



# ST JOHN'S CE PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## Friday 12th January 2024

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

'Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. And whoever sows generously will also reap generously.' (2 Corinthians 9 v6)

### Attendance

Whole school attendance for last week was 89.4%. School target is 96%.

Please can we respectfully remind parents and carers that children should attend school unless they are unwell or have a medical appointment. Whilst we understand that birthdays are special days, taking a day off on a birthday is not acceptable and will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. A reminder that holidays in term time cannot be authorised except in very exceptional circumstances.

### Attendance Prize Draws

We are introducing two prize draws in the spring term for excellent attendance. At the end of each half term, all children with attendance above 98% for the period will be entered into a prize draw to win a £20 voucher.

Each term, parents who have a child that has above 98% attendance for the period will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 voucher. If you have more than one child, you will receive one entry per child.

### Construction Work

We are pleased to inform you that building work is planned to commence on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January on our four new classrooms on the slabbed area next to the playground. Due to the site of the construction, there will be some disruption, which will be a continually evolving process. We will keep you informed as work progresses and more details will be sent next week about drop-off and collection of children.

### Bikes and Scooters

Due to the building work, we will lose the current storage facility for bikes and scooters. Some bike and scooter racks are being placed temporarily outside the main entrance in front of the offices, and between the year 4 and 5 mobiles, which can be used from next week. Unfortunately, they will not be covered by a shelter. All bikes and scooters are left at your own risk and we cannot take responsibility for any loss or damage.

### School Uniform

Please could you check your child is wearing the correct uniform, including on PE days. We do have some spare jumpers if anyone would like one for their child. Please speak to Mrs. Finlay.

### British Values

The British Value that we have been thinking about this week is: mutual respect and tolerance.

### Online Safety

This week's online safety is: What parents and carers need to know about Amazon Alexa.

## **School Library**

The school library will be open each Tuesday after school from next week until 3:30pm. Your child will be able to come with you and borrow or change their library book. We are delighted to introduce a section of reading books for adults in the library, which you are welcome to swap with a book that you have read and are happy to pass on.

## **Dates for your diary**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Storytelling week

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Science Day

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for Easter at 3pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day Breakfast and a book 9 – 9:30

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March – World Maths Day

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Parent's Evening 3:15 - 5pm

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Parent's Evening – 4 – 6:30pm

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – School closes for Easter at 3pm

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