



St. John's C of E School

Newsletter

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OUR VALUE FOR THIS HALF TERM IS PEACE: MATTHEW 5:9 -

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."



PARENT GOVERNOR ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce Eamonn Prendergast as our newly appointed parent governor for a term of four years. Join us in wishing him every success in his new role.



St. John's Reading for Pleasure!

Our school will be working with the Open University to promote Reading for Pleasure at St. John's. The main aims this year are to widen staff's knowledge of contemporary and diverse authors, poets and illustrators and to promote informal book talk. We look forward to sharing our new initiatives with you.



NSPCC PANTOSAURUS

With the help of a friendly dinosaur PANTOSAURUS talking PANTS is a simple way to teach your child how to stay safe from abuse. In the coming weeks, we will be focusing on the prevention of sexual abuse using the NSPCC Underwear Rule, which is a resource being used by schools across the country. All children in the school will be learning about how the parts of their bodies covered by their underwear are private parts and are not for other people to see or touch. If you have any questions about this, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Baker. You can also download an information sheet [here](#) to get the conversation going at home.



CROSS COUNTRY NEWS



A huge well done to all the children who participated in the Cross Country event for St. John's this year. The children displayed great passion and their efforts paid off! Congratulations to Amelie who came 1st in the Y1 girls race and Anna who came 2nd in the Y3 girls race!



RED SCARF - GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Well done to the following pupils who have recently been awarded the Red Scarf Behaviour Award! Parents/Carers of children who have been awarded the Red Scarf can collect their **FREE** hot drink from our Olive Branch Café!



Hare - Krish
Chameleon - Joseph
Caterpillar - Lilly
Bear - Phoebe
Badger - Riccardo

Turtle - Ashani
Penguin - Stanley
Dragonfly - Paige
Hedgehog - Brielle

CHRISTMAS DATES



Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day:
Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Performances

Reception Christmas Performance:

Friday 15th December - 2:15pm

Year 1 & 2 Nativity Performances:

Monday 18th December - 9:15am/2:15pm

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performances:

Tuesday 19th December - 9:15am/2:15pm



CAROL SERVICES

Wednesday 20th December
Reception, Y1 & 2 : 1:50pm

Y3/4/5/6 : 6:00pm



ATTENDANCE / LATENESS

A polite reminder of the times your child needs to be in school by to avoid any lateness.

Drop off time: 8:35am - 8:55am.

Registration and the doors close at 8:55am.

If your child arrives in the Octagon after this time, they will receive a late mark. Collective Worship begins promptly each day at **9:00am**. Please also ensure your child is collected on time at the end of the school day. Delays in picking up can cause distress, particularly to the younger children and there are no staff available to supervise them. To book MLH after school, please call Liz Gordon on 07768 684 863.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To apply please complete the 'Free School Meals Application' form available within Weduc or you can click [here](#) to access. If you are unsure whether or not you are entitled to benefits-related Free School Meals, please feel free to contact the school and speak with Mrs Mackenzie who will be able check eligibility for you.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please look out for a notice on Weduc next month for all the details on how you can book a place for your child in next terms after school clubs!



SCHOOL PHOTOS

You should have received your individual school photo proofs by now. Please ensure you place your orders by Monday 4th December.



DONT FORGET

Winter Prayer

Loving Father,

In the midst of Winter, when the days are cold and wind can pierce, remind us of the warmth of your love. In the midst of Winter, when days are short, dawn comes late, and dusk arrives early, remind us that in the darkness your light still shines.

Amen



A prayer meeting will be held on Thurs 14th December after school drop off in the Olive Branch Café at 9:00am.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Diary Dates

TERM DATES

Thurs 21st December 2023
LAST DAY OF TERM
Collect from 2:00pm

Fri 22nd Dec - Fri 5th Jan 2024
CHRISTMAS BREAK

Mon 8th January 2024
FIRST DAY BACK

Mon 8th Jan - Fri 9th Feb
SPRING TERM 1

Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb
HALF TERM

Mon 19th Feb - Thurs 28th Mar
SPRING TERM 2

Fri 29th Mar - Fri 12th April
EASTER BREAK

Mon 15th April & Fri 24th May
SUMMER TERM 1

Mon 6th May 2024
BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May
HALF TERM

Mon 3rd Jun - Fri 19th July
SUMMER TERM 2

Mon 22nd - Wed 24th July
INSET DAYS