5	Aimee	Creativity
Y6	Edan	Creativity



PTA

Date for your diary Thursday 24th October 2019 - School Disco is back!!

PTA are arranging the first 'fun'draising event this year so come along and have some fun helping them raise money for the children and the school. Fancy dress welcome but optional. Disco will be from 5pm - 6pm for the for Infants and 6.30 - 7.30 for Juniors on the last day of term. Look out for the posters with more information.

Bags2 school date Monday 11th November – look out for more information coming home soon.

Kitchen Staff

A fond farewell to Mrs Cottrell who left on 24th September to start a new role at Somerdale School. We would like to welcome Rachel Eadie as our new kitchen assistant.

Harvest

On Tuesday 1st October we celebrated harvest at St Johns Church, Emma King kindly presented Sisters of The church with all of your donations, they were very grateful.

On Wednesday 9th October YR had a harvest sing along at school. All the children did fantastic work towards our harvest celebrations this year from singing to poems to acting. Well done everyone!

Spare PE kit

We would be very grateful for PE kit donations to use as 'spares' in school. If you are happy to donate please could you give it to the class teacher

Lost Property

We would be grateful if you can collect any lost property items as this is overflowing from the start of September, any uncollected uniform will be disposed of.

Emergency Contacts

Please could we remind parents to ensure that the emergency contact telephone numbers/details we have are up-to-date. If there has been any change in the arrangements, please inform us immediately.

Premier Sports Half Term Club

Premier Sports will be holding holiday club at St Johns from Wednesday 30th October to Friday 1st November please book online at <https://family.premier-education.com/courses>

Parking

Car parking on site is for staff only. Please do not bring your vehicle into the school car park when dropping off or collecting your child from school. Thank you for your support in this matter. **Please be respectful to our neighbours and park courteously; do not block their drives.**

Hello Yellow for Young Minds

On Thursday 10th October the children & staff had a great day in school dressed in yellow to support Young Minds, we have collected £214 so far.



Wildlife Area

We are planning to set up a wildlife area on the edge of the school field this year for the children to be able to use during lesson time. We have successfully applied for more than a hundred small trees from the Woodland Trust which we will be receiving in March next year. Before that, we are hoping to establish the boundary to the area for the planting of the trees. We also need a small section of fencing and a gate at one end to allow children to go in and out when they use it. In order to allow us to start construction we are hoping to raise some funds with a "wear green for nature" day in return for a 50p donation on Thursday 7th November. We will also be having an after school fundraising fair in conjunction with Children in Need on Friday 15th November.

We would like to ask for help from parents and carers who have any expertise with: fence construction and tree planting.

We would also be grateful for any donations of bulbs, flowers and compost.

Please let the office know if you can help in any way.

Spiritual Gardening Team

We are looking for Parents/Grandparents/Carers to be part of our gardening team. Help is needed all year round to maintain our spiritual and other garden area. We would really welcome any help you can give us. Please contact the school office if you can help. A big thank you to Isla in Y6 has kindly donated bird feed.

Lego

We are looking for donations of lego to use as therapy for speech & language, please drop any lego to the school office it will be much appreciated.

School Uniform

We are currently in the process of changing our school uniform supplier, please do not order from School Trends, we will update you as soon as possible.

Reminder

Please take a look at our twitter page for all activities in school.

Student Safety & Stranger Danger

We have been informed of an unpleasant incident; whilst walking home on Friday 11th October a Wellsway student was approached by a male member of the public. The police and relevant authorities have been informed.

We will be reminding children who walk to school/home alone that if they are approached or ever feel uncomfortable on their journey to or from school they should tell parents/carers or a teacher. Please do let school know if as parents/carers you have any concerns. We would also welcome you reminding your child to walk in a pair or group where possible; to not walk with headphones in so that they are aware of what is going on around them; to keep to main roads where possible; and to not stop to talk to strangers.

If your child ever comes home from school and says they have been approached on their way home from school, please immediately contact the police on 101.

Thank you for your support in ensuring our [children](#) stay safe.

St John's School Diary Dates

October 2019

Key Dates and Reminders: The following are key dates for your diaries for term 1&2.

Parents will receive letters giving details of specific trips and events for your child's class in due course

	Term 1
October	
Monday 14 th	School Photographer
Friday 18 th	Open Afternoon 2.45-3.15pm all parents welcome
Thursday 24 th	PTA School Disco End of Term 1
Friday 25 th	INSET DAY
Holiday Club	Premier Sports at St Johns School Wednesday 30 th – Friday 1 st November
November	Term 2
Monday 4 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 th	School reopens Term 2
Thursday 7 th	Wear green for wildlife project
Monday 11 th	PTA Bags2school
Wednesday 13 th	Y3 Invasion Festival at Wellsway 12-3pm
Thursday 14 th	2020 YR Open Morning 11.15am
Friday 15 th	Children In Need
Monday 18 th	Flu Nasal Spray AM (all children)
Tuesday 26 th	Y6 Lifeskills Bristol (9am-12.30pm)
Thursday 28 th	2020 YR Open Morning 11.15am
December	
Wednesday 4 th	Parents Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 5 th	Parents Evening 2.30-5.30pm
Friday 6 th	Junior Carol Concert St Johns Church
Wednesday 11 th	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12 th	Y5 Carols at St Dunstan Church
Monday 16 th	Infant Nativity (2 tickets per family) 2pm
Tuesday 17 th	Christingle at St Johns Church 10am parents welcome
Thursday 19 th	PANTO 1pm
Friday 20 th	End of term 2

