



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrate and learn together

Welcome back to St John's - school or home learning. I hope you all had an enjoyable half term despite the wet weather!

We were delighted to hear Monday's announcement that all children will be coming back to school on 8th March and look forward to seeing you all soon. Please find a letter attached with the newsletter containing some general information about this. Once we have all the information, more details will be going out to parents and carers.

Thank you for all your hard work with home learning and for helping us to keep everyone in school safe and well.

Best wishes

Mrs Graham

New Log Cabin

Our lovely, new log cabin classroom was built over half term. This will be used as an extra space for small groups (up to 15 children) to work in.

Works to convert the 'extra' classroom in the infants (currently known as 'The Hive') into our beautiful, St John's woodland themed library, is commencing over the Easter holidays. We have much to look forward to!



Hook Days

Class	Term 4 Theme	Hook day date	Overview of hook day activity	Cost to parents
YR	Wonderful World	Tuesday 9 th March	<p>Wonderful World Activity Day</p> <p>Children will engage in a range of activities related to plants and minibeasts throughout the day. They will make clay minibeasts/flower dishes, plant seeds/bulbs and look for plants and minibeasts in the school environment.</p> <p>Please ensure children have a pair of wellies in school on this day.</p>	£0

Y1 & Y2	Who am I? What am I?	Monday 1 st March	<p>Who am I? What am I? Day</p> <p>Children will be immersed in the history of Keynsham. Then they will have a range of exciting activities presented to them, to choose from.</p> <p>One activity (which is optional) will be the choice of making their own chocolate. They can even add their own ingredients e.g. dried fruit for their own chocolate invention twist! If this is chosen, you may wish to purchase ingredients in advance. If this is so, here are two links to recipes.</p> <p>https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/chocolate-biscuit-truffles</p> <p>https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/chocolate-fudge-sprinkle-crinkle-biscuits</p>	Cost of food ingredients if chosen to be made at home.
Y3 & Y4	Extreme Earth	Tuesday 2 nd March	<p>Extreme Earth Activity Day.</p> <p>Children will be immersed into learning about our extreme earth through a variety of creative activities.</p> <p>Children will be architects, aiming to achieve designs and making a structure able to withstand an earthquake.</p> <p>At the end of the day, children will enjoy a quiz testing their knowledge on earthquakes and volcanoes.</p>	£0
Y5 & Y6	Troublesome Traders	Friday 26 th February	<p>UKS2 enjoyed going on a virtual tour of Bristol, following the Bristol slave walk as they took on the role of tour guides; finding codes within slave songs of resistance and using these to create their own slave songs; as well as creating artwork inspired by West Africa. The children in school from class 5KP wrote a song which can be found at the end of this newsletter.</p>	£0

Doodle

If you are still experiencing problems with Doodle since the last update, please see below a further suggestion from the Doodle Team that may help:

Since our update, the downloadable app options have been removed for PC's/laptops.

Our new browser versions are now up and running and can be accessed directly through our website or using the following links from a reliable browser such as Google Chrome. This will need to be accessed on a laptop or PC (not a tablet).

- students.doodlemaths.com
- students.doodleenglish.com
- students.doodleenglish.com/spell
- students.doodlemaths.com/tables

This is now a full programme version which includes all the features available in the downloaded apps.

World Book Day

St John's will be celebrating World Book Day on March 4th. This year we will be celebrating this day in school and for all children learning at home. We are inviting children to dress up, if they wish, as any character from a book e.g. a knight, pirate or fairy tale character. Alternatively, children can wear pyjamas for their learning, both in school and at home. Our fabulous PTA have launched an exciting competition where children can design their own bookmark. Please see Seesaw or the school website for more information.

<https://www.stjohnskeynsham.co.uk/news/#world-book-day-2021>

Remote Learning Survey

Thank you for completing our recent remote learning survey. It was lovely to read so many positive comments. Equally it was useful to hear the areas where parents feel we can improve. There were no common trends in suggestions for improvement. During parents evening, teachers have discussed ideas with the individual parents that put forward suggestions in the survey.

Wellbeing dance challenge

Last term, St John's Wellbeing Team set a dance challenge for the staff. Apart from the obvious benefits of keeping fit, achieving a new goal and having fun along the way, dancing is a great way to promote good mental health.

We would also like to extend the challenge to the children. Our plan is for everyone to enjoy learning a simple dance routine so that when we are all back together we can all be filmed dancing on the playground. Please click on the link to start learning the dance and accept the challenge: <https://youtu.be/zrKyX669few>

Look out for the staff's initial attempts coming to SeeSaw and Tapestry on Monday!

Home Learning

Thank you again for everything you are doing for your children at home. We have received some really high quality work and have been super impressed with everyone's hard work and independent learning. We know that it isn't easy for parents or children working at home and appreciate everything you are all doing

Shared Writing during their hook day by the children in school from 5KP

<p><u>Join the chariot</u> <i>Join the chariot, Away from the devil, For we will find glory, With all the angels, Steal away to Jesus.</i></p> <p>Look for the drinking gourd, Cross over many a ford. Soon you'll be knocking, For the angels at your door.</p> <p><i>Join the chariot, Away from the devil, For we will find glory, With all the angels, Steal away to Jesus.</i></p>	<p>Wade through the water, Take your sons and daughters. Set out through the darkness, Soon they'll be hope and light.</p> <p><i>Join the chariot, Away from the devil, For we will find glory, With all the angels, Steal away to Jesus.</i></p>
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Top 3 stars

Aoife Y5JP

Greta Y5KP

Martha YR

Top class

Year 3



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Dylan Y3

Amber Y3

Greta Y5KP

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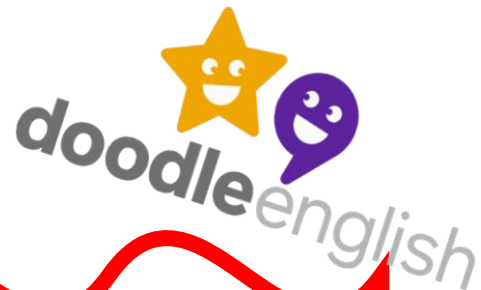
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Greta Y5JP

Dylan Y3

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Home Learning Heroes 12th February



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Oli YR

Martha YR

Aoife Y5JP

Top class

Year R



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Dylan Y3

Amber Y3

Phoenix Y3

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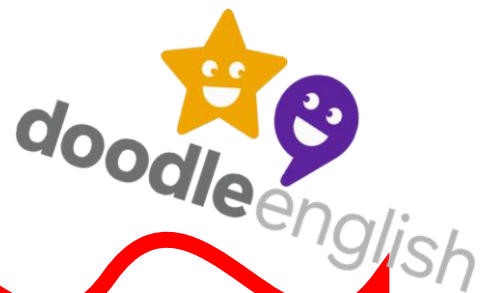
Raphael Y3

Dylan Y3

William Y3

Top class

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Aoife Y5JP

Greta Y5KP

Skye Y5KP

Top class

Year 3