

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 29th November 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,

In these financially difficult times, the contribution to our school from our parents and carers is becoming more important than ever! It comes as no surprise to you that, our school, like so many others, is struggling hugely financially. I am, as are our teachers, governors and children extremely appreciative of the money that you all raise for our school. *However, on this occasion I am not appealing for money, but for your time.* Volunteering is a terribly rewarding experience, especially in a setting such as a school. Personal benefits include increasing self-confidence, improving your emotional happiness, providing a sense of purpose, creating opportunities to make new friends and, specifically volunteering at our school, allowing you to know that you are contributing to the development of the children in your child's school. To us, volunteers can be invaluable. Volunteers help us, help our children. There are many roles volunteers can take in our school setting; listening to children read an afternoon a week, driving children to a sports event, giving a couple of hours to help keep our library organised, taking a boot load of rubbish to the recycle centre or spending a day or two in a classroom supporting the teacher and children with their learning. The list for help is endless - If you feel you are able to give a little time to our school, we will endeavour to find a role for you. Please take a moment to think about how you might want to help us - it doesn't have to be forever, but you could really make a difference. We light the first candle of Advent this weekend, the Prophet's Candle; the candle of hope. May your weekend be filled with love and hope. God bless. Mr Sweetingham.

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

First week of advent

Sunday marks the first day of Advent, where we find out that someone very special is coming:

Loving God, you want the whole world to welcome Jesus and be joyful at his arrival. Help us to prepare for his coming by changing our lives for the better. Amen."



New playground fitness area

We are very excited to announce the completion of the first phase of our fitness equipment project in the KS2 playground. The astroturf has been laid and our first piece of equipment is in place! Please let us know if you have any contacts who could help us fund the rest of the equipment. Thank you.

Foundation

EYFS have been busy practising for our Nativity performance next Wednesday. We are looking forward to showing it to KS2 at the dress rehearsal and then to families, carers and KS1 next Wednesday. Excitement is mounting; our young performers always amaze us with their capacity to put on a fantastic performance! We have also enjoyed a drama workshop with Debutots this week Ms Stylianou



Achievements



Nursery	Elta - making new friends and playing imaginatively Rohan - producing amazing, inspiring drawings of the Gruffalo
Reception	Sienna - always being a super helper and enjoying her learning Henry - making fantastic progress in his reading
Year 1	Oliver - having a fantastic learning attitude and always enjoying his learning Rayan - producing excellent descriptive writing about Beegu's friend
Year 2	Sophie - being an excellent role model and always contributing well in class Ozan - making excellent progress in his writing and enjoying his learning
Year 3	Rose - showing great creativity in our Moving Monster activity Evie - always being enthusiastic about her learning
Year 4	Aiyanna - putting great thought in to her RE learning and always having a go Alp - writing an exciting descriptive task for Heracles
Year 5	Cailey - always trying her best and having a go regardless of the difficulty of the task Katie - putting in extra effort to her Maths learning
Year 6	George - always being helpful during computing lessons Saliha - taking the initiative to improve her own learning

SJA

Upcoming events:

Christmas Cinema night – Thursday 5th December 2019
Snow Ball – Friday 13th December 2019

Christmas Dates

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

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.

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 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

Friday 13th December – SJA Snow Ball

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** again had the best attendance, with a near-perfect **99.7%**! Years N, 1, 2, 4 and 6 all had no late children this week – well done, everyone!

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery	97.9%	1 late
Reception	98.3%	0 lates
Year 1	96.9%	0 lates
Year 2	98.7%	0 lates
Year 3	98.1%	1 late
Year 4	99.7%	1 late
Year 5	95.9%	1 late
Year 6	97.3%	1 late
Total	97.9%	4 lates

Sport

Girls Football Cup match – St John's 2 – 0 St Andrew's

The first half of this match was very tense, with neither side able to break the deadlock; however, during the second half, our girls kept on battling as a team and eventually were rewarded with great goals from Amy and Florence. It is now two wins out of two - we are so proud of them all! *Miss Hollidge*

Netball match – St John's 8 – 0 Moss Hall

We had a great start to our netball on Tuesday; our team showed great teamwork and determination to secure a brilliant 8-0 victory, exhibiting some fantastic shooting skills. *Miss Lawson*

Chess match – St John's 5 – 1 Osidge

On Wednesday, our chess team played extremely well to secure a 5-1 victory in a match that was enjoyed by all of the children who took part.

House Points

The House Point totals for the week are as follows:

1st	St George	244	
2nd	St David	175	
3rd	St Andrew	144	
4th	St Patrick	107	

Keep in touch

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