

newsletter

November 2023

Inspiring and Growing for Fullness of Life



Enjoying our PlayPod

Welcome back to term 2

This term we are already busy with a great number of events planned. We are very much looking forward to our Design Technology week that starts on the 20th November, Antbullying week, Reception's welcome to the church and their Nursery Rhymes week.

This term culminates in our Christmas celebrations which are many and varied. We love the Christmas carol service for our junior children and our infant nativities. Remember to put our amazing Christmas Fair run by the PTA in your calendar too.

You will have received a copy of our recent OFSTED report today, alongside a letter of explanation. We are immensely proud of the comments shared during the inspection and the report itself; with one area of development to ensure that the writing curriculum is consistently embedded. Last year's writing data further supported this. The school will obviously continue to work on the excellent work already in place and ensure that our children get the very best deal.

Lisa Norford

Headteacher



Important Information

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR MONDAY

START OFF THE DAY

Please can you say goodbye to your child at the gate from Monday onwards with the exception of year 1 and Reception classes who are able to drop at the door.

If you need to talk to the teacher or drop your child to the teacher please make arrangements for this via the front entrance.

BYE BYE



iSing POP at St James'

Before half term we were lucky enough to have iSing POP in school. iSingPOP is Innervation Trust's (a UK based charity) primary school singing, performing and resourcing project. They give thousands of children the chance to learn a fantastic set of specially written pop songs and perform a fun-filled concert in their local church.

Our St James' concert was once again a fantastic event which both the children, staff and families enjoyed.



Charity Begins at School!



During the final week of term our wonderful Year 4 children decided to raise money for charity. Three groups of children selling dog biscuits, lavender bags and crafts set up stands in the playground.

All three groups spent weeks making their goods, decorated their stalls beautifully and were brilliant stall holders. Their dedication paid off and they raised a huge amount of money.

Thank you to the children involved and their parents for their support.

Animal Shelter:
Red Cross:



News from our Governors



Could you be one of our new parent governors?

The school will shortly be looking to ask for interest from parents in becoming a parent governor.

Parent governors play a vital role on our governing body, holding the unique position of having a parental viewpoint of the school. Through the children, they have a first-hand experience of the delivery of the curriculum, and how the school is perceived from the 'consumers' point of view. This enables parent governors to bring a different perspective to the strategic management of the school.

I do hope parents/carers will consider becoming a parent governor. Now chair of governors, I have been a parent governor for over 3 years. It has been really rewarding to work with the school team to support them to further improve our school for the benefit of our local community. If this role may be of interest, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or one of the other governors for an informal chat and to find out more. As a governor there are normally around 4 meetings of the local governing board each academic year. We also have committees who provide oversight of resourcing and finances, curriculum, and the ethos of the school. Governors support and lead these committees which may also include monitoring visits within the school.

Tracey is one of our parent governors who will be shortly stepping down as a governor.

Tracey says "The governors are a friendly supportive team and I have really enjoyed working with them. They have been open to different ways of working and allowed me to perform much of my role remotely whilst I was shielding through cancer treatment. It has been a real privilege to be one of the parent voices on the governing body. I would encourage anyone who is interested to find out more. It's so rewarding to help assure and shape our school. "



Congratulations



Congratulations Mia and Joshua

Mia won the 11U Grade 4 Half Term tournament at Well Place. The week before she had played a 11U Grade 3 at Winscombe and got into the semi finals.

Joshua won the LTA David Lloyd Gloucester u8 singles tennis competition in September, winning all 7 of his matches. He was very excited.



Cross Country training

Whatever the weather, you will see our Y5/6 cross country team training each Friday morning.

Remembrance Day

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Theo

Monty and Joey

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 From people dying
 Will become it
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Year 3,4,5 and 6 Values Service at Pip and Jims

On Thursday 9th November, all Junior children visited the church for their Values Service which was on this terms value, 'Love'. The children reflected on how love was shown in the story of The Good Samaritan. This service was led by Abbie Marsh who will be leading our church values services until a new vicar is appointed

