



St. John's Weekly Celebrations

Friday 6th December 2019



Our mission statement:

*“Through Jesus Christ,
all our children learn to
love and love to learn.*

*The family of St. John's
love learning and are
life-long learners.*

*Through Jesus Christ
everyone knows how to
show love to others and
God, remembering
kindness comes first.*



STARS OF THE WEEK



St Sebastian - Jessica. Kind, caring, hardworking and someone who makes our classroom a happier place. Thank you Jessica!!

St Genevieve - Neve for her resilience and tenacity in maths this week. Her focus and concentration have shone through in all her classwork and she has excelled herself. Well Done!

St Joseph - Oscar Charman.
Charman by name and Charming by nature, it is an absolute pleasure and privilege to be able to consider our very own Prince Charman as a vital and essential member of Saint Joseph Class. Always ready to engage with his learning, unwavering and never phased by anything—congratulations! Keep up the great work!

St Nicholas - Natalia for always singing so beautifully when practising our songs for the Christmas production. I can't wait to hear you in the real thing! Well done Natalia!

St Ava - Jacob, during a visit from Father Aaron, Jacob came out with some lovely answers on how we can show kindness and think of others during advent.

St Francis - Tadi for enthusiastic singing for our nativity and remembering when to move onto stage for our dance.

St Therese - Maximus for being so engaged and enthusiastic while we have been preparing in class for Advent. He is a master of paper chain making!



Happy Birthday!!!



We would like to wish these children
a very happy birthday.

Sophia Lewis 7th December

David Martin 11th December

Georgina Butler 12th December



House Points Totals!

Lion House = 219 points
this week

Total to date = 763

Angel House = 186 points
this week

Total to date = 763



Eagle House = 167 points
this week

Total to date = 735

Ox House = 218 points this
week

Total to date = 662

Our Reading Stars



Bronze Reading Award- 50 Reads

St Nicholas - Melissa Farneti, Beatrice Franke, Radley Razanado

St Genevieve - Luca Smith

St Sebastian - Kiera Denman & Mitchel Gawrel



Congratulations to St Joseph class for
your 100% attendance this week.



Golden Peg



Congratulations to St Genevieve & St Sebastian boys for keeping your cloakroom area spick & span this week!

School Governors

Another delightful and rewarding visit into school this week. As a Governor it is not only part of our role to monitor certain areas of the school, but it is equally important to be present in school and be part of the everyday running and activities of the school. On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of spending my morning with St Francis Class- Miss Davies, Miss Rogers and the children were very welcoming. This was an extra rewarding visit for me as I had monitored the children in reception class last year and it was lovely to see how they have grown, developed and progressed. The children have transformed into year one extremely well. Miss Davies put me straight to work, I sat with 2 groups of children and we worked on our sums using subtraction, the children all completed the task and worked hard. After snack time I had two groups making Christmas decorations with glitter patterns, it was exceptionally nice to see how the class were respectful to each other and worked extra quiet so others in the class could do some important work with Miss Davies & Miss Rogers. The children got to open a parcel while I was there and were very excited to see The British Deer Society had replied to some of the letters the children had written as part of their topic work. The British Deer Society kindly gave some activity sheets/booklets and some interesting facts about different Deer. Thank you St Francis class for a lovely morning.

Leah Pillay, Parent Governor



Eco Councillors

This week we announced who our Eco Councillors will be. The children were chosen from letters that were written stating why the cause was important for them and outlining what they felt they could do for this incredibly important cause.

However, Rome was not built in a day so we will be taking small steps initially- working on educating our classes and our teachers. Our first mission is to focus on keeping the doors shut in Winter and to turn unnecessary lights off to conserve energy. Parents can support this at home by modelling good eco choices.



Friends of St John's

Only a week to go until the Christmas Fair. We hope you are all as excited as we are. Don't forget to buy your tickets. It's £1.50 in advance or £2.50 on the door. All children are free.

All year groups will be doing a performance and all their project art work will be on display in the classrooms.

We have many exciting stalls this year and great Raffle prizes.

We hope you can all join us in what is sure to be a very Christmassy Christmas Fair.

Thank you also to all the Movie Night volunteers. Your help and support is very much appreciated. The children had a great time watching the film while tucking into hotdogs and popcorn.

KS1 enjoy your disco today.

Have a great weekend and look out for us next week to buy your Christmas Fair tickets.

Advent Mass

It was so nice to go to church on Wednesday to celebrate the start of Advent. A huge thank you to Father Aaron for saying Mass, to all the children for reading in church, and to everyone who joined us at Mass.



Christ's Hospital Deforestation Project with Year 6

For the last 2 sessions of their International Project, Christ's Hospital students taught Year 6 children about deforestation and the effects on the planet, focusing on the use of palm oil. The children learnt so much about the current situation and what we need to do to save our planet. They did 2 quizzes and Eagles won both!



Christmas Nativities

Please remember as we are not charging for nativity tickets, we will be asking for your kind donations towards St Benedicts Catholic Primary School in Kenya who we support.

The Friends will also be at each performance selling raffle tickets for hampers.

Many thanks.

Dates for Diary

NO MORE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE TERM!

Friday 13th December – Christmas Fair

Monday 9th December – KS1 Nativity @ 9.15am

Tuesday 10th December – KS1 Nativity @ 9.15am

Wednesday 11th December KS1 Nativity @ 2.15pm

Thursday 12th December Christmas Jumper day (Children should be in school uniform but can wear a Christmas Jumper)

Monday 16th December @ 9.15am KS2 A Christmas Carol

Monday 16th December @ 6pm KS2 A Christmas Carol

Tuesday 17th December @ 9.15am KS2 A Christmas Carol

Monday 17th December @ 6pm KS2 A Christmas Carol

Wednesday 18th December – Chartwells Christmas Lunch

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY- Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday

3rd January 2020 BACK TO SCHOOL – MONDAY 6th JANUARY

The Gospel for Sunday 8th December 2019 - John the Baptist's Call to Repentance (Matthew 3:1-12) In due course

John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: "A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight." This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'