

# St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## 'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

December is a very special, busy month in a primary school with lots of fun thrown in for good measure! This month to name a few activities we have all enjoyed; Winter Wonderland, The Twinkly Nativity, discos, parties, a speedy Santa dash and even some elf sightings around the school! After all of this excitement and hard work during the Autumn Term the children and staff deserve a well earned rest over the Christmas holidays! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful staff, volunteers and PFA who work so hard to ensure that the all of the children at St. John's receive the very best opportunities. I hope everybody has a safe and blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back together at school in the new year. A reminder that the Spring Term begins on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8:45am.

*Mrs Thomas*

### Winter Wonderland and Santa Dash

Last Friday we had a fabulous day visiting Santa in his Winter Wonderland grotto, dashing around the playground for our Santa Dash and then warming up drinking hot chocolates and decorating biscuits. A huge thank you to PFA, staff and volunteers for making such memorable experiences for our children! A huge thank you for all of the sponsorship money that was raised for the Santa Dash!

### Christmas Lunch and Parties

This week many children and staff enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner together! The hall felt very festive with the Christmas tree lit, a huge blow up Santa and lots of songs playing! A huge thank you to both Shannon and Rebecca who worked so hard to make over 100 Christmas dinners across the 3 days! A phenomenal achievement and it was delicious!!



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## **Church Service**

Thank you to all parents who joined us in Church this morning for the Christmas service. Mrs Corbett led our service wonderfully today and created a calm reflective atmosphere for us all to remember the true meaning of Christmas. The Church looked amazing adorned by candlelight and the children's singing took the service to the next level! Year 3 narrated the service beautifully and practised their lines all week to ensure that they were ready. They also gave a truly memorable and symbolic performance to 'Carol of the Bells' which is originally a Ukranian song and during this performance we were able to think about the unrest across the world this year and pray for peace in 2024. During the service Reception and Year 1 treated us to another number from their brilliant performance of The Twinkly Nativity! A fitting end to our Autumn term.

## **Defibrillator**

This week we have seen our defibrillator installed outside our school office. It is now fully working and registered. Thank you for supporting our fundraising to purchase the box to house the defibrillator in. It is a welcome resource for the entire Crossens community.



## **A New Arrival**

Some lovely news to finish the Autumn Term....

Congratulations to Miss Moss and her partner who welcomed another little boy into the world on 10<sup>th</sup> December- just in time for Christmas. Both Miss Moss and little Eli are doing well and of course Reuben is a very proud big brother! We hope they enjoy a special Christmas as a family of 4 and we look forward to meeting baby Eli in the New Year!



# St. John's Superstars!

<u>Superstar Award</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>JOY Award</u>
<u>Reception class</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Daisy M</u>
<u>Daniel</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Emily</u>
<u>Ava</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Teddy</u>
<u>Kenzi</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Dylan</u>
<u>Riley</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Dakota</u>
<u>Ava-Louise</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Zak</u>
<u>Fred</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Luca</u>

## Important Dates

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan- Spring Term Begins at 8:45am.

## Prayer

Dear God,

As Christmas draws near, please help us all to feel your presence and lovingly guide us in your light. Please bless all of the children and staff at St. John's, may they have a peaceful Christmas holidays with loved ones.

Amen

## Attendance

Thank you for supporting the children to have good attendance! So much happens within the school day and the children really miss out when they are not in school. Have a look below to see which class are our winners this week. They will receive a special mention in assembly!

Reception - 93.6%

Year 1 - 87.8%

Year 2 - 93.9%

Year 3 - 88.9%

Year 4 - 89.6%

Year 5 - 91.4%

Year 6 - **95.4%- Winners!**

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