



St John's Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together in Love and Respect

Dear St John's families,

It has been a busy week in school. We have seen lots of year groups heading out on local visits. The staff and I are keen to do as much of this as we can as the children have missed a lot in the last 2 years. Thank you to parents who volunteer to help as it makes these events possible. You will see in the newsletter some pictures but this week trips out have included a cross country, library, church and a visit to the police station. A big thank you also goes to the staff for arranging these.

We are keen to get back as many of the things the children have been missing as possible however, we are not clear of COVID yet. There are schools locally and nationally having to go back into tougher measures and in some cases closing classes and year groups. These are due to COVID cases but also staff shortages connected to this. Whilst it can be hard to understand why we may see a bit firm at times about the no mixing in clubs such as football, which are run after school or limiting the number of family members who can come in this is all to try and prevent us interrupting the children's learning.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. Families can also support in checking what your child is unwell with. Together we can make a difference by all playing our parts and continuing to be patient. We will keep doing our best thinking about your child(ren) and also how to keep everyone safe. Have a lovely weekend,

In Love and Respect

Headteacher
Mrs Samantha Da Costa

Bookings for next week's Update on Learning meetings have now closed. If you haven't made an appointment please speak to the school office.

Accessing the virtual meeting.

To help you log into Google Classroom and access the link, Mrs Da Costa has put together a short video. Please click on the link below to view.

<https://youtu.be/MYh5S7evByY>

We kindly request that you check that you can access Google Classroom this week and can see the Google Meet link. This means that any issues can be solved before the meetings take place. If you have any issues accessing Google Classroom, please email Mr Butler at wsjit@watfordstjohns.org.

Please note that it will not be possible to solve any issues during your appointment slot as the appointments only last ten minutes.

Attendance this week = 93.59%

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This month's value is:

Thankfulness

Friday, 15th October 2021

Key Dates

Monday 18th October

Year 4 Collective Worship with parents. 2.40pm Letter sent out via Y4 Google Classroom.

Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st October

Update on Learning - Virtual.
An opportunity to meet with the class teacher.

25th to 29th October

Half Term Holiday.

Tuesday 2nd November

Parent Forum 7.30pm - Virtual.

Thursday 11th November

Year 5 leading Remembrance in the Church with their families 10.45am.

Friday 19th November

Bag 2 School - supporting the Friends.

Tuesday 24th November

Flu Vaccinations - details to follow

Homework and Curriculum



The teachers have been hard at work and we are excited to share with you our homework/home learning activities.

For each class you will find a homework grid here:

<https://watfordstjohns.org/info-for-parents/communication/>

This has a range of activities for the children to do. You can choose which ones you like and complete them in any order. Information about how to share the work is included on the grid. We have selected a range of tasks to support the children's learning in many ways.

KIRFs - **K**ey **I**ntant **R**ecall **F**acts - These are important maths facts to learn. As you move up the colours the facts get harder.

You will find these here:

<https://watfordstjohns.org/info-for-parents/communication/>

Underneath the KIRFs you will find key words to learn to spell.

Termly Overviews:

To help our families know what their children are learning in class we have created overviews which you will find here:

<https://watfordstjohns.org/info-for-parents/curriculum/>

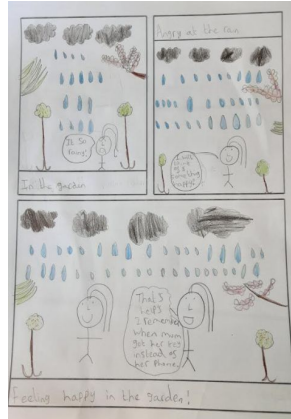
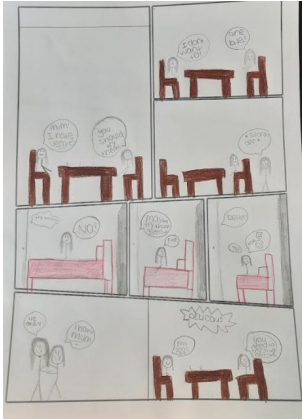


*"Reading is to the
mind what exercise is
to the body."*

— Joseph Addison

School Life

In Year 5, we have been learning about our 'Hidden Chimps', and how to manage them when they take over. We have practised Habit 1: Smiling, and thinking about good things in our lives to help feel calm and positive. On Tuesday, the Year 4 and 5s competed in a cross country race at Queen's School.'



This week, Year 1 have been thankful for Watford Schools Trust doing a Collective Worship for us and a lesson about harvest. The children have made their harvest plates, thinking about what they are thankful for.



Watford Schools Trust have come in to give us a special Harvest CW as well as treating Year 1 to a Harvest lesson this week.

Abbey Line artwork plaques with Groundwork East



'I am happy to say that the plaques for the Abbey Line artwork some of your pupils participated in during 2019 have finally be installed! As you can see from the images, your school has been named alongside the artwork now.

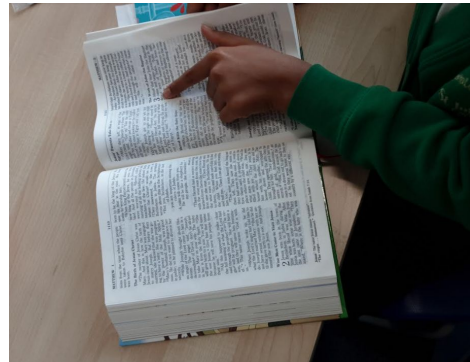
Please pass this on to the students, if they haven't already seen it on their travels'.

*Best Wishes,
Emily Evans Project Officer*



Rosary Retreat Day

On Wednesday, Miss Pyatt led Year 4 Solar class in a special Retreat day at Church where they learnt all about the Mysteries of the Rosary. We made our own prayer books, a Rosary decade as well as beautiful artwork to reflect the Mysteries. It was wonderful to be able to return to Church to take part in this enrichment experience.



How to pray the rosary

Follow each numbered step and hold the part of the rosary that corresponds with the color of the step.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross and say the Apostles' Creed
2. Say the Our Father
3. Say three Hail Marys
4. Say the Glory Be
5. Announce the first mystery and then say the Our Father
6. Say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the mystery
7. Say the Glory Be (Optional: Say the O My Jesus prayer requested by Mary at Fatima)
8. Announce the second mystery; then say the Our Father and repeat these steps as you continue through the remaining mysteries.
9. Say the Hail, Holy Queen
10. Make the Sign of the Cross

Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

JOYFUL MYSTERIES (Monday, Thursday)

Annunciation
Visitation
Birth of
Our Lord
Presentation in
the Temple
Finding of
Our Lord

Humility
Fraternal Charity
Esteem of
spiritual values
Purity and
Obedience
Fidelity to
one's duties

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES (Tuesday, Friday)

Agony of Our Lord
Scourging at
the pillar
Crowning
with thorns
Carrying of
the Cross
Crucifixion

Sorrow for sin
Mortification of
the senses
Love of
humiliations
Bearing of trials
Forgiveness
of injuries

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES (Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday)

Resurrection
Ascension
into Heaven
Descent of the
Holy Ghost
Assumption
Crowning of
Our Blessed Lady

Faith and Hope
Desire of
Heaven
The Gifts of
the Holy Ghost
Devotion to Mary
Perseverance

Cross Country

Year 4 and Year 5 classes had an exciting trip to Queens school to compete with other schools in a 2000m cross country festival. They all showed resilience and determination and we were very proud of their achievements.

Yesterday we had plenty of fun at the cross country run. A child from year 4 said, "It was a fantastic and fun experience." Most of the children agreed and thought it was great.

We had to run an outstanding 2 km which was very tiring. But all of the children tried their best and had a great time. We got to race against other schools as well which was very fun.

We were very proud of our efforts and a big congratulations to 1st place Robert, 2nd place Jonny and 3rd place Noel. Well done to all of the children who completed the race!

By George and Jonny Year 5
(Active Eagles)



On Tuesday, 12th October, we went on a cross country race. It was at Queens school fields. We went with year 5 on a coach. We started with a warm up, the year 5's ran first. Then we cheered for them. Then it was our turn and I was really excited. I was exhausted but I managed to cross the finish line. I came 12th place in the race. It was really fun!

By Izzy Year 4

On Tuesday the 12th of October we went for our 1st year 4 trip. It was at Queens school. We went with year 5 on a coach and we were very excited to do our first 2K cross country run. As I was running I cheered for my classmates. I really enjoyed the race.

By Nathaneal Year 4



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Parent Information

Reception 2022/23 School Tours

Do you know any families that are looking for a Reception place for September 2022/23? We are taking bookings for school tours for any parent whose child is starting school in September 2022. They can be booked through Eventbrite by clicking [here](#). Only one adult per family and no children on the tours please.

You can also find further information on our school website and on our Facebook page under events.

We look forward to welcoming you.



St John's Church of England Primary School Parents' Forum, Tuesday 2nd November

The next St John's Church of England Primary School Parents' Forum meeting will take place on **Tuesday 2nd November at 7:30pm.**

All St John's Parents and carers are welcome to the parents' forum. It is an opportunity for St John's Church of England Primary School parents & carers to share ideas and views on our school with the School Leadership Team and School Governors.

It is not the forum to discuss concerns or complaints involving children, families or members of staff. The meeting will be chaired by one of our Governors and a member of the school Senior Leadership Team. At times other members of the school community will also attend the meetings depending on the agenda items and what the school feels they would like to share with the parents & carers, such as new initiatives.

The forum will take place on Google Meets, please use the following [Booking Form](#) to reserve your place at the Parents Forum. The booking system will close at **9am on Friday 22nd October 2021.**

We look forward to meeting you on 2nd November 2021 at 7:30pm.

School Milk

If your child is over the age of 5 and you want to register them for school milk. Please use this [link](#).

Cool Milk

Online Safety

For e-safety support and advice please click on this [link](#). Please click on the links below for more information on e-safety.

[Think you know](#)

[Disney Wild](#)

[About Safety](#)

[Smartie The Penguin](#)

[Childnet Safety Internet](#)

[A useful guide to apps to help keep your child safe online](#)

Half Term Activities

Home-Start new Monday Storytime & Toy Swap Shop

We at Home-Start Watford are starting a new weekly event for families: **Storytime & Toy Swap Shop**, on Mondays at **4:15-5:15pm**. It will take place in our charity shop space, which is at **Unit 3, 2 Lord Street, Watford, WD17 2LQ**.

Our shop's Assistant Manager, Claire, will be leading a children's stories reading session, and we will run a swap shop where families can exchange their toys for other toys, all for free.

Feel welcome to ask me any queries you have about the event.

Home-Start Watford & Three Rivers

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Want to know more about the work we do:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CqDsbKfwfE>



Come along to our new

Storytime & Toy Swap Shop

Pop in to enjoy children's stories read by Claire, and exchange your toys for another for free!

 **When?** Mondays at 4:15–5:15pm, starting 11th October

 **Where?** Our charity shop at Unit 3, 2 Lord Street, Watford, WD17 2LQ



Book Sleuths in a Bind: A Very Puzzling Case. Live Theatre at Watford Central Library

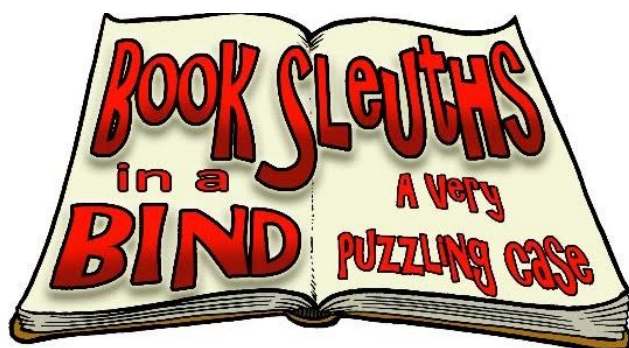
A brand-new, interactive theatre show for families is coming to Watford Central Library this October half term.

A most curious disappearance has occurred at the library. Fortunately, Hertfordshire's finest Book Sleuths – Ally and Sam – are ready to take on the case! However, they need some extra help... By working with our Sleuths to crack codes, unravel riddles and pore over puzzles, can you help them solve this Very Puzzling Case?

Designed for families of all kinds with children aged 7 to 11, this show is being created exclusively for Hertfordshire Libraries by local professional theatre company Teasel Productions, funded by Arts Council England.

Book Sleuths in a Bind: A Very Puzzling Case will be at Watford Central Library on 26 October 2021 at 10am

Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for children, and are available now from the library and online: <https://bit.ly/HertsLibBookSleuthTour> (where you can find further details and the full tour schedule). After the performance the audience will have the opportunity to 'Meet the Cast', with a question and answer session.




Teasel Productions and Hertfordshire Libraries Present

BOOK SLEUTHS in a BIND A Very PUZZLING CASE

An interactive family theatre mystery for children aged 7-11

Tuesday 26th October: Watford Central Library - 10.00am
Radlett Library - 2.00pm
Oxhey Library - 5.30pm

Tickets: Adults £7.00 Children £5.00
For full tour list, further details & to book visit: bit.ly/HertsLibBookSleuthTour



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