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

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

rength' (Nehemiah 8:10)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Value: Respect

### 'Be Yourself!' Assembly

During our assemblies this week we have explored the themes of 'uniqueness' and 'tolerance.' We explored what these terms mean and discussed how we can shine our 'colours' brightly into the world and be tolerant of other who perhaps may differ from us. Two year 4 children, Theo and Esme, helped to tell the story of Jesus and the Roman Centurion who dared to be different from the others and in turn received help and respect from Jesus! We are a proud St. John's community!



### Southport Mosque Open Day

### \*\*You're Invited!\*\*

Join us for 'Visit My Mosque Day' on Sunday, 29th September 2024, at Southport Mosque, from 3pm to 6pm. This event is open to everyone, and we warmly welcome our local community and partner agencies to come together.

During this visit, you'll have the opportunity to engage with myself, our local community, and our female advocate as we discuss the importance of unity and collaboration, especially in light of recent tragic events. Let's work together to foster understanding and connection. We look forward to seeing you there! Imam Ibrahim

### <u>Harvest</u>

Thank you for all the donations received so far. It would be lovely if every child could bring in at least one item from the list of items requested by Southport Foodbank. We will need all donations in school by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October so we can decorate Church ahead of our Harvest Service.

A reminder that our Harvest Service takes place at 9:30 am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Families of children in all classes are invited to join us but especially those of children in Year 4 as they are leading the service.



# Well done the boys!



On Tuesday, the boys football team began their league campaign and it could not have gone any better with 3 wins from 3 games and not a goal conceded!

First up was Larkfield and the scoring was opened early by Alex who stayed calmest amongst a goal mouth scramble. Soon after Jason's fierce cross forced an own goal before Harrison finished well from close range. This was followed by a 2-0 win against Churchtown with Archie scoring first after dispossessing the defender and then finding the far corner with confidence. We continued to pile on the pressure with Mathew and Oliver in defence thwarting the opposition. Alex grabbed his second of the night with another calmly taken rebound after Nazar's initial effort had forced a good save from the keeper. BDS proved tough opposition in the final tense game. Both teams had plenty of chances but Oliver's outrageous dipping effort from close to half way left the keeper with no chance. When BDS did threaten they found Charlie in the way determined to keep yet another clean sheet and eventually, we sealed the 1-0 win.

A quick reminder that our school gates close at 8:55 am; any children arriving after this time must come through the office.

Teachers are on the playground to meet classes at 8:45 when the whistle goes. Should you need to pass a quick message on to teachers, this is a great time to do so.

After classes have entered the building, teachers are unable to speak to parents as they will be teaching.

Should you not be able to see your child's teacher at 8:45, please send a message via Class Dojo and teachers will respond as soon as they are able or grab me on the gate.

We are unable to accommodate any adults entering the building at this time – thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

# THIS SCHOOL IS



THANK YOU for keeping our school safe!



A massive congratulations to the girl's football team who braved the weather to finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Southport Schools Football tournament. The night started brilliantly with a confidence boosting 2-0 win over Norwood where Zoe and Maisie grabbed a goal each. Another 2-0 win followed against Larkfield where Maisie got her second of the night and Millie-May sealed the win late on. An entertaining 0-0 draw with Woodlands followed, where Ethel produced a number of good saves and Phoebe superbly blocked a shot late on. Farnborough were next and offered plenty of attacking threat that was dealt with brilliantly by Roisin and Millie-May at the back. Farnborough proved a tough nut to crack until late on with Amalie breaking away down the left to open the scoring and then some excellent work from Isabelle lead to Zoe adding a second to ensure the win was safe. A final game against St Pats ended 0-0 - despite us dominating the play the goal just wouldn't come.

Overall, a very positive week of football at St John's with 8 games unbeaten and ZERO goals conceded across both teams!



# Well done the girls!

A huge well done to one of ex-pupils, Grace Eccles, who has just become the first ever gymnast in GB history to win a medal at the Aerobic Gymnastics World Age Group Championships!

Grace left us in 2021 but is achieving great things since.

Another massive well done to Georgia Miles - who finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place at the same championships - who also attended St. John's and left a year later than Grace. Roll on another year....

Absolutely brilliant to hear about some of our ex-pupils continuing to live up to the Y in JOY!

# Be **PROUD** of yourself!

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# St. John's Superstars

Superstar Award	Year Group	J.O.Y. Award
Flynn	Reception	Lourdes
Raine	<u>Year 1</u>	Daisy C
Eva	<u>Year 2</u>	Ellie
Jasmine	<u>Year 3</u>	Sienna B
Theo	<u>Year 4</u>	Esme
Theo	<u>Year 5</u>	Leland
Max	<u>Year 6</u>	Skyler

### **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

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.

23<sup>rd</sup> September – Clubs start

23<sup>rd</sup> September – any Harvest donations can be sent into school from this date

24<sup>th</sup> September – Football league night 1 – Mr

Willmott to notify team soon

26<sup>th</sup> September – Smoothies start

26<sup>th</sup> September – Girls football tournament at Stanley High

27<sup>th</sup> September – National TA Day

1<sup>st</sup> October – Choir to sing at 2 local care homes. A letter will be sent to children involved.

4<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Service in Church at 9:30 for all classes. Families invited.

11<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccinations available for all children. Information will be sent out regarding this.

17th October – Football league night 2

23<sup>rd</sup> October – Buddy Assembly. Parents of children in Reception and Y6 are invited. More to follow. 25<sup>th</sup> October – End of half term. FAST club runs as normal.

4<sup>th</sup> November – Back to School **Respect** Thankfulness

### ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is absolutely vital in ensuring your child is able to fulfil their potential in school. Our target for good attendance is at least 95% of the time in school and learning. Each week the class with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

> Reception – 92.4% Year 1 – 97.1% Year 2 – 98.9% Year 3 – 99.3% Year 4 – 90% Year 5 – 99.6% Year 6 – 93.6%

### Useful contact details

School Office – 01704 227441 FAST club – 07543960290

### Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, Open our eyes to value each person that we meet. Help us to recognise what we have in common and respect what makes each of us unique. Help us to shine our colours brightly in your beautiful world. Amen

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