

STJJ NEWS

St John and St James C of E Primary School Newsletter

28th October 2021

Dear Parents,

The first half term seems to have passed in a flash but it has been a great start to the school year.

We have had lots to celebrate, our effort and achievement winners, our Respect awards, some fantastic sporting events but most of all the sheer resilience that our children have shown in settling back in to class and engage in their learning.

We have had online workshops with The Lords, looking at democracy and rule of law; gardening workshops with 'Trees for Cities'; Year 6 swimming, and our Harvest Festival in person with Father Nigel.

Things finally look like they're getting back to normal and so teachers are busy booking trips and visits for the upcoming year so watch out for information coming home in the coming weeks. We're all excited about the prospect of getting out and experiencing the world again, living life in all its fullness.

We also want to get back to organising key events for children and families, we're looking for new fresh ideas on our 'Friends of StJJ Committee'. In recent years the children have benefitted from sleepovers, fetes and discos, and we're keen to make up some of those experiences they've missed out on, so if you're interested in getting involved, leave a message at the front office.

From the Headteacher

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Our vision is to create an inclusive community of aspirational learners, children, families and colleagues, working collaboratively and respectfully within a happy, nurturing environment where all flourish and achieve.

Jesus said 'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness'.

1 John 10 vs 10



Имаме и помощен работник, който да помага в подкрепата на нашата българска общност. Много родители се присъединиха към нас за първото кафе сутрин. Моля, свържете се, ако искате да се включите.

We also have a support worker to help support our Bulgarian community. Lots of parents joined us for the first coffee morning. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

Our School Leaders



At StJJ our pupils take pride in our school, leadership roles are an important part of becoming responsible citizens of any community and we are really proud of the work they do!



Sports Leaders



Time to relax and play, respecting each other, is an important part of our day.

Our play leaders ensure that there is lots to do and keep us busy at play times and that nobody is left out!



Harvest Festival



Father Nigel and Mother Tina collected all the contributions for St Peter's Church foodbank, in Edmonton, last week.

Thank you for all your contributions. You have helped other people have 'life in all its fullness'.



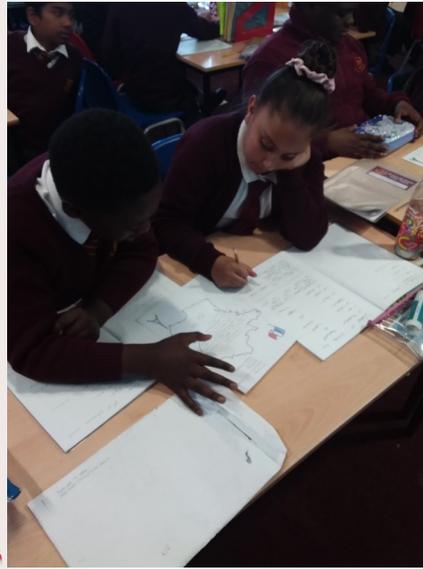
This term, Year 3 have been learning about the Big Story of the Bible and have created art pieces inspired by the different concepts such as Creation, The Fall, Incarnation, Salvation and The Kingdom of God.

Year 3 RE



Beautiful RE inspired
Artwork

French Penpals



Many of you will remember Mrs James, who used to teach Year 4. This week she delivered lots of letters from children in France so our Year 6 pupils rose to the challenge and wrote some fantastic replies in French! The start of a new relationship we hope.





This week, in Reception, we have been celebrating our class teddy's birthday. We made cupcakes by following a recipe and counting out amounts for each ingredient and worked in pairs.



The children in Nursery have been learning how to keep our pet African snails happy and safe.



Year 5 have been practising their acting skills this week. Role play is a great way to generate our ideas for writing and to help us work collaboratively.

Speaking and listening is a key part of our curriculum and the children love taking on the roles of characters in the texts we are studying.



Year 5 have been working hard to look after our edible garden, weeding, watering and planting. The team work is really paying off!





Our Y5/6 football teams displayed a great attitude at our first football league matches this half term.

They played Raynham and St Michael at Bowes, one win, 3-0 and one loss 1-3.

The girls had one win, 2-1 and one loss too, 4 – 0.

Both teams have had a great start to the season.

Keep up the good work





We are very proud of our KS2 football teams. They always go to every match full of enthusiasm and excitement.





Top students	ACTIVITY POINTS	LIVE POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
Guney	4510	964	5474
Jordan	4790	531	5321
Kiyan	2740	1303	4043
Benjamin	2510	1243	3753
Kofi	1860	816	2676
Deniz	1030	1415	2445
Richie	2300	140	2440
Armando	2210	114	2324
Leku	2300	0	2300
Peace	2240	14	2254

Maths fluency is essential for children to succeed as they move through their education, in primary, secondary and beyond. As adults we often take for granted all of the number facts that we just know. Would you count on your fingers if you were asked, 'how much are 3 of those pairs of tights?' if they were £6 each? Do you have to calculate how much change you should get when handing over a £10 note in the shop? Mostly we *just know*, without having to think about it for too long. This is because we are fluent in number.

The best way for children to learn and secure number facts is through playing Maths games, board games, made up games and online. The teachers allocate maths activities weekly on **Mathletics** to support children's recall of number facts, this includes times tables, which are essential in life.

Please encourage your children to engage with the online platforms provided to support their learning. You can even play with them.

Try solving this together. How many different calculations do you need?

A field measures 15m by 20m. The field next to it is 300cm longer and 2.5m narrower. What is the difference in area between the two fields?

I had an important meeting this week with Jahziah, in Year 5. He has written his own proposal for increasing the range of sporting activities at play times.

We will be working together over the next few weeks to make his plans a reality so watch this space.

If you have ideas of how to improve our school, put together a plan and book a meeting with the leadership team and we may be able to support you in implementing your ideas.



Listen to your child read every day

KS1 children will bring home reading books, matched to their phonetic level, in their book bags. Please help your child to read the sounds and words at the front of the RWInc storybooks, before they read the story and encourage them to read it repeatedly to increase their fluency and speed. They can also access **Oxford Owl** and Scholastic for further reading material as well as a range of resources and activities related to their reading books. Younger children will love to hear familiar stories read again and again.

Older children need to read at home everyday as well as being read to, which helps to develop their comprehension skills, and encourage a love of reading.

Don't forget to 'Get caught reading' and add it to our school padlet.

<https://padlet.com/sglover14308/ccfqob2f63s3ps16>

School Uniform

Thank you all for your support in ensuring your children come to school wearing their full school uniform. They all look so smart and ready for learning. There have been a few slips lately with brightly coloured trainers, hoodies and children forgetting their ties. Please ensure that children have their whole uniform everyday. If you need support with this, please talk to us.



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Code of Conduct - the three Rs

Ready

1. Be punctual.
2. Be in full school uniform.
3. Be silent when entering a classroom.
4. Listen carefully.
5. All necessary equipment out, and everything else away.

Respectful

6. Do as you are asked by all members of staff, first time without question.
7. Listen to others, do not call out, and use appropriate language and tone.
8. Be kind to each other and take care of property.

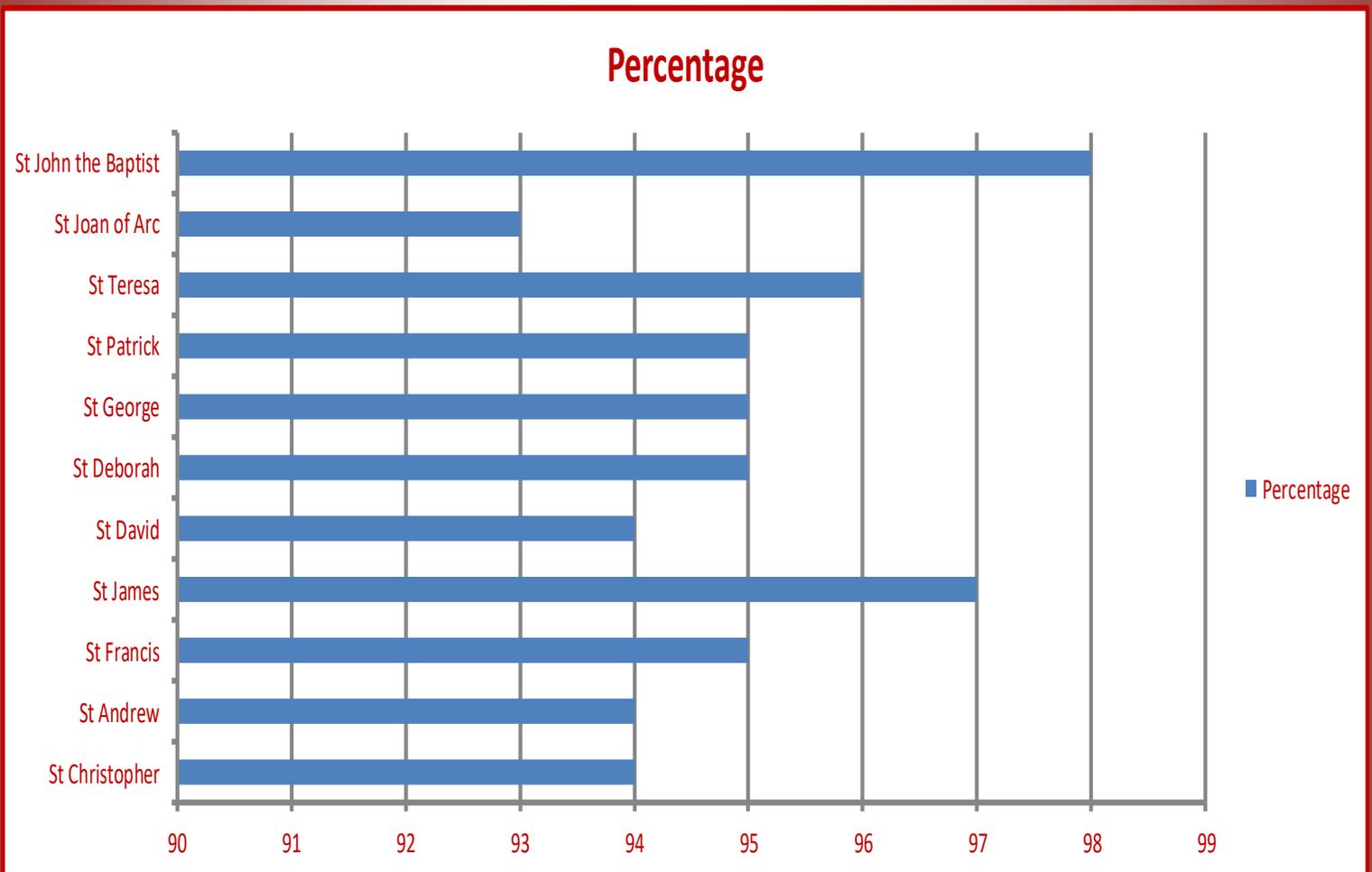
Responsible

9. Follow rules for health and safety.
10. Keep hands, feet, objects and personal comments to yourself.
11. Be in the right place at the right time, and not in unsupervised areas.

The children have really embraced the new code of conduct and behaviour and attitudes this term have been phenomenal.

Thank you for all of your support with implementing the behaviour expectations. Remember to use the 3Rs when discussing incidents with your children at home!

This term's Attendance



At St John and St James we expect all children on roll to attend school every day if they are fit and well enough to do so. Our attendance target for expected attendance is 96%.

Well done to St Teresa, St James and St John the Baptist, for meeting our school target this term.

129 children achieved 100% attendance this half term. Well done to all of you, there are too many to name but you know who you are!