

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 22nd November 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! Our children have either been out on school trips or we have had visitors joining us at school to help with our education. Last Tuesday, Explore Education visited our EYFS and Key Stage 1 classes to help Miss Tulip deliver computing workshops to all of our children. Also on Tuesday, Year 3 visited London Zoo, which linked nicely with their topic on Rainforests and also with our wider school views on saving the planet. To complete a round-up of our Tuesday events, we held an SJA meeting in the evening to help focus our fundraising and community events (a big thank you to all who attended!). Our SJA have been working hard to ensure that we have a mix of events for our school community and on Saturday 16th November we held our first church and school Clothes Swap, which raised money whilst making a small contribution to saving our environment. On Wednesday, our children in Key Stage 2 were treated to Wall Ball workshops - a sport that is gaining great momentum and one in which our UK athletes top the European rankings. Have a look at our Twitter feed to see a warm-up activity in action! This week has been equally exciting with Year 6 delivering collective worship on our school value of Honesty, an inspirational speaker from Greenpeace informing us how we can save the planet and our friends from Pathway sharing stories from the Gospel. Have a lovely weekend. God Bless.

Mr Sweetingham.

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

A Cashless School!

Please note that, with effect from Monday 6th January 2020, we will be becoming a cashless school; we will no longer be able to accept cash or cheques for any payments due. Our online payment system, SchoolMoney, has proved to be very popular, providing a more efficient and easier method of payment that prevents the need to bring the exact money in to the office. If you do not already use this system, please familiarise yourself with it in the next few weeks. Our office staff will be happy to explain it to you if you need any help and we will also be offering a drop-in session for those who would like a demonstration; please look out for the date of this session that will be made available in the next few weeks. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Foundation

We are all excited about our learning on the story of the Gruffalo. The children are enjoying learning to join in and act out parts of the story as well as participating in a variety of other valuable experiences. We are also looking forward to our Arts Depot theatre trip with KS1 on Thursday 12th December to see the Rockin' Cinderella Christmas panto! Thank you for those who have already returned their permission slips - we look forward to receiving the rest next week! In the meanwhile, we are continuing to practise hard for our Nativity on 4th December - there is never a quiet moment in EYFS! *Ms Stylianou*



Achievements



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| Nursery | Etta - coming to complete her learning straight away and playing well with others Iliana - singing beautifully during our class singing sessions |
| Reception | Libby - learning and delivering her lines well in our Nativity practice Lara - making good progress with her reading |
| Year 1 | Lily - always having an outstanding attitude in all of her learning Alicia - showing great improvement in her reading and spelling |
| Year 2 | Premkunj - having a growth mindset with his writing Sadie - having an amazingly creative imagination |
| Year 3 | Yash - showing his love of learning creatively Deniz - showing great cooperation and team work in our skeleton activity |
| Year 4 | Varun - enjoying his learning and always concentrating Ada - always having a go and being ready to learn |
| Year 5 | Lara - using her growth mindset to help her to be the best possible learner she can be Jayden - scoring two goals on his St John's debut! |
| Year 6 | Eleanor - always working hard and trying her best Kitty - showing amazing progress in her writing |

SJA

Upcoming events:

Christmas Cinema night – Thursday 5th December 2019

Snow Ball – Friday 13th December 2019

Please remember that Friday 29th November 2019 will be a non-school uniform day, for which we are asking you to donate some sweetie jars to be used in a tombola at the Snow Ball.

Christmas Dates

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| KS2 Carols on High Road | Thurs 28.11.19 | 3.40pm |
| School Christmas service in church YR-Y6 | Tues 03.12.19 | 9.00am |
| EYFS Nativity | Wed 04.12.19 | 9.30am |
| KS1 Infant Nativity | Wed 11.12.19 | 9.30am |
| KS2 Church Carol Service | Thurs 12.12.19 | 6.30pm |
| Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch | Fri 13.12.19 | n/a |

Change of Details

Please let the office know of any amendments to your child's Pupil Information details as soon as they occur. This includes changes of address, phone number or email as well as any updates to dietary or medical information. Thank you.

Governors Drop-in

The next Governors' Drop-in session is taking place on Friday 6th December 2019 from 8:50-9:45am – everyone is welcome!

Diary Dates – Autumn 2019

Tuesday 26th November – Netball match vs Moss Hall (home)

Wednesday 27th November – Barnet Bar No One event

Thursday 28th November 4.00-4.30pm – KS2 children singing carols on the High Road

Tuesday 3rd December 9am – YR-Y6 Christmas Service in church
(all welcome)

Tuesday 3rd December – Boys Football match v Christ Church (away) - TBC

Thursday 5th December – SJA cinema night

Friday 6th December – KS1 Christmas Festival

Friday 6th December 8.50-9.45 am – Governors drop-in session

Tuesday 10th December – KS2 Panathlon event - TBC

Wednesday 11th December 9.30-10 am – KS1 Nativity (in school)
(all KS1 families invited)

Thursday 12th December – EYFS and KS1 trip to the Arts Depot

Thursday 12th December 6.30-8pm – KS2 Nativity (in church)
(all families invited)

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas lunch

Thursday 19th December at 1.30pm – School closes for Christmas holidays

Diary Dates – Spring 2020

Monday 6th January – INSET DAY - school closed for children

Tuesday 7th January – Children return to school for start of Spring Term

Attendance and Punctuality

This week, **Year 4** had the best attendance, with an excellent **99.0%**! Years N, 1, 2, 4 and 6 all had no late children this week – well done, everyone!

| Class | Attendance | Punctuality |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Nursery | 94.9% | 0 lates |
| Reception | 96.3% | 1 late |
| Year 1 | 97.2% | 0 lates |
| Year 2 | 96.0% | 0 lates |
| Year 3 | 98.4% | 2 lates |
| Year 4 | 99.0% | 0 lates |
| Year 5 | 95.2% | 1 late |
| Year 6 | 98.3% | 0 lates |
| Total | 97.0% | 4 lates |

Sport

Boys Football Cup match – St John's 2 – 2 St Paul's (St Paul's won on penalties)

Yesterday, we played our first game of the season. This cup game had everything: goals, last second drama and a penalty shootout! After being 2-1 up for the majority of the game, St Paul's equalised 6 seconds in to injury time...and then went on to win on penalties. This will be a massive learning curve for us; we must always play up until the final whistle. Well done to all the boys who took part. We are especially proud of those who volunteered to take a penalty – a nerve wracking experience which will no doubt make them more resilient and better players.

#greenandyellow

Mr Bishop

House Points

The House Point totals for the week are as follows:

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| 1 st | St David | 241 |  |
| 2 nd | St Andrew | 215 | |
| 3 rd | St Patrick | 149 | |
| 4 th | St George | 133 | |

Keep in touch

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(to report last minute collection or drop-off arrangements only)



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