

# St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019



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Eco-Schools Bronze Award



Dear Parents and Carers,

Mrs Mitri and I spent our last day at SMSJ on Monday. We were given a warm send-off by all and have pledged to maintain the strong link between the two schools which has been established over the past couple of terms. In the future, we may partake in activities such as writing moderation, sports events - such as a friendly football match, or even a meeting of school councils. The options for school collaboration are endless. This was also our last full week here at St John's before we finish for Christmas next Thursday (1.30pm), and it has been a week full of Christmas activities. On Tuesday, Reverend Lynn delivered collective worship with a focus on Advent and on Wednesday we were treated to the Year 1 and the Year 2 Nativity. The children were fantastic!! One of the best performances by our younger children that I have ever witnessed. On Thursday was one of the highlights of the school year; the KS2 Christmas Carol Concert. Mirroring our KS1 children, every one performed to their very best, ensuring the night in the Church was one never to forget. Our week ended in further celebration with our school Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and the Christmas Snow Ball. Friday was really enjoyable for children and adults alike and furthermore we raised money for both a charity - Save the Children - and our school in the process. The children had a brilliant time at the disco and all left on Friday evening with Christmas cheer. This week is the third week of Advent and therefore we light the pink shepherd's candle; a candle that represents joy. Wishing you all the gift of faith, hope, love and joy this weekend.

God bless. Mr Sweetingham.

## Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

### Third week of advent

In the third week of Advent, we are going to think about keywords **JOY** and **REJOICE!**:

*"God of joy, for all I am, I thank you.  
Help me to grow closer to you in love,  
to love my neighbour, and to open my  
heart to true peace and happiness.  
Through Christ our Lord, 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 had a fantastic time yesterday at the Arts Depot, watching 'Rockin' Cinderella'. It was an amazing show, keeping us all engaged and laughing throughout. Thank you for your donations today in support of our Christmas Jumper Day. Everyone looked amazing and the various colourful outfits contributed to the festive atmosphere during our delicious Christmas lunch!

Ms Stylianou



## Achievements



<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Adele</b> - always doing the right thing <b>Bryan</b> - making new friends and showing good teamwork
<b>Reception</b>	<b>Ofe</b> - for being a confident, independent writer with beautiful cursive handwriting <b>Toby</b> - being enthusiastic and curious about his learning
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Charlotte P</b> - showing a fantastic growth mindset in her Science learning <b>Ava C</b> - having a mature and positive attitude towards all of her learning
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Neo</b> - always having a go and making excellent progress in all of his learning <b>Ehi</b> - developing independence in his learning <b>Whole class</b> - giving a fabulous Nativity performance!
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Zaki</b> - being enthusiastic and enjoying learning about the Stone Age <b>Romessa</b> - having a great understanding of her Maths division
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Elliot</b> - writing a creative, interesting myth <b>Emilia A</b> - always putting lots of effort in to her learning and using her imagination
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Joelle</b> - being a lovely, mature and happy member of Year 5 <b>Olivia</b> - taking extra care with her writing to ensure that her sentences are the best they can be
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Daniel</b> - persevering with and practising his Nativity lines <b>Florence</b> - making a fantastic effort with her Hot Write

## Cashless School Drop-in Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

Please note that, with effect from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 facility and would like some guidance on it, we will be offering a drop-in session next **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December from 8:40-9:30** in the Breakfast Club room. Please feel free to come along to see a demonstration of the system and to ask any questions that you may have.

## Sport

### Chess Match: Alma 1 vs 6 St John's

On Monday, our chess team punched above their weight to beat the more experienced Alma team. Well done for great performances from all of our children; this included a noteworthy display by Deven who defeated an opponent who has been Alma school champion for the last 3 years! *Mr Allen*

### KS2 Panathlon

On Tuesday, 8 children from KS2 represented our school at this action-packed event at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. Competing against 6 other schools, our team took part in a carousel of 9 events for 9 minutes each, including table cricket, target beanbags, bowling and low-net basketball. All of our children listened carefully to the instructions for every event and tried their very best throughout. It was four hours full of activity, motor skills and, above all, smiling faces! Well done to everyone who took part and, in particular, for the exemplary manners expressed to the fantastic team of sixth form helpers guiding the teams throughout the event. *Mrs Hassan and Mrs Harper*

## Attendance and Punctuality

This week, **Year 6** had the best attendance, with a **98.0%**! Well done to Nursery and Y6 for all arriving on time every day!

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery	92.2%	0 lates
Reception	92.7%	5 lates
Year 1	81.8%	1 late
Year 2	95.7%	2 lates
Year 3	92.9%	1 late
Year 4	94.3%	1 late
Year 5	94.8%	4 lates
Year 6	98.0%	0 lates
<b>Total</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>14 lates</b>

## Gardening Volunteers

We are tidying up the school's wildlife garden on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 9-11am**. All adult volunteers are welcome to help with this task; please let the office know if you are available to help make the garden accessible to our children again.

## House Points

The House Point totals for the term are as follows:

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St David</b>	<b>2,906</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St Andrew</b>	<b>2,882</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St George</b>	<b>2,600</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Patrick</b>	<b>2,518</b>



**Congratulations to St David's House!!**

## Christmas Post Box!

During the last week of term, children can post their Christmas cards to other children and staff throughout the school in our Christmas post box. Please make sure the envelopes have a name and a class written on them!

## Diary Dates – Autumn 2019

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 8.40-9.30am** – SchoolMoney drop-in session

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm** – School closes for Christmas holidays

## Diary Dates – Spring 2020

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – INSET DAY - school closed for children

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school for start of Spring Term

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – Yr-Y6 Collective worship in church

**(all families invited)**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January 9-11am** – Wildlife garden tidy-up

**(volunteers welcome!)**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Netball match v All Saints (home) – TBC

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Y3/4 New Age Kurling event - TBC

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Y5/6 Boys Football tournament - TBC

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** – Y5 Bronze Ambassadors training - TBC

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**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 7-9pm** – SJA meeting - TBC

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Half Term



## Keep in touch

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