

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



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Friday 8th December 2023



Dear Parents and Friends

Tweet of the Week from Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

Here is a good program for #Advent: to encounter Jesus coming in every brother and sister who needs us and to share with them what we can: listening, time, concrete assistance.



Advent Penitential Service

During the season of Advent the children are busy preparing their hearts and minds so that they are truly ready to celebrate Christmas. The whole school gathered together last Friday for our Advent Penitential Service and reflected on preparing our hearts, many thanks to the Chapel Champions and School Choir for leading us so beautifully in prayer and song.



EYFS Nativity and KS1 Crib Reflection

Pupils in KS1 are holding their Crib Reflection in St. John the Baptist Parish Church on Wednesday 13th December at 6pm - all welcome!

The EYFS children are sharing the Nativity in St John the Baptist Parish Church on Friday 15th December at 2pm - all welcome!



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Carols on the Playground

Classes will be singing carols on the Playground on the following days from 3.15—3.20pm. We hope you enjoy them.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Carol</u>
Monday 11 th December	5	Away in a Manger
Tuesday 12 th December	9	Silent Night
Wednesday 13 th December	11	Once in Royal David's City
Thursday 14 th December	4	The First Noel
Friday 15 th December	7	We Wish You a Merry Christmas!
Monday 18 th December	1 & 2 (FS Playground)	Christmas Medley





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Peace Ambassadors



The Chapel Champion team launched the new 'Peace Builder' Competition at the beginning of Advent. There will be one winner from each Class and they will be awarded the *Peace Ambassador badge*. The children have created their own criteria they believe a Peace Builder demonstrates - they included:

- o Raise their voice when they recognise injustice
- o Is brave to challenge others who make bad choices
- o Helps others – no matter who they are
- o Brings joy into the classroom and beyond
- o Shows love and care to all – not just their close friends
- o Isn't boastful
- o Celebrates the unique gifts and talents of other children
- o Kind and generous
- o Respectful to all
- o Asks for help when they need it so they can find a solution
- o Forgives others

The Peace Ambassadors will be announced at the end of Term 2 and will be in that role until Advent 2024. We are excited to celebrate the children who are recognised as Peace Builders in our school family and beyond.

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

You can now order hot meals on the Aspens Select website for your child in Term 3. The menu will stay the same and will start back on Week 3.

The deadline for ordering meals for the first day of term is 4pm on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.



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Class 8 Violin Concert

On Tuesday 5th December Class 8 performed their Christmas songs and carols in a violin concert. The hall was packed with a great audience, a very big thanks to Charlotte our violin teacher. We sang our carol outdoors and had Sofia and Finley accompany us in the playground too!



Chapel Club

During our Chapel Club after school on Tuesdays, for Advent the pupils have been working through Christmas in a Box. There are six boxes that the children can work with to create imaginative spaces for spiritual development. If there are anymore pupils in KS2 who would like to join the Chapel Club, please complete the form on the Clubs letter for Terms 3 and 4 which was emailed to you this week.





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Online Safety

This week we are highlighting what you need to know as parents/carers about the Online Safety Act and Disney +.

Please see the leaflets attached to this newsletter.

House points

St. Anthony	-	503
St. Rose	-	445
St. Therese	-	279
St. Dominic	-	163

Birthdays This Week

We would like to wish all children who have had birthdays last week, this week, or will celebrate over the weekend a very **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**.

Pupils will receive their pencils in class today.

Pupils

Rose B
Kaja J
Amy P
Emanuel K
Finley T



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/hope?pid=MTA101634&v=113.2>