



St. John's Newsletter

Tuesday 19th December 2023



Dear Parents and Friends

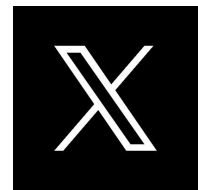
Happy Christmas From St. John's School

Following another busy and eventful term, our St. John's community wish you all a happy, peaceful and holy Christmas. We hope you all have a restful break and look forward to seeing all the children again on **Thursday 4th January 2024**.

A reminder that we have a T.D. Day tomorrow **Wednesday 20th December 2023** so the school is closed to all pupils.

X (Formerly Tweet) of the Week from Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

Love makes us happy not only in heaven but also here on earth. If we want to be truly happy, then let us learn to transform everything into love, offering to others our work and our time, speaking kindly words and doing good deeds. We can all do it!



End of Term Celebrations

We have had a very busy but wonderful end to term. Father Christmas visited on Monday afternoon bringing a small gift for each child. Today we celebrated Christmas lunch together with festive tunes and crackers! Finally this afternoon we all gathered together as a school family and announced the first ever Peace Ambassadors presenting each winner with a badge and certificate.

Advent Prayers

Thank you to the small group of parents and grandparents who attended the adult Advent prayers in the Chapel each Thursday afternoon during Advent. It was hugely appreciated by the Chapel Champions and allowed them to develop their leadership skills whilst deepening their faith. We look forward to welcoming you back during the season of Lent.



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EYFS Nativity

Huge congratulations to the children in EYFS who shared their version of the Nativity so beautifully in the parish church on Friday afternoon. The children's interpretation of the events in Bethlehem showed such love and care it was a joyful occasion. What a perfect message, that the best gifts are those which are given with love. Many thanks to all the families who were able to join us - we were delighted to have you with us.



KS1 Crib Reflection

Well done to all the children in Year 1 and Year 2 who celebrated their Crib reflection and carol concert in the Church on Wednesday evening. You were an absolute credit to your families and to the school - we were all so proud of you.



"Our Mission - At St. John's we grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus"



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Class 7 Carol Singing in the Playground Last Week



Class 7 - Carol-singing



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Wednesday Word

Please find below the link to this week's copy of the **Wednesday Word** which can be copied and pasted into your browser.

We hope you enjoy sharing the Bible Scripture together with your child.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=114.2>

Ordering of Hot Meals on the Aspens Select Website for Term 3

If you order a hot meal for your child on the Aspens Select website, please ensure that you order by for the first day back of Term 3 by **4pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023**.

Any orders after this date will not be included in the numbers and you will have to provide your child with a packed lunch.



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Primary School Applications

Parents can apply for a primary school place using the online system which is available through www.wiltshire.gov.uk. All applications must be submitted to the School Admissions Team at County Hall by **Monday 15th January 2024**. Parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.

A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate should be provided to the school office.

If you have any queries or problems with the application process please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Birthdays This Week

We would like to wish all children who had birthdays last week, or will celebrate them during the Christmas holidays a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Pupils received their pencils in Praise Assembly last Friday.

Pupils

Lavante M
Phoenix-Jett H
Nataniel J
Dina D
Aubree P
Kaleb-Theo B-T
Ivy P-F
Tahlia H
Marcel Z
T-Ondre K
Izabela M

Jonatan A
Harriet T
Alfie W
Elliot P-F
Joseph T
Max L-B
Aveline-Rose S
Caden S
Alaska H
Jase F
Dyona C





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Peace Ambassador Awards



Our first ever Peace Ambassador Awards have been presented to the following children:

Class 1: Nancy D
Class 2: Callie E
Class 3: Harriett T
Class 4: Douglas R
Class 5: Sebastian H
Class 6: Emilia K
Class 7: Nell G
Class 8: Toby F
Class 9: Sofia D
Class 10: Isabella R
Class 11: Weronika K

Some of the reasons why these children have been nominated include:

they know how to avoid bad situations and stop them from happening, they make the right choices, they show care, kindness and love to people, when it is children's turn to speak, they track them and they are a role model for others."

We look forward to witnessing the positive impact this group of children will have on our school family from Advent 2023 to Advent 2024.



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Stars of the Week



House points

St. Rose	- 431
St. Anthony	- 340
St. Therese	- 324
St. Dominic	- 145

Class 1: Marta K—for being so thoughtful in all that she does; she is a conscientious learner.

Class 2: Aleia F—for all her effort during the Nativity rehearsals and making sure her class friends are happy and in the right place.

Class 3: Kaleb-Theo B-T—for noticing when others need help and thinking of ways he can help them.

Class 4: Mia S—for always thinking of others and putting others before herself.

Class 5: Luke S—for being thoughtful towards his friends and a supportive learning partner.

Class 6: Kuba J—for being really thoughtful both in his learning and towards other children.

Class 7: Nell G—for giving a lot of thought to her folk tale with a "twist".

Class 8: Liviah T—for being very thoughtful in her deep RE thinking.

Alex S—for creating a very thoughtful and creative folk tale to tell others.

Class 9: Sylvia H—for always being a thoughtful friend, especially when including people who are lonely.

Class 10: Sophia C—for her thoughtfulness towards adults and children around school. Sophia is always polite, helpful and caring to everyone in her path, no matter if they are a friend or new learning partner.

Class 11: Alexis M-B for always seeing the good in others. Her thoughtfulness and concern for those around her is inspiring.

Emmaus Water Project Donations

Huge thank you to the kind donations from parents and extended family and friends at both the EYFS nativity and KS1 Crib Reflection in aid of the Emmaus Water Project. Together we raised the generous sum of over £170.00 which will go directly to children in need of basic human rights.