



# St. John's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 11 Friday 26th November 2021

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

**Taken from the Gospel for 28th November 2021 (Luke 21:25-28. 34-36):** Liberation is Near at Hand Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."



### Golden Certificates



Reception - **Julian** for fantastic effort in phonics.

Year One - **Santiago** for always listening and working hard.

Year Two - **Harry** for his fantastic contributions in lessons, especially in RE

Year Three - **Antonia** for going above and beyond with your home learning.

Year Four - **Izzy** for always shining brightly and never letting your light become dimmed, even when challenges grow.

Year Five - **Michaela** for making massive strides in her maths recently and challenging herself to improve.

Year Six - **Ariana** for giving such insightful ideas in our RE lesson.

### Christmas Market - Children Performances

We are so excited to be able to go ahead with our outdoor Christmas market festivities and the Friends are putting in a huge amount of work to make it a special and safe event. As part of the market each class has been asked by the Friends to sing some festive, jolly songs. We really hope as many children as possible are able to either stay and sing or come back and take part in the market. It will help to create a brilliant atmosphere.



Please see the schedule below:

**3.15** Y5 & Y6 - **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing** and **Santa Claus is Coming to Town**

**3.45** Rec & Y1 - **Jingle Bells** and **Six Little Snowflakes**

**4.15** Y2 - **Rocking Around The Christmas Tree** and **We Wish You A Merry Christmas**

**4.45** Y3 & Y4 - **The First Noel** and **Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer**

### Reading Certificates

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

Year three - **Henry**

Year four - **Cassie**

Year five - **Robi, Tobias, Jayden, Rosie & William**

Year six - **Katie, Andre & Jamela**



# READING

### Holy Communion

Jesus comes to us in a unique way in the Eucharist. When He comes, we receive Him into our body and our soul. This is very beautiful and personal. We should not take it for granted! This is why the first time a family member makes their Holy Communion, it is an exciting event for the whole family and community. The boy or girl preparing for this sacrament is going to be profoundly united with Jesus in a way that they never have before!

I, along with other members of staff were immensely proud to watch some of our children receive their First Holy Communion at St John's. It was a very special day and congratulations to all the children.



### Science Visit

On Thursday, Reception, Years 1 and 2 and subsequently, Years 3 - 6 were treated to a fascinating demonstration of a number of exciting scientific reactions by Graham Shaw, the Head of Science from a local school, Pennthorpe.

The children were rapt as they observed clear liquids changing colour, a genie in a bottle and volcanic eruptions occurring before their eyes. The older children were also witness to thermic and exothermic reactions as well as the lift off of a bottle rocket powered by one of the children's efforts.

A massive thanks to Mr Shaw for entertaining and educating the children, as well as eliciting some truly wonderful reactions and to Mr Higginson for organising the event.



Follow this link to see videos [Science Videos](#)

### Absences and work sent home

Please note that remote learning is only available to children that are isolating or off due to covid19 reasons. If a child is off school due to other illness reasons they will not receive remote learning.

If a child is unwell due to covid19 they are not expected to complete the work however the Government have made it clear to schools that if children are well but isolating they **must** complete work and return it to school for marking. Please can I ask that you support us with this duty. Teachers will follow up on work to ensure pupils are completing their remote learning offer.

### Thank you so much to St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is part of the international Christian voluntary network dedicated to providing practical assistance to people in need.

St John's Parish has a very active SVP who have been supporting St John's Catholic Primary school in many ways over the years and particularly during periods of national lockdown.

This week we have very kindly been awarded £450 to support outdoor learning experiences at St John's. This money will support the aspiration that all children will enjoy a wide range of learning experiences whilst at school.

We are very grateful to the SVP for their continued support.

If anyone would like more information about the SVP, their work or contact details please do get in touch with me.



### Parking at drop off and pick up

Could we please remind you to park respectfully and considerately when dropping off and collecting your children from school. The school office often get complaints from local residents. In particular, the areas of Blackbridge Court, blocking people's driveways on Blackbridge Lane (double yellow lines) and in the Arunside close (in peoples parking bays and across driveways).

We appreciate parking in the area is tricky but we would appreciate your support with this to reduce the complaints brought to the school.



### 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

**Tuesday 30th November** - Reception airport experience

**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

3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

KIDS GO  
FREE

3pm - 6pm | Back playground

## TICKET ONLY EVENT

Purchase advance tickets at  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohns](http://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

