



St. John's Catholic Primary School

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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."

Taken from the Gospel for 17th October 2021 (Mark 10:35-45): James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. "Master," they said to him, "we want you to do us a favour." He said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They said to him, "Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory." "You do not know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?" They replied, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted." When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Golden Certificates

Reception **Joseph** - trying hard in all areas of learning

Year One **Charles** - great maths work using our part whole model.

Year Two **Aurelia** - a fantastic start to her Art work fact book.

Year Three **Antonia** - demonstrating more confidence within maths.

Year Four - **Leo** - for discovering the power in always trying your hardest.

All of Year 4 - giving an inspiring and inspirational performance of 'Try Everything' at Mrs Farr's Mass.

Year Five **Shay** - a genuinely enthusiastic and positive approach to all aspects of school life - academic and extra curricular.

Year Six **Jakub** - His excellent work in Maths this week.

Induction Mass

I wanted to pass on my huge thanks to all who were able to come to my Induction Mass or who wished me well for it. Without doubt it was one of my proudest moments. Standing up in front of the Bishop and the community and being welcomed as the Headteacher of St John's was a huge milestone for me.



When I saw how many of the school community came I was left speechless and if I'm honest, a little teary. I feel a huge sense of responsibility to ensure that St John's continues to grow and nurtures our children and their families. I am very blessed to have been chosen to lead this school and with God's grace, your continued support and encouragement I know we will do the most amazing things together.

A huge thank you to Mrs Vinall, Mrs Clough, Mr McKerrell, Mrs Tyrrell and for their extraordinary hard work in making it such an unforgettable event.

Amazon Wishlist

Thank you so much for these purchases. We really do appreciate your support.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/genericItemsPage/EKL33T6SFHKC>



Coats

Please can we ask that all children come into school now with a coat. The weather is changing and we want to ensure that all children can enjoy their time outside.

A Big Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored Mrs Curtis for her 10k run. Your sponsorship has raised an incredible **£440**

We have had a discussion with the children and would like to spend the money making the library area more appealing. As a school we are focusing on helping children develop a love of reading, so having a calm and inspiring environment to read in will support this aim.



On Friday 22nd October

Reception class will be running a cake sale after school to raise funds for the PTA. We are asking for volunteers and cake donation please. Any class can donate cakes and can be dropped them at the office on Friday morning. Your help and support is appreciated.

Mrs Rogan gave a really interesting and informative presentation to Year 6 class. The children learnt about the location and time zone of the Philippines, the food, religion, language, traditions and culture.

We were very lucky that Mrs Rogan brought in traditional outfits for the children to see, which were all handmade and very intricate. The children asked so many questions and they learnt so much, as did Ms Stevenson! A huge thank you to Mrs Rogan!



Parents Evening

Just a reminder that it is parents evening next week so there will be no after school clubs.

Parents evening is on Tuesday 3.30-6.30 and Thursday 4.00-7.00

We ask that you ensure you arrive **5 minutes** before your appointment time and come and wait in the hall on the seating provided. I will ring the bell to signal the start and end of appointments, this will ensure we stick to timings and avoid over crowding in the hall.

I would ask you to consider wearing a mask when sitting opposite the teachers to reduce the risk of transmissions.

The classrooms will not be open for this parents evening but will be for the Spring parents evening.

Song of the week!



<http://www.viewpure.com/p-T6aaRV9HY?start=0&end=0>

We are going with 'What a Wonderful World' by Louis Armstrong this week. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce the children to a wide range of musical styles and encourage their musical appreciation skills.

International Culture Club

A huge thank you to Callen and Mrs Van Jaarsveld for teaching us all about South African culture in International club yesterday! Callen's mum made a delicious corn bread which we all tried with cape gooseberries and papaya too. Callen brought in a flag and explained the colours to us, and he wore the Springbok rugby top and cap. We then listened to the National Anthem and watched a presentation



A polite reminder

Please can you be considerate in what you put in your class Whattapp groups. They are a fantastic means of communication and such a help to parents. Comments should be positive and supportive as we look after each other in these challenging times.



WhatsApp

Out of Office

Mrs Tyrrell will be out of the office on Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd October. Mrs Muller will be covering for her. Please speak to your class teachers regarding any collection arrangements in the mornings.

KEY DATES 2021/22



No after school clubs next week!

Tuesday 19th October – Parents evening 3.30-6.30

Thursday 21st October – Parents evening 4.00-7.00 (Please use the main entrance and make your way to the school hall for your allotted time)

Friday 22nd - Friends cake sale in the school hall

Half Term

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Inset Days

Monday 1st November 2021

Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022