

# ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER Friday 1st December 2023

Our Value this half term is Thankfulness: Please join us in looking out for any members of our community demonstrating thankfulness and living out this value. If any of your children or someone else's child shows Thankfulness, we would love to hear about it.

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." (Psalm 106:1)

#### **Attendance**

We encourage good attendance of all children in school and you should expect our attendance officer to contact you if your child is absent without a reason given or if they are off regularly or for extended periods of time. Our school target for attendance is 96%. If your child is going to be absent, it is vital that you contact the office to notify us. We appreciate your support in your children's education.

Whole school attendance for last week was xx%

#### **School lunches**

Please remember to book your child's school lunch by **Wednesday** for the next week. Christmas lunch this year will be on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **British Values**

The British Value that we have been thinking about this week is: Individual Liberty

# **Online Safety**

This week's online safety is: What you need to know about Screengrabs.

### **Healthy Snacks**

Could we please remind parents and carers of our healthy snack policy at break times. Please could you ensure your child has a fruit or vegetable snack available. We appreciate your support with encouraging our children to make healthier choices.

#### **Staff Shout-Outs**

We would love to hear your positive comments when a member of staff has gone above and beyond or deserves a special mention. The staff really value your feedback. Please let Mrs. Finlay know if there's someone you'd like to mention and we will post it on ClassDojo. You can email her on <a href="mailto:sfinlay@stjohns.worcs.sch.uk">sfinlay@stjohns.worcs.sch.uk</a> or catch her on the playground.

### **Building Works**

We are excited to announce that work is scheduled to begin in January on the £1.8 million project to build our new classrooms. There will be some changes to drop off and collection points in the New Year as a result. We will let you know as soon as we have more details available from the builders.

#### **Christmas Market**

PTA are running the Christmas market on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. If you would like to have a stall at the market, please contact Miss White <a href="market-bulber-left">white@stjohns.worcs.sch.uk</a> Stalls cost £10 each.

#### **Rudolph Run**

The event will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and all children will have the chance to participate in running or walking to raise money for Kemp Hospice. Please send you child to school in their PE uniform on the day. Please send any sponsor money collected to school by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

# Spare uniform

If you have any outgrown uniform, especially trousers, skirts, joggers, socks, tights and underwear, please consider sending them in to school as we often need to lend out spares. We are really grateful for any items you may no longer need.

# **Christmas Jumper Shop**

We are collecting outgrown and unused Christmas jumpers and will be holding a jumper sale on Tuesday 5th December at 3:00 in the hall, selling all items for £1.50. If you have any Christmas jumpers that you would be willing to donate, please bring them in and hand them to a member of staff anytime between now and Friday 1st December.

# Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Sale 3pm

Thursday 7th December – Rudolph Run

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – non-uniform - bottle

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Year 1 Christmas play 9:30am and 2pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Christingles 9am

Friday 15th December - non-uniform - chocolate

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Market

Wednesday 20th December – Year 2 & 3 Christmas play 9am

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 Christmas play 2pm

Thursday 21st December – Year 5 Church service – 2pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – TED day – school closed to children

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – spring term begins

Week commencing 27/11/23			
Class	Child of the Week and reason	Reader of the Week	
RLN	Oscar for holding and writing a sentence on his own, even though he finds letter formation a little tricky!	Lainey	
1DB	Amelia for a fantastic effort in all of her lessons this week. Amelia has tried really hard and has joined in with all of the activities with enthusiasm, particularly our English lessons. Well done Amelia, keep it up!	Logan-James	
1WT	Archie for persevering with all of his learning, even if it is a bit tricky. We are very proud of you!	Georgia	
2GF	Kaiden for a fantastic week. Kaiden is working hard in all of his lessons, thinking carefully about his behaviour choices and showing resilience in everything he does.	William	
3JG	Gabriel D for always listening intently to class discussions and making very thoughtful	Jessica	

	and comprehensive answer to questions.	
4AB	Grace For working really hard in our English lessons. You are always ready to learn and you contribute really well to discussions. Well done!	Keenen
4MK	Winter for being more confident in class and putting her hand up to answer questions. Well done!!	
5RH	William for the enthusiasm he puts into his work, especially topic and science, where he listens well and comes up with really well thought out answers to class discussions.	Aiden
5RT	Oliver for his dedication and perseverance during Forest Schools when making his 'God's Eye'. You really impressed us all.	
6NS	Seren for a fantastic attitude to her learning. She is very self-motivated and is always thinking of ways to improve her work and do her very best. Well done Seren!	Bobby
6SS	Lealand for showing his maturity in our class team-building activity.	Samia

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If you are interested in pursuing a career in teaching, there are various routes that you can take to achieve your goal. With the right training and support, you can develop the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in this rewarding profession. If you would like to discuss routes into teaching, you can reach out to Sarah Marsh via the contact details below.

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