

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 6th December 2019



HEALTHY SCHOOLS LONDON



Eco-Schools Bronze Award



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move closer to Christmas, as does our preparations for this special event. This week, Reverend Lynn led us in an Advent/ Christmas collective worship – the last this year in church. Our SJA held a brilliant Christmas cinema night, where the children received new additions of sandwiches and healthy snacks, such as carrot and cucumber sticks, alongside the obligatory popcorn! However, the highlight of the week was our EYFS Wiggly Nativity – a superb performance by all! This week was our penultimate week at SMSJ. Mrs Mitri and I have helped at St Mary's and St John's for two and a half terms; initially 4 days a week between us, reducing now to 2 days a week and after next week this arrangement will end. Over this time we have supported the Principle and the Acting Head of School through many developments. We have taken part in performance reviews with Barnet and the Diocese and have also been involved in the recruitment of the new Head of Primary School, who will start in February 2020. The experience has been a rewarding one for SMSJ and also for many of us at St John's as it has given us the opportunity to learn and develop as individuals and a team. Furthermore, it has had a positive impact on our school budget which has meant that we did not fall into deficit this financial year. It is also worth noting that during this time of support, the children at St John's maintained their excellent end of year outcomes in EYFS, Year 1 Phonics and KS1 SATs. Our school also achieved our best outcomes we have ever achieved in KS2. I think we can reflect upon this experience in a positive light, knowing we helped another school, of over 600 children, in a time of need. Thank you very much for your support over this time. We very much look forward to returning to our norm - 5 days a week at St John's. Sunday marks the second week of Advent so we light the Bethlehem candle – the candle of faith. Wishing you all the gift of faith, hope and love this weekend.

God bless. Mr Sweetingham.

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

Second week of advent

We look at our lives and try to change them for the better, so that we are ready for Jesus.

"God of life, we give thanks for all those people who are kind to us. Help us to be the best people that we can be in preparation for the coming of your Son Jesus. 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

I am sure that you will all agree that the highlight in EYFS this week has been their fantastic Nativity show. Our youngest learners never cease to amaze us with their ability to perform even when faced with a hall full of people. A huge thank you goes to all of our parents and carers for their support with costumes, rehearsing lines and coming to watch the performance – what a show!

Ms Stylianou



Achievements



Nursery	Whole class – for amazing Nativity performances
Reception	Whole class – for amazing Nativity performances
Year 1	Arbes – developing positive relationships with his peers Lawson – always having a go and giving thoughtful answers
Year 2	Daniel – showing outstanding effort in all of his learning and always challenging himself Theo O – making outstanding effort in his writing
Year 3	Aulona – participating well in class discussions Tia – always having a smile on her face and being enthusiastic with her learning
Year 4	Sami – putting effort in to all of his learning and challenging himself in Maths Bella – concentrating and making lots of progress with her reading
Year 5	Ethan – using his growth mindset to improve his learning on speech marks Amalie – being a wonderful member of Year 5 and always giving 100%
Year 6	Maya – making good progress with her Maths learning Teresa – producing an amazing Hot Write

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.

SJA

Upcoming event:

Snow Ball – Friday 13th December 2019

Sport

Boys Football Cup match – Christ Church 5 – 1 St John’s

On Tuesday, our boys played a cup match against Christ Church School. Despite defending brilliantly, we eventually lost the game 5-1. Well done to Jake for scoring his first goal for St John’s! Thank you to all of the parents who helped with transport and who supported the team in the freezing conditions.

Mr Bishop

KS1 Christmas Festival

The children had a really fun time at this exciting, action-packed event and took part in numerous Christmas-themed activities. Thank you so much to all of the parents who helped with transport.

Miss Hollidge

Attendance and Punctuality

This week, **Year 6** had the best attendance, with a resilient **97%**! Well done to KS2 and YR for all arriving on time every day!

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery	86.3%	2 lates
Reception	89.7%	0 lates
Year 1	89.3%	1 late
Year 2	83.7%	2 lates
Year 3	96.8%	0 lates
Year 4	95.0%	0 lates
Year 5	95.2%	0 lates
Year 6	97.0%	0 lates
Total	91.9%	5 lates

Volunteers

Volunteering in school is a very rewarding personal experience which also helps the development of the children. There are many possible roles in which you can help so, if you are able to give us any of your time, please let us know and we will be delighted to allocate you accordingly. Thank you.

Christmas Dates

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

Diary Dates – Autumn 2019

Tuesday 10th December – KS2 Panathlon event -

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

Tuesday 7th January – Yr-Y6 Collective worship in church

(all families invited)

Tuesday 14th January – Netball match v All Saints (home) – TBC

Wednesday 15th January – Y3/4 New Age Kurling event - TBC

Thursday 16th January – Y5/6 Boys Football tournament - TBC

Friday 17th January – Y5 Bronze Ambassadors training - TBC

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Monday 20th January 7-9pm – SJA meeting - TBC

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term

House Points

The House Point totals for the week are as follows:

1st	St Andrew	265	
2nd	St George	246	
3rd	St David	217	
4th	St Patrick	165	

Keep in touch

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