



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 9 Friday 12th November 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 14th November 2021 (Mark 13:24-32):

The Coming of the Son of Man Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father."



Golden Certificates

Reception - Oliver, fantastic work in phonics! He used his knowledge of letters and sounds to contribute amazing ideas on the carpet. Beautiful handwriting too!

Year One - James, forming his letters correctly when writing.

Year Two - Samuel, his commitment and positive attitude towards his learning.

Year Three - Teddie, being a great addition to year 3!

Year Four - Oliver, forging a forceful attitude when things get tough.

Year Five - Tobias, challenging himself in maths and showing some great understanding.

Year Six - Aiden, his determination to improve every single day.

St John's Girls FC!

St John's Girls FC had their opening matches on Friday at Tanbridge House. For a squad that had not practised together prior to their first match, the team showed a fantastic togetherness and enthusiastic attitude. While the results did not go our way, there was a marked improvement in every game resulting in two goals being scored in the last match. We are looking forward to seeing how the team develops over the next two rounds of matches. Many thanks to the passionate supporters who braved the cold to roar on the players.



Reading Certificates

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

Year two - Samuel, Harry & Cuba

Year four - Toby H, Oliver, Victor, Callen, Rosmaria, Jacob & Toby

Year five - Evie, Lea, Radley, Natalia, Eva

Year six - Oscar



READING

Visit from Father Aaron

Father Aaron kindly visited St Genevieve class to augment their recent RE learning around service and vocation.

He took the children through his own journey to becoming a priest and the children were extremely engaged in the detail of what was required to become ordained.

Father Aaron answered a number of questions from the pupils who were all very grateful for such an interesting insight to life as a priest.



Father will be coming into school each Monday to visit a different class and support their RE and Spiritual learning.

We are very grateful to him for his support within school.

A very Festive Day!

Wednesday 15th December 2021



Christmas jumper day (£2 donation for our Link school in Kenya)

Sponsored Reindeer run - St Catherine's Hospice Charity



Chartwells Christmas dinner - Book by Monday 29th November <https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk>

Or

Bring a festive lunch box

KS2 Outdoor Christmas Carols @ 3.15pm



Remembrance Day – lest we forget

I was very proud of all the children as they very respectfully observed the two minute silence on Thursday. A big thank you to Mrs Davies who organised for each class to create their own remembrance art work. The children all had the opportunity to visit the 'gallery' and reflect on the sacrifice that men and women made for our freedoms today.



Horsham will be holding a ceremony at 10.30am on Sunday at the Carfax war memorial. Two minutes silence will be observed at 11am followed by wreath laying and a blessing led by Canon Lisa Barnet. A service of remembrance will follow at St Mary's Church.



Have you ever considered becoming a Foundation Governor?

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR "TASTE & SEE" EVENING WITH REFRESHMENTS

WE ARE HOLDING A TASTE & SEE EVENING IN ST JOHN'S PARISH ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM FOR ANYONE IN CRAWLEY DEANERY INTERESTED IN THIS SERVICE.

Foundation governors are appointed by the Bishop to serve as his representatives on the governing body of diocesan schools to ensure the Church's mission is upheld.

Governors have oversight of the curriculum and the appointment of staff and are accountable for the performance of the school. They have a strategic role to play as well as acting as a critical friend to the headteacher.

Governing bodies need people with a mixture of skills and experience. Training is provided to help governors fulfil this very important role.

MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER at 7PM, St John the Evangelist Springfield, Road Horsham, West Sussex,

Year six French Penpals!



Year 6 have written fantastic letters in French to their penpals at our link school in Fontainebleau near Paris. Mrs Curtis has sent these off, and we are now very excited to receive their replies!

KEY DATES 2021/22



Monday 15th November - Odd Socks Day

Friday 3rd December - Christmas Fair (details to follow)

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