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

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

(Nehemiah 8:10)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Value: Thankfulness



#### Toy and Chocolate Service

Last Sunday saw the annual Toy and Chocolate service at Church. The service was a huge success with an overwhelming amount of chocolate donated from school.

Overall 40 kilos of chocolate was donated to Compassion Acts and 10 kilos to Salvation Army. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our school families and we thank you for all of your support for this worthwhile cause. Thanks go to all of the children who joined us at the service and Mrs Corbett for her tireless work for the school and the community!



## **PFA**(Parents and Friends Association)

Thanks to our wonderful PFA who have given up their time this week to support our school.

Hot Chocolate and Doughnuts raised **£170** towards our panto trip!

Our school discos yesterday, raised £302!

If you are interested in coming along to support our PFA, please get in touch with Mrs Comstive in Y6. We are always looking for new members!

#### **Advent Eucharist**

On Tuesday, Reverend Rebecca and Mrs Corbett delivered a wonderful Advent Eucharist at school. Special thanks go to Y4 who read beautifully during the service and had written some thought provoking prayers to share. The children were also in awe of photos that Mr and Mrs Corbett had taken during a trip to Bethlehem- how very special!



#### Winter Wonderland!

The excitement is building for this years Winter Wonderland on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December! This will be Reception's first Winter Wonderland and they are all in for a treat! This is a fantastic Christmas experience for all children and involves a snow machine, grotto and a special visitor! The day will be a mufti day with children to wear festive colours / attire or a Christmas jumper if they wish. As well as the trip to the Winter Wonderland grotto, there will also be Christmas crafts and treats in class and an exciting Santa Dash / Reindeer relays throughout the day. Any sponsorship money is welcome and can be sent in with your child on the day. We look forward to sharing lots of photographs with you!



#### <u>Pantomime- Sleeping Beauty – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></u> <u>December</u>

Next week will certainly be a busy week as we also look forward to a festive trip out to The Atkinson to watch Sleeping Beauty. Thank you for your swift payments to ensure that this exciting opportunity can go ahead. A huge thank you to Mrs Bond in the office for arranging all of the transport and lunch arrangements for the day as it has been a mammoth task! There will be a member of staff remaining at school on the day should anyone need to get in touch.





Starts 10am St. John's Church

**Rufford Road** 

\*Games

\*Stalls

\*Grand Draw

\*Refreshments

(draw at 12.00)



Everyone welcome

- free entry!



### St. John's Superstars

Superstar Award	Year Group	J.O.Y. Award
Lourdes	<u>Reception</u>	Flynn
Adi	<u>Year 1</u>	Gracie
Frankie	<u>Year 2</u>	Bailey
Oliver	<u>Year 3</u>	Rune
Isaac	<u>Year 4</u>	Leighton
Harvey	<u>Year 5</u>	Archie
Ava	<u>Year 6</u>	Millie-May

#### **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.

9<sup>th</sup> December – SASW Christmas Production

10<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Christmas Carols at 2 pm

11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity at 9:30

12<sup>th</sup> December – panto!

13th December – Winter Wonderland

16<sup>th</sup> December – Y2,3,4 Christmas dinner & parties

17<sup>th</sup> December – Rec, Y1 Christmas dinner & parties

18<sup>th</sup> December – Y5, 6 Christmas dinner & parties

19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Service in Church at 9:30 am. All families welcome 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of term at 1:45 pm. No FAST club

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school.

#### **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 –87.1 %	
Year 1 – 90.4%	
Year 2 –94.2 %	
Year 3 -97.6 %	
Year 4 – 95.4%	
Year 5 –94.3 %	
Year 6 – 95.6%	

#### **Useful contact details**

School Office – 01704 227441 FAST club – 07543960290

#### **Prayer for the Week**

Dear God,

We thank you for the Christmas carols that fill us with joy at this time of year. Help us to sing together and care for one another during this special time of Advent.

Amen