

St. John's School Newsletter

Through Jesus Christ all our children Learn to Love and Love to Learn.

Welcome Back

We have had a great first week back at school with many exciting events having taken place already. On Monday, Year 6 had their 'Day of the Dead' celebrations in the afternoon and I was told by Miss Wilkes that there were few dry eyes when their awards were given for their Lodge Hill achievements.


For All Saints Day, Father Aaron came and held a mass at school for the children. In his homily he spoke to the children about how someone became a Saint. Within our midst, there are many children who hope to be Saints one day - including Saint Rocco of St. John's and Saint Amelie of Horsham. This linked in very well with our theme for this half term - our School Values. Hopefully, you are now all aware of our Mission Statement through the work that we did last half term, the children will now be focusing on what we value at St. John's.

This week, we focused on 'Growing in Faith' and what that would mean. Perhaps you could talk to your child/ children about this at home - what could they do with you to further grow in their faith?

Next week, we will be thinking about 'Loving and respecting God; our world and one another.'

This morning, Key Stage 2 classes had Modern Foreign Language taster sessions from Year 8 students who visited us from St. Wilfrid's. The students told our children about the cultures of the countries they were from and then taught them in - Gujarati, Japanese, Mandarin and Spanish.

We did not receive many Young Interpreter applications. We are therefore extending the deadline to next Thursday and hope to receive many more applications by this date. This is for dual-language children in Years 3 - 6.



St. John's
Catholic Primary School

St. John's Values

We are

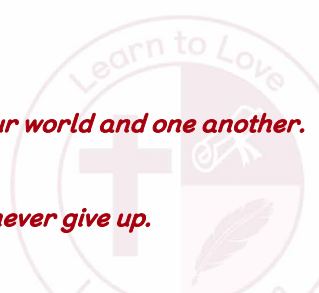
- ❖ **Growing in Faith.**
- ❖ **Open with Hope.**
- ❖ **Dedicated to Charity and Forgiveness.**

We

- ❖ **Include our neighbours.**
- ❖ **Share and care.**

We are

- ❖ **Loving and respect God, our world and one another.**
- ❖ **Optimistic and positive.**
- ❖ **Virtuous and honest**
- ❖ **Eager to try our best and never give up.**



**You are warmly welcome to join us for our
Advent Mass at St. John's Catholic Church on
Tuesday 6th December at 2pm.**



After the church service, you can collect your child and bring them through to the church hall where there will be mince pies and mulled punch provide by 'The Friends of St. John's'.

Read Write Inc & Talk for Writing Parent Information Evening

Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm



Talk4Writing



If you would like to find out more about how we teach your children to read using Read Write Inc. and build up their writing skills using Talk4Writing, please come along to our information evening. This is for parents of children in all year groups. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Belief in the resurrection, since God is a God of the living

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question,

“Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married and died childless; then the second and the third married her and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”

Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”



Can you play the piano?

We are looking for someone to play the piano for choir rehearsals (Wednesday 3-3.45) and when the choir are performing.

If you think you could help, please contact the office on office@stjohnshorsham.school or speak to Mrs Kendal or Mrs Bono. Thank you.

Attendance

We finished the first half of the Autumn Term so well with 97%. Let's see if we can keep this up as the weather gets colder -together we can do this. This week the whole school achieved 97.2%!

St. Therese	97.5%
St. Francis	95.4%
St. Ava	96.1%
St. Nicholas	99%
St. Joseph	99.5%
St. Genevieve	96.7%
St. Sebastian	96.6%

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL *Where are you?*

Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year. The LA target for attendance in primary school is at least 95%.

Attendance during one school year	Days Absent...	Weeks Absent...	Lessons Missed...
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	40 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	80 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	120 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	160 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	200 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	230 Lessons
60%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	270 Lessons

How does your child's attendance compare with this target? Please remember that children who miss a lot of school achieve less.

Well done to St. Nicholas class with 99% and St. Joseph class with 99.5%!

And finally...

Now that the weather is colder, please can you make sure that your child comes to school with a warm coat and if it is really cold - gloves, hat and scarf. The children benefit from having fresh air and will be going outside each day for play unless there are significantly adverse weather conditions. They will also be going outside for outdoor games, so please make sure they have a warm tracksuit. Tailormade now offer a burgundy hoodie for outdoor games that is wonderfully warm and this can be worn with burgundy tracksuit bottoms. Regarding P.E.- if you are buying your child a new t-shirt for P.E. could we please ask that it is white and not yellow. Our stockists do have white P.E. t-shirts with the school logo which look incredibly smart, however children may wear plain T-shirts (but we'd prefer white rather than yellow).

The last 'Friends' meeting was well attended and the next one is next Tuesday 8th November at 7.30pm in the school hall. We will be discussing the Christmas Fair and would love as much help as possible. Please come along to the meeting to show your support. If you would like to help at the Christmas Fair but are unable to make the meeting please email friends@stjohnshorsham.school.

Thank you to all the parents that respect our staff car park and do not park there at the beginning of end of the school day. Please can everyone in the community remember that this is for staff only.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you get to enjoy a some safe and spectacular firework displays this weekend.

Mrs Bono

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 8th November	2017-2018 New Starter's visiting - 9.30am 2017-2018 New Starter's visiting - 1.30pm Key Stage 2 open afternoon - 2.30 - 2.55pm 2017-2018 New Starter's visiting - 5.30pm Friends of St. John's meeting re. the Christmas Fair - 7.30pm
Tuesday 15th November	Reception & Key Stage 1 open afternoon - 8.50 - 9.15
Friday 18th November	Book sale to raise money for St. Benedict's - 3pm
Tuesday 22nd November	Key Stage 2 open morning - 8.50 - 9.15am
Tuesday 22nd November	Read Write Inc & Talk for Writing Parent's Information Evening 7.30pm This evening is for all parents across the school
Tuesday 29th November	Reception & Key Stage 1 open afternoon - 2.30-2.55am
Tuesday 6th December	Key Stage 2 open morning - 8.50-9.15am Advent Mass at St. John's Church - 2pm. Mince pies and mulled punch in the church hall - 3pm Children must be collected from the church.
Friday 9th December	Friend's Christmas Fair 2.30pm - 5pm
Monday 12th December	St. Therese Nativity for Reception class parents - 2pm
Wednesday 14th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 1.30pm Key Stage 2 Nativity 6.30pm
Thursday 15th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 10am Key Stage 2 Nativity 1.30pm Key Stage 2 Nativity 6.30pm
Friday 16th December	St. John's Day - Festive jumper day.

Nativity letter will be sent out soon
regarding how to book tickets

