

St. John's N20 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Thursday 19th December 2019



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic final few days of the term at St John's! Learning has continued as usual - however, with the addition of the odd cross-curricular Christmas lesson thrown in for good measure! Children have had the opportunity to make Christmas cards, Christmas decorations and Christmas biscuits, as well as taking part in the occasional Christmas-themed Maths and English lessons. Reverend Lynn joined us at school on Tuesday for the final clergy-led collective worship for the year; we were reminded that Mary opened her heart to God and accepted the message from Angel Gabriel that she was to give birth to Jesus - King of Kings. In a similar way to Mary, we can all open our hearts to God and think about others at this festive time. On behalf of all the staff at St John's I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for generosity. Thank you for our gifts, cards and warm wishes - we are blessed to have such a supportive school community. On Sunday, we light the fourth Advent candle. This final candle, the Angel's Candle, symbolises peace; it reminds us of the message of the angels: "Praise God in heaven and Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God." Wishing you all a peaceful, loving and thoroughly enjoyable Christmas holiday.

God bless. Mr Sweetingham.

Nurture Encourage Challenge through Christ

Fourth week of advent

In the fourth week of Advent, we hear how an angel appeared to Joseph to tell him what a special baby Jesus would be. We are going to be thinking about parents and babies from around the world.

"Loving God, as we wait for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we give thanks for the wonderful gift of new life. We pray for all parents around the world and for their children, that they will be healthy, happy and love one another. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



Foundation

We have enjoyed a festive and busy time this week in the lead up to Christmas, taking part in lots of creative activities including making cards and decorations. It has capped a wonderful term in which we have seen the school's youngest learners make so much progress in both their learning and their social skills, playing and sharing with each other so well. Please may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the Autumn term and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Ms Stylianou



Achievements



Nursery	Jan - speaking in full sentences during our discussions Ava - trying to be brave when Mum goes home every morning
Reception	Georgios - being an enthusiastic earner in all that we do Andreas - making fantastic progress in his reading
Year 1	Otis - writing an outstanding letter from Beegu to Santa Luisa - showing excellent improvement in her letter writing
Year 2	Olivia - challenging herself in Maths Viki - putting outstanding effort in to all of her learning
Year 3	Aishani - using great listening during Computing Anashe - enjoying her learning and working well in a team in PE
Year 4	Rudy - producing some creative block printing and being enthusiastic about our Maths topic Henry - being a fantastic, supportive talk partner
Year 5	Alexandra - being super engaged about our learning on Space Hattie - always enjoying her learning and being a great talk partner
Year 6	Ben - being a good role model Matthew G - working hard and trying his best

Christmas Jumper Day

We are delighted to inform you that our Christmas Jumper Day last Friday 13th December raised £164.60 for Save the Children.

Action for Children

Thank you for all of your donations in the retiring collection at the KS2 Carol Concert. Along with staff donations (instead of Christmas cards), we were able to give Action for Children £296.

Thank you very much for all your support for these worthy children's causes.

School Lunches

Please note that the cost for school lunches for the next half term will be £68.44. Prompt payment is appreciated. Please remember that we are now a cashless school so payments should be made via SchoolMoney. If you would like to pay the amount in full, please login and click on the Dinners tab which allows you to input the required amount. Thank you.

Attendance and Punctuality

This week, **Year 1** had the best attendance, with 95.5% - well done! Well done to YR, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y6 for all arriving on time every day!

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
Nursery	88.3%	2 lates
Reception	84.2%	0 lates
Year 1	95.5%	0 lates
Year 2	88.8%	1 late
Year 3	89.5%	0 lates
Year 4	68.6%	0 lates
Year 5	87.9%	1 late
Year 6	93.3%	0 lates

Gardening Volunteers

We are tidying up the school's wildlife garden on **Saturday 11th 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. Thank you.

House Points

The House Point totals for the term are as follows:

1 st	St David	2,906	
2 nd	St Andrew	2,882	
3 rd	St George	2,600	
4 th	St Patrick	2,518	

Congratulations to St David's House!!

Diary Dates – Autumn 2019

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)

Saturday 11th January 9-11am – Wildlife garden tidy-up
(volunteers welcome!)

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



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