



St. John's C of E School

Newsletter



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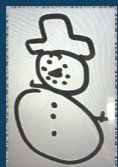
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December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers - all the Staff and Governors at St. John's would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the light of Christmas bring warmth and love into your household. Enjoy the break with your loved ones, stay safe and we will see you on **Monday 8th January**.

WELCOME BACK

We are very happy to announce Mrs Partridge has returned from her maternity leave. Please join us in welcoming her back. There will be a brief 'Meet the Teacher' for the Frog class parents/carers on Tuesday 9th January at 3.15pm if you are available to attend.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Well done to the School Council for helping to raise funds for RIBS. They managed to raise £133 at the Christmas fair. Congratulations to Rex who was announced as the winner with his snowman drawing.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Year 5 delivered a wonderful Christingle service at the start of the month in church. It was great to see the Reception children deliver their first Nativity Christmas Performance and shine so brightly. The productions from Year 1 & Year 2 along with Year 3 & Year 4, equally delivered fabulous performances and got us all to join together and get into the festive spirit! The Year 6's closed our Christmas events this year with an outstanding Carol Service in church. We hope you enjoyed attending these events and well done to all the children for their hard work.

TOOTHPASTE TUESDAYS

One of our school priorities is to explore steps we can take to live in a more sustainable way. Croydon does not currently accept used toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes for recycling. In order to prevent so many of these plastic items going into landfill, we will begin our own collection scheme. 'Toothpaste Tuesdays' will commence on **16th January**. There will be a container at the bottom of the steps to the Octagon between 8.35am and 8.55am each Tuesday morning. Please ensure that your used toothbrushes are clean and dry and remove any outer packaging before placing them in the box. We will also accept the used heads from electric toothbrushes but not the rechargeable bases. Toothpaste tubes are also welcome. Please remember to save your items during the holidays ready for our first collection in the second week of term. Thank you!

CURRENT VACANCIES

St. John's is seeking to appoint new Teaching Assistants (TA) SEND. If you, or someone you know is interested in this position, please click [here](#) to view the advert on the school website.

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!



Frog- Ethan
Dolphin - Isabella
Hedgehog - Richard
Badger - Charles
Toucan - Riya

Hare - Alma
Flamingo - Nala
Polar Bear - Amos
Caterpillar - Yara



UPCOMING CLASS COLLECTIVE WORSHIPS 2024

Please see below a list of the Class Collective Worship dates that you can pencil into your diaries for 2024. Please keep checking Weduc for announcements or any changes that may be made;

DOLPHIN - 19th Jan 9am	BEAR - 1st Mar 9am
DRAGONFLY - 26th Jan 9am	BADGER - 8th Mar 9am
TOUCAN - 2nd Feb 9am	HARE - 15th Mar 9am
TURTLE - 9th Feb 9am	HEDGEHOG - 22nd Mar 9am



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS



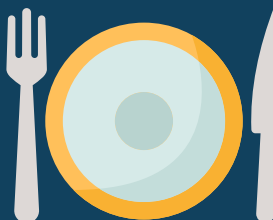
SCHOOL CLUBS are due to resume the first week when we return from the **8th January**. Please look out for notices on Weduc for match notices and any further updates.

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS - Parents wishing to use Childcare Vouchers to pay for clubs must email Mrs Rendle stating their child's name, class, club attending and the amount of the voucher which will then be allocated to the correct club purse. Please note that you still need to book your place via Weduc and once this is done, your child's place is secured. Vouchers accepted: Enjoy Benefits, Government Tax-Free Childcare, Sodexo, Care4U, Eden Red, Kiddivouchers, Busy Bees & Computershare. Please refer to our Noticeboard on Weduc to check the reference numbers for each organisation.



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 to check eligibility for you.



THANK YOU TO THE SJSA

Following a very successful fair, the SJSA managed to raise around £5000. Please join us in thanking them for all their tremendous efforts and all that they do for St. John's. Thank you to the SJSA for organising a pantomime to visit the school during the lead up to Christmas. The children really enjoyed it. Thank you also for once again, kindly purchasing a gift for each class to enjoy!



CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, may we begin to see the world in the light of understanding you give us. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. We pray for joy in our hearts, hope in our God, love to forgive, and peace upon the earth.

Amen.

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 OF TERM

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
BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 27th May - Fri 31st May
HALF TERM

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

Mon 22nd - Wed 24th July
INSET DAYS

Mon 2nd September 2024
INSET DAY

Tuesday 3rd September
FIRST DAY BACK

