



St John's Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together in Love and Respect

Dear St John's families,

As we all begin to get back into the rhythm of school life again, the sun has shone again.

This week in collective worship we talked about the teachings in Romans 12:9-21. We thought about what a kindness ripple could be and how we can be part of this.



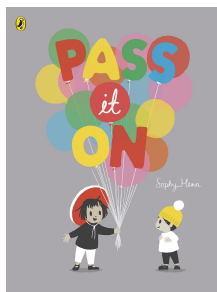
With the younger members of the school we also read the book Pass it on. I can highly recommend this book.

My challenge for everyone is to be part of the kindness ripple. That is also the home challenge for everyone this week. Please see below. Never underestimate the effect a small act of kindness can have. It can change someone's day and in turn they will often pass on their love, kindness and joy.

Mornings

As our school continues to grow the mornings are getting increasingly busy. Please try really hard to arrive within your child's drop off time, to avoid long queues e.g. if your child is in Y1, their drop off time is 8:40 until 8:50 so please try to aim for 8:45.

Please also support everyone by joining the correct queue, we understand they are long but they move very quickly.



In Love and Respect

Headteacher
Mrs Samantha Da Costa



[Mrs Da Costa's Kindness Challenge - Click Here](#)

Please click on the link to support your child's learning.



**Friday, 17th September
2021**

Key Dates

Monday 20th September
Reception Meet the Teacher virtual session 7pm

Tuesday 21st September
Year 2 and 3 Meet the Teacher virtual session 6pm

Wednesday 22nd September
Year 4 Meet the Teacher virtual session 6pm
Year 1 Meet the Teacher virtual session 7pm

Friday 24th September
Year 5 Meet the Teacher virtual session 6pm

Wednesday 6th October
Harvest lead by Year 3 in church - Year 3 parents only invited.

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 21st October
Update on Learning - Virtual - Times to be confirmed. An opportunity to meet with the class teacher.

Attendance this week = 96.03%

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SCHOOL LIFE

This week in maths Year 2 Terra have been looking at equivalence and balancing equations by using the Numicon and the pan balances.

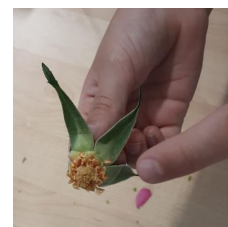
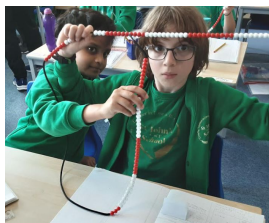
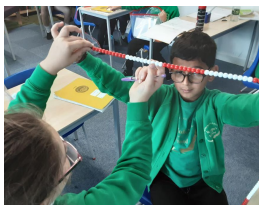
We have also been pretending to be robots and programmers, programming our robot to move through the obstacle course



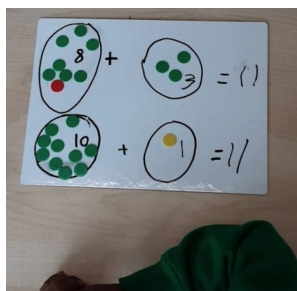
In Year 5 Aviary, we have thought about our visions for the future and what they might look like. This group showed excellent teamwork. They wanted to see a world without litter



Year 4 Solar have been busy this week. In maths they have been rounding and comparing numbers to nearest ten, hundred and thousands using bead strings. In science they looked at the functions of a flower by dissecting and recording the different parts. In P.E they worked on their ball throwing skills and hitting wickets.



Year 2 Aqueous enjoyed our fitness lesson about hula hooping skills. Molly and Evelyn showed great resilience and skill. In Maths, Taamiran used the counters to regroup the number 11 in different ways. Well done everyone for a fantastic week!



Alpha and Genesis have enjoyed exploring how to mix primary colours. They have made delicious cupcakes using foam and carefully counted different numbers of candles to put in the cake. We have been reading the story 'Errol's Garden' and have created beautiful drawings of different flowers and plants.



PARENT INFORMATION

Eagle Club

Thank you to all who responded to the survey regarding Eagle Club. There is still a high level of demand and Mrs Moore and Mrs Da Costa are looking at the available options as there isn't a simple solution. Breakfast Club still has availability for most days, but After School Club is fully booked. The only option at this time is for you to keep checking for cancellations if you require sessions. If you have already booked sessions that you no longer need, please cancel them so that others can access the service. Cancellations made with 72 hours notice will be credited.

St John's School Uniform

We have been made aware that Mapac, the company who supplies our St John's branded uniform, are struggling to meet all their orders across the UK and are now prioritising the younger sizes first. The supplies will hopefully arrive soon. Please let the school office know if you have not been able to get hold of all items of uniform. This is an issue affecting many suppliers.

Menu Update

Due to supply issues, very much like the rest of the UK, our kitchen is sometimes struggling to get the correct orders.

We ask that you bear with us, if there is a major change to the meals we will let you know.

However, we may make some small swaps to provide a balanced meal based on what food supplies are available.

Covid

We ask that our families continue to be cautious when their children display COVID symptoms. We would rather your child was off for a day with a cough while you check to see how it develops before sending them in.

By being cautious, we have the best chance of keeping the majority of children well and in school.

We will continue to let the whole school community know when we are informed of a positive Covid case, without identifying the person who has tested positive.

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](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs run by School staff

We have a selection of school clubs run voluntarily by school staff. Lunchtime clubs do not need to be pre-booked and the children make their own choice on the day whether to attend.

Y4/5 Chess Club after school does need to be booked through the school office.

Mondays	Y4/5 Library
Tuesdays	Y1 Art Club
Wednesdays	Y4/5 Speed stacking
Thursdays	Y3 Makaton
Fridays	Y2 Computing
	Y4/5 Book Club

For clubs run by external providers - please book directly with them. See the flyers below.

ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

DANCE CLUB

YEAR 1

Tuesdays
3:15 - 4:15

21st Sep - 19th Oct
2021

5 sessions
£27.50

CONTACT BETH DIRECTLY TO BOOK

07956 516545 beth@b-dance.co.uk

PLEASE SEE OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

School of Music

1 to 1 & Group Lessons

Piano, Violin, Cello, Guitar, Flute, Vocals

Grade Exams
&
11+ Music Aptitude
Test Preparation

Call now to join!
0755 2611 877

KidsYoga
With Yana

St John's CofE School Yoga Club - Y2
24th Sept - 22nd Oct 2021
5 sessions - £30

Fridays 3:20 - 4:20pm, £6/class,
Booking is for the rest of the
half term

Contact Yana on
07857 421 111 or
kotlova.jana@gmail.com

Yoga improves
flexibility & focus.
Helps with anxiety &
worry.

St John's After School Clubs

Football: Year 4 & 5 (Wednesday)

Start Date: Wednesday 15th September 2021

End date: Wednesday 15th December 2021

Tennis: Year 3 (Thursday)

Start Date: Thursday 16th September 2021

End date: Thursday 16th December 2021

Both Clubs 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Book by 14th & 15th September

Please go online to secure your Child(s) booking

www.xtratime.co.uk

Email: **sportsservices@xtratime.co.uk**

We run a Saturday football fun club every single week. All year around at Cassiobury Infant School. For ages 3 -13 years - from 10 am to 12 pm.

Please refer to our website for terms & conditions.

Online Safety Update

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about ... SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

On any social media platform, you'll often come across links to genuine-looking websites. They might include an exclusive offer for one of your favourite shops or invite you to complete a quiz in return for a particular reward. In some cases, clicking on these links takes you to a fake website where you are asked to provide your personal details. The whole enterprise is a ploy to capture sensitive details, such as your email address and password, which the scammers then exploit at your expense.

Clickjacking for fake rewards

Here, the attacker tries to lure you into clicking a link by offering something in return, such as a free gift for completing a survey. However, when the link is clicked, it collects the details of whoever fills out the survey. This might include full names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Scammers could use these to hack into your other accounts or simply sell your data to other criminals.

Malicious app downloads

Some cybercriminals design software that appears genuine or helpful (and is normally free) but has been created to steal your personal information. There may be a pop-up ad encouraging you to download and install the app. Once the app is downloaded, the attacker can see any personal credentials you enter, and could then use this information for their own gain.

'Payment first' scams

Prevalent on sites such as Depop, these scams have spread to Facebook since it added the Marketplace feature. A user lists an item for sale and requests payment up front. Most online stores work this way, but the crucial difference is that scammers ask for payment via PayPal friends and family – not goods and services. This means you can't dispute the payment: the scammer keeps your money, and you never receive the item.

Threats disguised as quizzes

Most quizzes on social media seem harmless, but many come with hidden threats. When you submit your answers, you're also agreeing to terms and conditions which – in some cases – allow the quiz developer to sell your details to third parties. This puts you at greater risk of phishing attacks and spam advertising emails. It might also give the app permission to use information from your profile.

Untrustworthy URLs

It's common on social media for URLs in posts to be shortened (to meet Twitter's character count, for instance). This may seem harmless, but it opens an avenue of attack for scammers who may be disguising a malicious link as legitimate. These links can install malware on the victim's device, which could lead to passwords being stolen or even be the precursor to ransomware attacks.

Angler phishing scams

Using a fake corporate social media account, the scammer pretends to be from customer services. When someone complains about customer service on social media, the fake account messages them asking for their name, phone number and email. If the user provides this info, they are directed to a fake website where they enter their login details. The attacker can then steal their credentials or infect their device with malware.

Advice For Parents & Carers

Set strong passwords

Always ensure that your passwords are not easily guessable. Try to use a mix of letters, numbers and special characters so that criminals cannot forcefully get control. You should also change your passwords every so often to provide further protection against your accounts being taken over. If you have any concerns about your account's privacy, change the password.

Review your privacy settings

Regularly review your privacy settings on social media. You can restrict which parts of your profile can be seen and by who. We recommend making your personal information only visible to friends, which will help to limit the information a scammer could find out about you from social media. It's also safest to only accept friend or follow requests from people that you actually know.

Protect your personal information

Never enter personal information on unfamiliar websites. If you were redirected to a site from a social media post or an email link, putting in your personal details could give key information away to a scammer. Fraudsters may pose as someone you know to try and get your address or bank details (or your family's). If this happens, block the user and tell your family, so the scammer can't try to deceive anyone else.

Avoid opening suspicious emails

When you get an email, always check the sender's address before opening it. If it's an unexpected email and the sender is a stranger, mark it as junk (in case they try again in future) and simply delete it. They could be a scammer who's simply seen your email address on your social media profile. Being aware of phishing attacks is the primary method of defence against scam emails like this.

Choose trusted download sources

Don't download apps or files from unknown sites – instead, use verified and trustworthy sources (such as Google Play or the App Store for download to mobile devices). You can recognise safe sources by their trust seals. The browser address bar on a secure site starts 'https' instead of 'http'. A shield or lock symbol in the address bar also indicates that a site is secure.

Install anti-virus software

Another key tip is to ensure that you have robust and reliable virus protection installed on any of your devices that support it. Anti-virus programmes will help to insulate you against cyber-attacks by blocking any malicious downloads or detecting any recently downloaded malware and removing it. Update your virus protection software regularly and carry out frequent scans of your device.

Meet Our Expert

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A Reminder from Herts Police

Electric Scooters



Electric scooters can – and will – be seized by the Police as they cannot be legally used in public places.

Scooter

- » Push scooter/ non-powered
- » Fun for kids
- » Legal to use anywhere



Scooters are a popular gadget, and are widely used by children. But parents may consider buying electric ones for their kids. Think twice!



E-Scooter

- » Electric powered
- » NOT Street Legal
- » Can't be used on public pavements, roads or cycle paths
- » Can be permanently seized by Police

