



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 7 Friday 22nd October 2021

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 24th October 2021 (Mark 10:46-52): Blind Bartimaeus



As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they called the blind man. "Courage," they said, "get up; he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Rabbuni," the blind man said to him, "Master, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has saved you."

And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



Golden Certificates

Reception - **Connie** for having a great attitude towards her learning this week

Year One - **Maija** For always being kind, enthusiastic and writing lovely stories

Year Two - **Alanna** for working really well during independent tasks

Year Three - **Ananya** for outstanding homework and beautiful presentation

Year Four - **Eric** for his amazing lava lamp homework which went above and beyond

Year Five - **Robi** a courageous attitude and excellent skill representing the school in football.

St John's FC

Last Friday, a mixed Year 5 & 6 football team returned to the pitches at Tanbridge House for the second round of matches in the local primary school tournament. While we were unlucky in terms of results, William did score a fabulous goal which deserved to be a match winner. We have lots to build on for the future, and we were very proud of the determination and sportsmanship shown by all of the players. Well done St John's FC.

We are looking forward to the Year 5 & 6 girls' football tournament coming up in November and December.



Reminder

Just a reminder that the school gates open at **8.35** and shut at **8.45**. Children should be in class by 8.45 for the register to be taken. We know that traffic has been an issue in the mornings but we would really appreciate your support in this. With so much to fit into the curriculum it is really important that the children start their learning promptly each morning and we avoid slippage time.



Hair and Earrings

Please can I remind all parents that any hair that is below shoulder length must be tied up fully. Earrings must be plain studs, no loops or hoops please. This is due to health and safety requirements.





Fairtrade at St John's



Congratulations to all our Fairtrade reps! They are:

Yr 1: Cailyn and Thomas

Yr 2: Matilda and Cuba

Yr 3: Finlay and Gabriella

Yr 4: Beatrice and Dominic

Yr 5: Shay and Maja

Yr 6: Sophia and Isla

They will be discussing ideas for fund-raising for Fairtrade this year with Mrs Curtis. Our Reps are very enthusiastic about promoting the awareness of Fairtrade, and helping with all our Fairtrade events in school. St John's holds the Fair Active Award for all our work so far for Fairtrade.

Amazon Wishlist

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

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



Roof

During the half term we need to start some further roof repairs. This will mean that

unfortunately once we return after half term the internal repairs will still be underway. As the hall will only have limited access we are putting in interim measures including virtual assemblies and lunches in classrooms. We are really disappointed that this is necessary but we are hopeful that the internal works will be finished by the end of the first week back after half term. The external works will continue for a number of weeks but the children will be unaffected by this. There will be fencing running from the car-park to the side of the building up to the hut. This will keep the builders and the scaffolding separate from the daily running of the school and ensure as minimal distraction for the children.

New Young Interpreters!

Congratulations to our new Young Interpreters who have now completed their training with Mrs Curtis! They are:

Yr 3: Nancy, Christopher, Antonia

Yr 4: Louisa

Yr 5: Serena, Wendy, Francesca

Yr 6: Jakub, Hansika, Dolly

They will now join our current Young Interpreters! After half-term they will be buddied up with younger readers and will be helping them with English each week. They will also be able to help any new or current EAL children or parents with their English.



Song of the week!



We are learning Katy Perry's 'Firework' this week. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce the children to a wide range of musical styles and encourage their musical appreciation skills.

<https://youtu.be/KSbwHzlcs8>

KEY DATES 2021/22

Half Term

Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October

Back to school Tuesday 2nd November 2021



Inset Days

Monday 1st November 2021

Friday 18th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Happy Half Term

I hope you all have a fantastic half term. The children and staff have certainly earned a good rest. I look forward to welcoming you all back on the Tuesday 2nd November.





Topic homework focus Year 5

Year 5 finished off their topic of Egyptians with some spectacular homework projects. The children rose beautifully to the challenge set and I'm sure a lot of parents enjoyed supporting the children in their project work. The level of detail in some of the work was truly amazing. Well done Year 5

