

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 4th November 2022

Congratulations!

These go to Mr Willmott on the birth of his son, Louie who was born at the beginning of half term! Mr Willmott returned to school yesterday and will now be hoping that the excellent sleeping so far continues! Thank you to Mrs Healy who has covered the paternity leave in Year 4; she will be around and visiting often still I am sure!



Parent Teacher Meetings

These start next week with Year 5 on Monday, Year 6 on Tuesday, Reception on Wednesday and Year 3 on Thursday. Thank you to all who have booked their appointments already; the booking system will be open until the end of today. Please keep your login details for School Spider handy as, whilst the spring parent's meetings will be face-to-face in school, the booking system will be the same!

Remembrance

Year 6 will be leading a special service in school next week including a minute's silence at 11 am. The service will be for children only so that we can fit all classes into the hall. We are planning on recording the assembly in advance and posting to our closed You Tube channel so that families can experience this moving service.

We have been able to source some poppies which will be available to children – in exchange for a small donation – from Monday onwards. Only poppies will be available this year rather than the selection of other items that is usually present.

Good Luck!

To our footballers who play their second round of the cup match on Monday against Holy Trinity (Mrs Thompson's new home!). Hopefully plenty of incentive for another fantastic performance!

Advance Warning!

On page 2 of this newsletter, you will find a full list of dates for Christmas 2022. As always, we will post reminders on Dojo nearer the time.

14th – 18th November is anti-bullying week with the theme this year – 'Reach Out' as there is always someone there to help. We will be holding a special assembly on the Monday and celebrating Odd Sock Day that day to help remind us how important it is to be there for others.

Children in Need is on Friday 18th November. It will be a MUFTI day (own clothes) in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. Our JOY team will be writing to you all next week with a bit more information....

Fireworks!

We are sorry for the slight change that had to be made to the menu this week as deliveries did not arrive in time for the fireworks menu on Thursday. Thankfully, everything was there for today and we had a lovely lunch ahead of the celebrations this weekend. Please take care if watching a display and we have reminded the children about the need to act responsibly for the safety of themselves and others.

Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility



Christmas Dates – 2022

Please find below the key dates for our Christmas activities. We are hopeful that everything will go ahead as planned for the first year in a while! Keep an eye out on our newsletter and on Class Dojo for reminders and key information nearer the date for each event. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thursday 1st December – Carols by Candlelight. Please join us in the hall straight after school to listen to the Christmas Story with a fair few Christmas songs and hymns thrown in! Children and families from all years are welcome (though there may only be standing room) with the PFA serving drinks and mince pies!

Wednesday 7th December – Reception Nativity Performance at 9:30 in the hall. 4 tickets per family is planned.

Thursday 8th December – Discos. Rec, Y1 and Y2 from 6:15 – 7:15 pm and Years 3 – 6 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets £2.50 per child

Tuesday 13th – Thursday 15th December – Christmas dinner and parties! Each phase is invited to come to school in their party clothes and enjoy their Christmas dinner followed by a party in the afternoon.

Years 2,3 & 4 – Tuesday 13th December

Years 5 & 6 – Wednesday 14th December

Reception and Year 1 – Thursday 15th December

Information about ordering a Christmas dinner will be sent nearer the time.

Friday 16th December – Winter Wonderland Day including Santa Dash, Christmas craft activities and a visit to the Winter Wonderland garden! Christmas jumpers / outfits welcome and encouraged! We will be asking for a voluntary contribution for this event with the option of being sponsored for the Santa Dash. Any money raised will be used by our PFA to provide events and opportunities throughout the year.

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Service in Church. Families are welcome to join us for the end of term service in Church on our penultimate day. Following the success of Harvest, there will be separate services for infants and juniors 9:15 am – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 service 10:30 am – Years 3 – 6 service

Wednesday 21st December – End of term at 1:45 pm. No FAST club.

St. John's Superstars from before half term

Superstar Award

Year Group

J.O.Y. Award

Noah V	<u>Reception</u>	Eva
Layla-Grace	<u>Year 1</u>	Sienna L
Christopher	<u>Year 2</u>	Leighton
Macey	<u>Year 3</u>	Henry
Oliver	<u>Year 4</u>	Kaye
Fred	<u>Year 5</u>	Calisi
Ewan	<u>Year 6</u>	Patrick

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: ATTENDANCE

Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week as the list of dates will be added to / amended over time. Further details of key events and festivals will be sent out nearer the time in case we need to make any logistical changes. Teachers will keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

Whilst COVID is still very much around and in the news, it is important that children are in school as much as possible to catch up academically and socially. Each week the **class** with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

7th November – Parent Teacher calls for Y5
 8th November – Parent Teacher calls for Y6
 9th November – Parent Teacher calls for Reception
 10th November – Parent Teacher calls for Year 3
 11th November – Y6 leading Remembrance Service
 14th November – Parent Teacher calls for Year 4
 15th November – Parent Teacher calls for Year 1
 16th November – Parent Teacher calls for Year 2
 14th – 16th November – Year 6 at Robinwood Activity Centre
 17th November – last Year 4 swimming
 24th November – Year 5 start swimming
 1st December – Carols By Candlelight
 7th December – Reception nativity
 8th December – Christmas discos
 13th – 15th Dec – Christmas dinners and parties
 16th December – Winter Wonderland
 20th December – Church services
 21st December – last day of term. School closes at 1:45 pm. No FAST club today.
 4th January – INSET day. School closed to pupils
 5th January – Back to school

Reception	99%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	87%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	94%

Useful contact details

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Prayer for the week

Dear Lord,
 Please keep us safe as we enjoy the fireworks at this time of year. Help us make the right choices and act responsibly in all we do.
 Amen