



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 10 Friday 19th November 2021

Our Mission Statement: "Through Jesus Christ, all our children learn to love and love to

Taken from the Gospel for 21st November 2021 (John 18:33-37):

Judgement before Pilate "Are you the king of the Jews?" Pilate asked. Jesus replied, "Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?" Jesus replied, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind." "So you are a king then?" said Pilate. "It is you who say it," answered Jesus. "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this; I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my



Golden Certificates

Reception - **Megan** for working independently, always with a smile on her face.



Year One - **Ross** for wonderful writing with adjectives!

Year Two - **Maisie** for her positive attitude and hard work this week.

Year Three - **Christopher** for always putting 100% engagement into our topics!

Year Four - **Evie** for astounding us all with your abstract art, and alliteration and onomatopoeic skills!

Year Five - **Melissa** for explaining your thinking in maths clearly and thoughtfully which showed your understanding.

Year Six - **Dylan** for coming up with really interesting questions when learning about World War Two.

Reading Certificates

Congratulations to all these children for receiving their Bronze Certificate— 50 reads

Year one - Ava, Charles, Owen & Daniel

Year two - Vincent, Ziona, Oliver & Zian

Year three - Sebastian & Abbeygayle

Year four - William, Libby, Leo & Paige

Year six - Adrian, Diana & Ariana



READING

Visit from Father Aaron

We would like to thank Father Aaron for coming in again to school, this time to talk to Year 4. This was good timing, as some of the children in Year 4 had just taken their First Holy Communion on Saturday! They shared their feelings and best memories of the day with Father Aaron and the rest of the class. Father Aaron then explained to the class the meaning of Holy Communion, and that it is one of the Holy Sacraments of the Catholic Church. He also answered some very good questions from the children. He explained why he became a priest, how he felt it was his calling from God, and what his training involved. Year four were clearly very interested, enjoying his stories and his sense of humour too!



PTA

Donations from the recent cake sale will be used to purchase gazebo's and a PA system. Thank you so much for all that organised and donated to the very successful event. The money raised is such a vital part of resourcing the school and makes a big difference to St John's.

Thanks to more uniform sales we were able to purchase some extra books from our wishlist.

Amazon Wishlist

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/>

A big thank you also to the PTA and parents for funding a new class rug in Reception. A great addition to the classroom.





St Benedict's in Kenya - our link school

On Thursday Mrs Gribben, former Headteacher of St John's, and her husband came in to do a special assembly. They showed photos of St Benedict's Catholic Primary School and talked to the children about the differences between our two schools. The children could see from the photos how St Benedict's desperately needs basic resources like books, stationery and classroom furniture as well as funding for more buildings, electricity and water.

On Wednesday 15th December we are having a Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for St Benedict's. We are asking for a donation of £2 per child for this.

Thank you for your support!



Year one visitor

Year one had a lovely visit from Jayden's Mummy who told us about growing up in Portugal. We counted to ten and learnt how to say thank you in Portuguese. We found out about Portugal's cork trees and their famous Fado music, have a listen on you tube yourself we loved the music. Then we were very lucky and tried a Portuguese egg custard tart, a pastel de Belem.

Request from our Fairtrade Reps!



Our Fairtrade reps would like to ask for donations of non-perishable Fairtrade goods. They will be selling these at the Christmas Market on the 3rd December.

Please bring these into school by Tuesday 30th December.

Thank you so much from Cailyn, Adam, Matilda, Cuba, Finlay, Gabrielle, Beatrice, Dominic, Shay, Maja, Sophia & Isla.



Holiday's in term time

As travel restrictions continue to ease I have had an increase of requests for time off during term time. Whilst I recognise how difficult it has been for so many of our families to not see family I must advise you that unfortunately, I am unable to authorise family holidays. There are 190 days in the school year which means that there are 175 non-school days left for holidays. I would ask parents to carefully consider the impact of removing children from class for extended periods of time. The curriculum is so full that it moves at a rapid pace, this often means in subjects such as Maths and English topics may not be covered again that year in the same depth and children will develop gaps in their learning which may impact their learning long term.

'From September 2013 the Department of Education (DfE) have amended the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006, removing the reference to 'family holiday' and 'extended leave' as well as the statutory threshold of 10 days. The amendments make clear that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'. Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) can be issued per parent, with a minimum of 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 school week period per child (2 sessions = 1 day).

Christmas Cards

As Christmas approaches, school will have a post box for children to send their friends and staff members Christmas cards. We will quarantine all cards sent in and then distribute them. Please have all cards in by the 10th December. Please seal cards with tape or tuck in the flap rather than using saliva. This is an excellent opportunity for children to practise their independent writing skills.



KEY DATES 2021/22



- Friday 3rd December** - Christmas Market 3-6pm
- Monday 13th December** - KS1 nativity (year one parents only)
- Tuesday 14th December** - KS1 nativity (year two parents only).
- Wednesday 15th December** - Christmas jumper day (£2 donation for link school in Kenya)
- Wednesday 15th December** - Sponsored Reindeer Run (St Catherine's Hospice)
- Wednesday 15th December** - Chartwells Christmas Dinner
- Wednesday 15th December** - KS2 Christmas Carols @ 3pm
- Thursday 16th December** - Reception Nativity @ 2pm
- Friday 17th December** - Last day of term.
- Tuesday 4th January 2022** - Welcome back to school

Inset Days
Friday February 18th & Monday 6th June 2022

THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S

Christmas Market

Advance Tickets

£2

3rd DECEMBER

KIDS GO
FREE

3pm - 6pm | Back playground

TICKET ONLY EVENT

Purchase advance tickets at
www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohns

Festive market stalls
Christmas crafts
Bauble making
Jazzy jars tombola
Hot drinks and food van

Santa's Grotto
Mulled wine
Second hand uniform
Christmas jumpers
and outfits

