



# St. John's RC Primary School

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus*

Love one another, as I have loved you

Newsletter: Issue 1

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Head's News...

We have had an outstanding week here at St John's and, again, I reiterate what a privilege it is to carry out my role as a Headteacher. Our children are quite simply the best! Assembly this morning was a pleasure, I love celebrating publicly our children's many achievements and I know that they love this too. We couldn't do what we do without your support, so I would like to thank you all for blessing us with your wonderful children.

Over the first few weeks we have been looking at our mission statement: 'Love one another, as I have loved you', the children have been discussing what this means to them and how they are going to live this mission, through their words and actions. My favourite response has been, 'I love God, he made the world and never gets tired of loving us.' What a wonderful perception to have! We will be launching a competition for the children to create posters to show what our mission means to them. There will be a winner per class and an overall winner. The overall winner's poster will be adopted by the school and used on all of our communications. Our Governing Body will be the judges. More information to follow about this.

## Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we publish weekly attendance figures.

Our overall attendance this week as a school is 96.3%, our target is a minimum of 97.5% - please do send children in for every learning opportunity. A huge well done this week must go to Years One and Two – keep up the great work!

### Attendance to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Year One	99.5%	Year Four	93.9%
Year Two	99.6%	Year Five	96.9%
Year Three	97.7%	Year Six	92%

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Neo, Oran and Esther

Year 2: Shean, Gracie, Irena

Year 3: Lyla, Ummayah, James

Year 4: Lewis, Rebeka, Darcey

Year 5: Cailean, Julianna, Austin

Year 6: Frankie, Precious,  
Ancelin

### House Points

Earth: 323

Water: 309

Air: 284

Fire: 299

Believe in  
yourself

## Forgiveness

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus the question about how many times we should forgive. Jesus' answer shows that we must forgive one another just as God forgives us: again and again, without limit. God is our loving Father and we can always count on his loving forgiveness and on the freedom that his forgiveness brings. Jesus instructs us to be just as forgiving toward others.

Forgiveness is the lifeblood of any family or community. Pope St John Paul II reminds us, "Forgiveness does not come naturally. Forgiving from the heart can sometimes be actually heroic."



## Birthdays

### **An important message about birthdays!!!**

Children can come into school in non-uniform on their birthday. This is so wonderful as everybody within our school community who sees them will know that it is their special day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, on PE day or within a school holiday the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

**This week we celebrate:**

Gracie – 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Maxmilian – 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Sophie – 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Jackson – 17<sup>th</sup> September



## Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL directly:

[louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk)

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## Key Dates

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Days - School Closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	New Term
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Parents Meetings
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Mass to celebrate the beginning of a new academic year – 10.30am Meet The Teacher Meetings – KS1 3.30pm and KS2 3.45pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Strike a Pose</u> Individual and siblings Photograph Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year Five Bikeability
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year Six Residential in Kilvrough
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Term Begins at 8.55am

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated - enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God. This half term we are::

### Grateful and Generous

**Grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, now and in the future... by encouraging them to know and be **grateful** for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be **generous** in the service of others.

During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches the people those values that build up the kingdom of God. Assembly and reflection themes at St John's Catholic Primary School are rooted in the Catholic Pupil Profile.

