

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



St. John's Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



Dear Parents and Friends

Tweet of the Week from Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

Today in the particular Churches we celebrate the 38th World Youth Day, on the theme Rejoicing in hope. I embrace young people, the present and future of the world, and I encourage them to be joyful protagonists in the life of the Church.



Children's Mass

We will be celebrating Children's Mass at St John the Baptist Catholic Church on Sunday 3rd December at 10.30am - all are very welcome.

Christmas Lunch and Wear Christmas Jumpers— Tuesday 19th December 2023

On the last day of term Aspens are providing a Christmas lunch. If your child would like a meal, please go onto the Aspens Select website and order a lunch by **4pm on Friday 8th December 2023**.

Pupils are also invited to wear a Christmas jumper and give a donation of £1 towards the Water Pump Appeal.

Medical appointments/Late Arrivals to School

We are having an increasing number of children with appointments being arranged during the school day. Whilst we appreciate this cannot always be avoided we ask whenever possible to please book dental and other routine appointments outside of school hours or during the holidays. When this is not possible please give the office at least 48 hours notice of the appointment. We will also require proof of the appointment e.g. text or letter shown prior to the day.

If your child is going to be late for any reason, please call the office before 8.45am. If a child arrives after 9am this is classed as an unauthorised absence.



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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.



Date	Class	Carol
Tuesday 5 th December	8	Beth'lem lay a sleeping
Wednesday 6 th December	10	O Come All Ye Faithful
Thursday 7 th December	6	Little Donkey
Friday 8 th December	3	It was on a Starry Night
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

Art Competition

There is an Art Competition being held next week based in Class 4. It will cost £1 a go. Every year group will have a different theme to draw about.

A prize will be awarded to each year group. Please bring in some money to have a go.

More details were explained in Praise Assembly this afternoon.



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Reading Competition

As part of the St. John's Book Fair last week we asked children and staff to take a photograph of themselves reading to someone (or something) in their family and in an unexpected way. There were lots of entries and the school's Year 6 Reading Champions had a hard time choosing between them. The prize was a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair for one lucky winner in each Phase of the school.

The winners were:

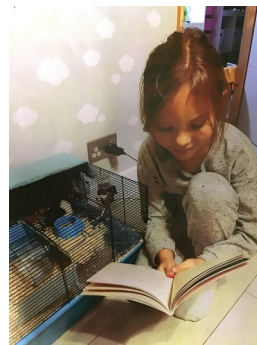
Felicity W - Class 1

Louisa (Class 3) - Key Stage 1

Izabela (Class 6) - Lower Key Stage 2

Emma (Class 9) - Upper Key Stage 2

Mrs. Muxlow - Staff



Book Fair

On Thursday 23rd St. John's ran its very own Book Fair supported by Scholastic Books. The response from parents and children was fantastic and really expressed fully the school's "Love of Reading" ethos. The event raised over £1000 which will be converted into rewards that the school can use to buy new books for the Library. Thank you to St. John's school community and the staff who helped run it and generate interest leading up to the event.



We earned rewards of **£523.67** to spend on books in school.



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Monty Our School Therapy Dog

We are back with another update about Monty our school therapy dog! Monty has been coming into school to get used to the pupils and adults. He has been shown around the school to get used to the surroundings, noises and students.

All the pupils in school will get the information about how to act/behave with Monty whilst he is at work.

Monty's agents—Tatiana D, Maja M and Weronika K



Toys from Home

Please may we remind you that pupils should not bring toys into school from home. They may get lost and cause upset to you and your child.

Thank you

Second Hand Toy Sale

Theadora R, Alicja P and Florence H from Class 5 held a second-hand toy sale from 6th—10th November 2023.

They sold toys ranging from £1 to 5p depending on the size of the toy.

They raised £30 towards the Water Project Appeal.

Well done Thea, Alicja and Florence.





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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 Praise Assembly today.

Pupils

Iga K
Louie P
Beatrice P
Leon S
Alan S
Ivy K
Amie L
Freddie P
Jackson W



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/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=111.2>

Class 8 Violin Performance

Class 8 will be holding a Violin Performance on **Tuesday 5th December at 2.45pm.**

Parents and grandparents are very welcome to come into school to watch them perform. Please come to the office to sign in the visitors book.



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Stars of the Week



House points

St. Rose	-	649
St. Therese	-	639
St. Anthony	-	436
St. Dominic	-	430

Class 1: Monty C—for being curious in our lessons about science, penguins and being ready to learn new information.

Class 2: Elliot P-F—for being curious in our lessons about science, penguins and being ready to learn new information.

Class 3: Louisa G—for always being eager to learn and wanting to share her knowledge with others.

Class 4: Zuzanna S—for always being eager to learn more.

Class 5: Alex D—for showing curiosity in his science learning by asking questions to improve his knowledge! Well done!

Class 6: Lucas N-A—for being curious and asking thoughtful questions in science.

Class 7: Mari G—for asking great questions when observing changes in states of matter.

Class 8: Charlotte H—for being curious to start and then pushing her learning as far as possible! Brilliant!

Class 9: Dawid S—for fostering curiosity in everyone around him, especially in R.E. Dawid could recall many facts about Mark, the Gospel writer.

Rutendo M—for demonstrating curiosity with her 'I wonder' questions in R.E., such as 'Who wrote the Bible?'

Class 10: Tyron S—for showing curiosity in R.E. lessons.

Class 11: Beatrice P—for asking questions about Mark's gospel in order to deepen and clarify her own understanding.