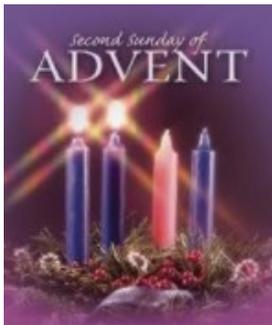




St. John's Weekly Celebrations

Friday 4th December 2020



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 — Luca has really impressed me with how much he grown and matured as the year has gone on. He is always smiling and willing to have a go at joining in class discussion. He has also made huge improvements in his English with some excellent writing and much improved handwriting. Keep it going Luca!

St. Genevieve — Madison for her excellent attitude to all her learning. Madison always seeks to expand her knowledge and maintains a relentless curiosity about the world around her. She brings great ideas into class discussions and is always engaged in class.

St. Joseph - Natalia — you are a most thoughtful, thorough thinker. Your attention to detail in every aspect of the curriculum is most astonishing and so wonderful to see. Keep up the excellent work! May your Star of Wonder keep shining brighter and brighter!

St. Nicholas — Victor has been working so hard on joining his handwriting over the last couple of weeks and it has paid off! I am so amazed by how much his handwriting has improved and it looks fantastic. Well done Victor, you should be very proud of yourself!

St. Ava - Anayah for making so much progress with her reading. She reads lots at home and has moved up several reading levels already this year. Anayah has also tried really hard with learning her lines in our Christmas performance. Keep up the good work!

St. Francis - Ziona, because she has used her lead-ins all week she has made great strides in her handwriting . Her retelling of After The Storm impressed us all as she used some amazing vocabulary. Well done!

St Therese - Ava Brierley for being an excellent buddy to a new pupil in our class, helping her to feel very welcome. Ava also joins in with every phonics session and has learnt many of her sounds! Well done Ava.

House Points

Lion House = points this week

Total to date = 775



Angel House = points this week

Total to date = 809



Eagle House = points this week

Total to date = 696



Ox House = points this week

Total to date = 836



Attendance

St Therese - 100% - Fantastic well done!

St Francis - 100% - Fantastic well done!

St Ava - 98.44%

St Nicholas - 96.61%

St Joseph - 94.95%

St Genevieve - 100% - Fantastic well done!

St Sebastian - 98.08%

Happy Birthday!

A very happy birthday to these children.

Paul V - Year 3 - 6th December

Sophia L - Year 5 - 7th December



Reading Awards

Bronze Reading Award- 50 Reads



St Francis - Harry, Grace & Maisie

St Nicholas - Grace, Rainer, Eric, Josh & Paige

St Joseph - Mia, Robi, Shay & Giulian

St Genevieve - Adrian

St Sebastian -

We have the following awards across the year. Bronze 50, Silver 100, Gold 150, Platinum 200, Diamond 250.

*only 1 read per day is counted

Mrs Clough's Weekly Bulletin

Thank you so much to all of the children and families who have participated in Virtual Clubs throughout the most recent lockdown. It has been wonderful to hear from so many children in school who have been enjoying the clubs and activities. It has also been great to see so many photos posted on the school Facebook page. The videos will remain on our YouTube channel for anyone who hasn't had a chance to be involved and would like to, perhaps over the Christmas break. Please do continue share photos on the club posts on our school Facebook page if you do join in. A BIG thank you to all the adults who gave their time to provide these clubs.

It was lovely to see Fr Aaron in school this week working with Year 3. He came in to talk to the children about Advent. All the children from across the school have been talking about Advent in class and thinking about how we 'prepare' linked to this week's assembly.

As we ourselves 'prepare' for Christmas the excitement is building in school too! We have lots of fantastic activities planned for the children. Next Monday afternoon is our Christmas craft afternoon and then on Thursday it is Christmas jumper day! Alongside that, all week, the children in both Key Stage One and Two will be being filmed for their Christmas play and singing performances. Don't worry St Nicholas Class, we will organise all of this for when you are back in school - you won't miss out on anything :)

On Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th December the Friends of St John's have organised a special event for the children in school. Each class will have time in the school hall to take part in a dance party led by 'Kicks'. All classes will be in the hall separately and we will make sure that we are COVID secure ensuring the dance leader is 2 metres away from the children, at the front of the hall. Thank you to the Friends for organising this for our children but also thank you to all our families for supporting the Friends to enable them to provide such events for our children.



Wishing you all a restful weekend, take care,

Many thanks,

Mrs Clough

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 6th December 2020 (Mark 1:1-8): Baptism for Conversion The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



Christmas Jumper Day!



Thursday 10th December
Monetary donations to St
Benedict's in Kenya please

Just a reminder that all children
can wear a Christmas jumper on

Thursday 10th December if they bring in a monetary donation per child for our link school in Kenya. This will help them buy basic school resources that they desperately need. Staff will collect donations at the gate.

Many thanks for all your support!

Dates for the Diary

*Thursday 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day - proceeds to
Kimilli*

*Monday 14th December - Dress Down day for St Therese
class only!*

Wednesday 16th December - Chartwells Christmas Dinner

*Christmas holidays - 18th December—back to school Monday 4th
January 2021*

NEXT WEEK ON THE PE TIMETABLE IS WEEK 1

Your child/children will need to wear their PE kits on the following days. School uniform is to be worn on every other day that is not a PE day.

	EYFS	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
Week 1	Friday	Tuesday Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday Thursday	Thursday	Monday Wednesday	Tuesday
Week 2	Tuesday Thursday	Thursday	Monday Wednesday	Friday	Wednesday Friday	Wednesday	Tuesday