

# THE RED SWEATER LETTER

A newsletter from St. John's Middle School



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## Message from Head of School

By Mrs A. Elwell

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new academic year.

It was wonderful to see the pupils returning to school looking so smart in their St John's uniforms and we would like to thank you for your support in maintaining these high standards. The new pupils in Year 5 have made an excellent transition to St John's and we hope they have enjoyed their first few weeks with us. Their smiling faces and enthusiasm is infectious to all who meet them.

The children have impressed all their teachers by their positive attitudes to learning and school life, this was recently complimented by an external visitor who commented on the calm and engaging learning environment that is evident across the whole school.

Unfortunately, Covid has continued to have an impact upon our school community and we have been forced to reintroduce some of the safety measures that were in place last year. We hope that any of our St John's family that are suffering from symptoms make a speedy recovery and are back with us enjoying school life again soon.

With warmest wishes

Mrs A Elwell

# Collective Worship

By Miss C. Russell

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
Amen.

# Up and Coming Open Day's

RGS Worcester - 2nd October  
South Bromsgrove High School - 30th September  
**North Bromsgrove High School - 16th September**  
Droitwich Spa High School - 5th October

# Reggie's Corner

By Reggie (Mrs N. Hine)

Hello everyone,

It has been so exciting to be back to school and seeing you all.

I am settling back in but have been finding school super exciting again after a long break at home.

Soon, I will have my very own timetable and set sessions where I will help in lessons or get to play and cuddle with pupils.

A special thank you to all the new year 5 pupils who have been following the school dog rules and not approaching or being too excited around me!

See you all around,

Reggie



## Attendance & Epraise points

Class	epraise Points	Attendance
5KLH	295	97.2%
5SW	258	97.8%
5CGO	177	98%
5MJ	290	97.9%
5CW	242	95.3%
5AKE	NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO ABSCENCE	
6LF	232	97.7%
6GM	224	98.8%
6KD	176	96.8%
6BC	189	97.7%
6RSE	235	97.9%
7WW	153	95.1%
7PM	181	95.2%
7MMO	184	95.8%
7ALK	198	95.7%
7MH	196	96.5%
7JD	144	98.1%
8JCD	209	94.8%
8NGE	169	93.8%
8MF	104	95.4%
8KLN	155	94.2%
8MC	177	97.8%
8CSS	197	93.7%

## House Points

STUART - 1,164

TUDOR - 1,093

WINDSOR - 1,063

HANOVER - 1,107

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## Chocolate Crunch



### Method

#### STEP 1

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter a 20cm square tin and line with baking parchment. Stir the melted butter and vanilla together in a bowl. Mix the caster sugar, flour and cocoa together in another bowl.

#### STEP 2

Pour the bowl of wet ingredients into the dry and beat together, then add the egg and beat again until combined. Press into the prepared tin. Brush the top with water and sprinkle over the granulated sugar.

#### STEP 3

Bake for 30-35 mins. Leave to cool slightly in the tin for 5 mins before slicing into squares and transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

### Ingredients

170g unsalted butter, melted, plus extra for the tin

1 tsp vanilla extract

170g caster sugar

225g self-raising flour

25g cocoa powder

1 large egg, beaten

2 tbsp granulated sugar

# Heads of Year Message

By Mr D. Owen - Head of Year 5

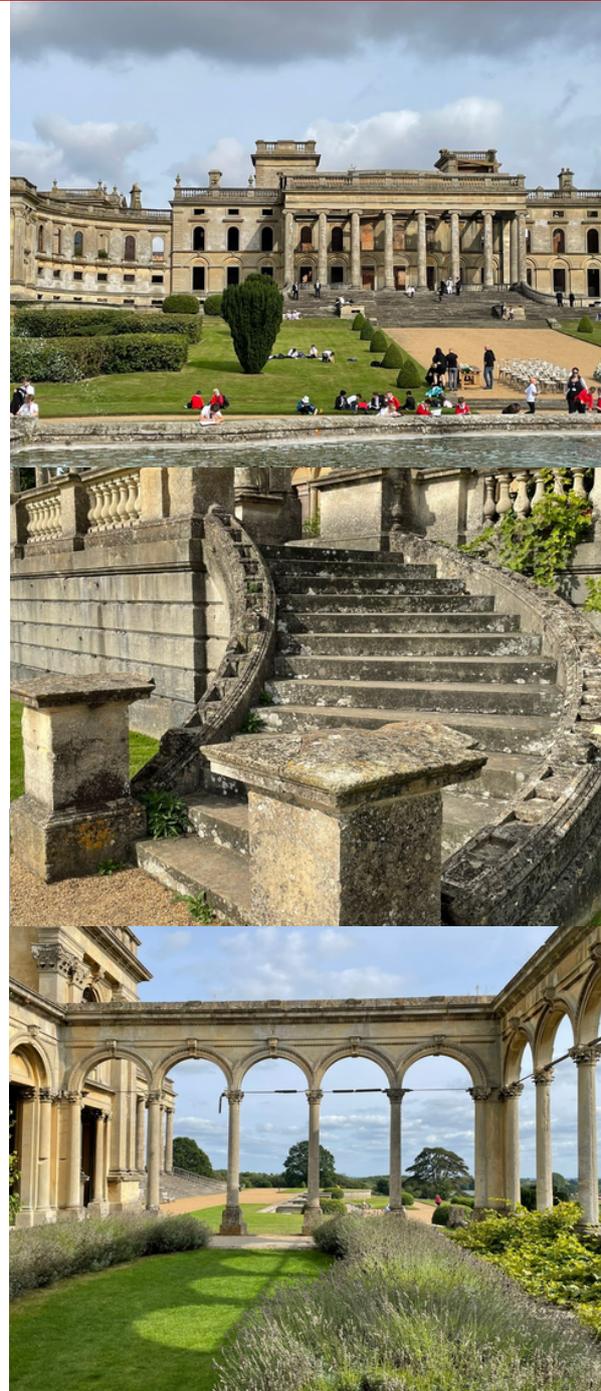
Firstly, I would like to say welcome back to all of our pupils and we hope all of our St. John's families have had a healthy and happy summer.

It has been such a pleasure to welcome back all of our pupils, in their smart, often brand new uniforms, and to see the whole school able to enter the playground, corridors and even year group assemblies together for the first time in a very long time. A special welcome of course to our new year 5 pupils, who once again, have shown maturity and real resilience in how well they have started and settled into their new classes and timetables. This is particularly impressive having not been able to experience the transition process as we would have liked. Also, we wish the best of luck to our most recent leavers, moving up to high school in year 9 and hope they are enjoying their new schools.

The Heads of Year would like to give a few collective reminders for pupils and families as we settle into the routines for the term and year ahead, regarding uniform, equipment and expectations. Firstly, we would like to ask all pupils to remember to bring their planners and general notebooks to each lesson, as well as a reading book for the day – library access will be up and running shortly for any who may require it and we have lots of exciting, brand new books for pupils to choose from, with so many suitable for all reading abilities. All pupils will soon be issued with a reading band colour to help them select the most appropriate books. We will also be checking all uniform is present and correct when pupils enter the school and throughout the day – please could all uniform be clearly named, as this ensures it can be easily returned if misplaced.

Lastly, as autumn seems to have abruptly arrived this year and will therefore bring with it shorter days, we would like to ask all pupils to remember to be safe and be seen when travelling to and from school, especially when crossing roads.

Thank you.



## Witley Court

By Mrs J. Davenport

Tuesday 21st September saw the year 6 finally experience their first trip at St. John's. Pupils visited Witley Court where they took some fantastic photographs and sketched some super observations. The weather was amazing as was the children's behaviour. Pupils in coach one clapped and cheered as we arrived- a great day had by all.