

St John's C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter Growing Together in Love and Respect

Dear St John's families,

We have had a wonderful Book week, it was a pleasure to see the love of books being shared. The children have been read to by different teachers, interacted with author and had the opportunity to choose a book or two during the St John's Book Exchange. Thank you to everyone for your book donations.

We also began Lent this week. The Reception and Year 4 children lead fabulous collective worships with their families.

When there are troubling times in the world being able to focus on the children and the experiences they are having and being able to share with our families can be very rewarding.

Earlier in the week I shared some advice and around how to talk about tricky situations with children. I have also spoken with Father David and if you would like to make any donations to support those in need, St John's church are focusing their efforts on: https://www.orderofmalta.org.uk/donate/

Today we said goodbye to Bailey Butler and Sarah Gregory as they head off to new experiences. They have been an important part of the St Johns family and we wish them all the best for the future.

In Love and Respect

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Mrs Samantha Da Costa Headteacher

Friday 4th March 2022

This month's value is:

Forgiveness

Key Dates 2021/22

Friday 18th March 2022 Red Nose Day. Children welcome to wear red clothing.

Friday 1st April 2022 Last Day of Term. School closes 2pm. <u>No After School Club</u>

Easter Eggs for all St John's Church of England Primary School children from the Friends of St John's

Monday 4th - 18th April 2022 Easter Holidays: School closed

Tuesday 19th April 2022 Back to School

31st May-3rd June 2022 Half Term

Monday 6th June 2022 Inset Day - School Closed

Tuesday 10th May 2022 School Class Photographs for all year groups.

30th May -3rd June 2022 Half Term- School Closed



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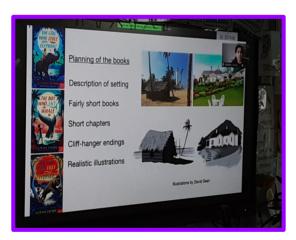
Julia Donaldson, Author



Author Visits

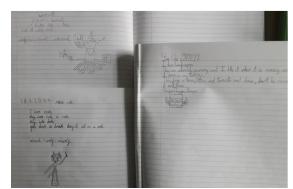


The children were visited by author, both in person and virtually. The authors spoke to the children about about how to create, plan and write stories





Sarah Hagger-Holt, Author



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St John's School Book Swap Thank you for all of the wonderful

book donations. Each St John's C of E Primary School child had the opportunity to select a book to take home and keep.











St John's Book Week included a Book Exchange, a Book Dash and as well as stories and illustration created by the children.





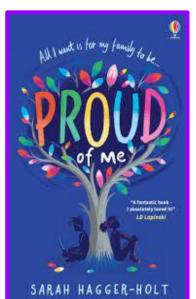




Usborne Book Sale



The weather hampered our book sale plans a little on Monday. Renu, our local Usborne bookseller will be accepting orders for books from her <u>Usborne books</u> <u>website</u>. Please use this <u>Google form</u> to place your order by **Monday 7th March at 3:30pm**. Every purchase will be helping to continue our love of reading in school. Renu will also be donating a percentage of all book sales to our school in the form of free books for the school library.



Information for St John's Families

Communication between home and school: If you need to pass a message onto a class teacher, you can do this at pick up time or by contacting the school office. If it needs to be passed on urgently, please do so in person. If it is not urgent, please send an email to the school office. When speaking to the Class Teacher at pick up time, please be aware that class teachers need to safely dismiss the children, so any short conversations may have to wait until the other children have been collected.



If you would like to request an appointment to speak to any member of staff because you cannot see them at pick up or are likely to need more than a few minutes, please contact the school office. The office team will need to let the staff member know the reason you are requesting the appointment, so please give them an outline, so that a suitable date and time can be arranged. Equally, someone else may be able to answer your question more quickly rather than waiting until the class teacher is available at the end of the school day.

Toys, games and other personal item: It is important that children <u>do not</u> bring personal items such as favourite toys, books or games from home into school without permission from the Class Teacher. We understand that children enjoying sharing their favourite toys etc with their friends, however these items can distract children from their learning and any accidental loss or damage of cherished personal items can be upsetting.

