



# St. John's Catholic Primary School

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**Our values: At St John's we are: Joyful in our faith , Aspirational in our learning, Confident in being me, Caring in our hearts.**

Taken from the Gospel for 25th September 2022 (Luke 16:19-31): The Rich Man and Lazarus Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, 'Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' 'My son,' Abraham replied, 'remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours.' The rich man replied, 'Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too.' 'They have Moses and the prophets,' said Abraham, 'let them listen to them.' 'Ah no, father Abraham,' said the rich man, 'but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent.' Then Abraham said to him, 'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead.'"

## Eco Council

Congratulations to our new Eco-Council team. They will work with Mrs Clough to help the school to be as environmentally friendly as possible, to raise awareness of important eco issues and support some projects in the community. Our planet is our greatest resource so it is a very important role to have within school. Well done all who were elected.

**Reception - Jacob & Wilfred**

**Year one - Hughey & Alice**

**Year two - Alfie & Edon**

**Year three - Aurelia & Samuel**

**Year four - Layton & Sophia**

**Year five - Cara & Jacob**

**Year six - Evie & Robi**



## School Council

Congratulations to our new School Council representatives. The School Council will meet with me regularly and help to share ideas and ways to improve our school, they will also be the voice of their class and represent the needs of the pupils. Sometimes they will also represent our school when we have visitors coming or at an event outside of school. It is a great responsibility to have. Well done all who have been elected.

**Reception - Annie & Connie**

**Year one - Eloise & Harry**

**Year two - Antoni & Zenata**

**Year three - Nancy & Thomas**

**Year four - Anaya & Teddy**

**Year five - Hemesh & Libby**



## Reception intake 2023

Father Aaron will be available to sign any SIF forms on December 5th and 6th at Church. This is a form that Catholic families that attend Mass can have signed by their Priest. It helps the school to prioritise applications for Reception next year.

Useful dates for Reception 2023 applications

Monday 3rd October 2022 applications for school opens

Sunday 15th January 2023 applications for school close

Monday 17th April 2023 is offer day, this is when you will find out which school your child will be attending.

Applications can be done via the West Sussex website.

## Children's Liturgy at St John the Evangelist Church

Each Sunday at 9.15 there is a children's liturgy. This is a chance for children to go out of the main Mass and into a little room to hear the word of God in a simple form. They also do a small activity linked to the Gospel that week. It is a great way to introduce your child to Church and a way for them to start to develop a relationship with God.

## School Photo's Next Thursday - Important information regarding sibling photo's!

Please ensure your children arrive promptly at school on Thursday. Children should all be in their winter uniform please. If you wish your children to be photographed together we will be sending out a link for you to follow to complete for the Yellow Photographer.

If you do not complete the form siblings will NOT be photographed together.

## Stars of the week



**Year one: Teo for always being kind, courteous and considerate and ready to learn.**

**Year 2: for being incredibly considerate, conscientious and focused at all times and being a fantastic role model to her peers**

**Year 3: Alanna for trying her hardest to work independently in maths**

**Year 4: Paige for making a great start to year four at St John's. It is a pleasure to have you in our class.**

**Year 5: Logan for showing courage in his learning by moving out of his comfort zone and pushing himself.**

**Year 6: Amogha for your consistent hard work, effort and engagement - a delight to reach and a real role model.**

## HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Please find below a reminder of the term dates for this year. **Please remember that term time holiday is not permitted.**

### KEY DATES 2022/23

**29th September - Individual school photos**  
**Monday 3rd October—Thursday 6th September**  
**Year 6 bikeability training**  
**Monday 24th— Friday 28th October Half Term**  
**Monday 31st October Inset Day**  
**Wednesday 16th November - Flu vaccinations**  
**1st—31st May year two SATS**  
**8th - 12th May Year six SATS**  
**5- 23rd June Year four multiplication checks**  
**5th to 16th June Year one Phonics check week**

If your child is in **Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 or Year 6** please pay special attention to the summer dates as the children have statutory assessments during the summer term and **must** be in school for them.

Unless there is exceptional circumstances holidays cannot be granted during term time. The County will issue fines per parent that takes a child on holiday in term time

## School priorities this year

Every year the school sets priorities to focus on from September to July. This helps us to continually improve and develop the school. It is a journey that we share not just with the staff and children but also our parents, carers and community . So I wanted to share our priorities for this year:

- Ms Stevenson and Miss Marett are leading on developing Maths throughout the school– we are running 2 new projects across the school, one focused on EYFS and Key stage 1 to ensure children have a really secure understanding of number and in Key Stage 2 the focus is around Maths Mastery and how it is taught to ensure children have a secure understanding of Maths concepts and rapid fluency with numbers. We have also purchased Rock Star Times Tables and Numbots to help children with their rapid recall of key facts.
- We are looking to develop our outside learning areas for Reception to promote a range of outdoor learning opportunities and experiences. We are currently in the planning and funding stages of the project. Miss Miles has some great ideas up her sleeve and the Governors are hard at work raising the 10% required for us to put in a funding bid to the diocese. We are now planning a bigger project than originally though.
- Mr McKerrell and Mr Higginson are supporting our continued focus on developing our English curriculum and really securing the progression within writing and reading across the school. Alongside this Mr Higginson is leading on a whole school oracy project called Oracy21. We want to support our pupil's to be confident and articulate speakers that can use a wide range of vocabulary to good effect.
- Mrs Clough is supporting the school in trying to achieve a dyslexia friendly award this year.
- Miss Myles and Mrs Clough are working to redesign the whole of our PSHE,RSHE and Citizenship curriculum. It is a huge undertaking but when completed it will give our children the knowledge to keep themselves safe, understand how things change as they develop, an understanding of politics, money and their place in the wider world. There will also be a focus on mental health and how to stay healthy.
- Another key area of development within the school is our STEAM project, a revitalization of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. This project is being led by a host of staff including Mr Higginson, Ms Stevenson, Miss Marett and Miss Davies. This has already involved by acquisition of 30 new iPads, the Purple Mash platform to support our delivery of the Computing curriculum, the purchase of new equipment to support us in being able to teach food technology properly and a redesigned Art and DT curriculum.

As you can see we are very busy at St John's and this is just some of the work going on behind the scenes. Subject leaders will continue to develop their curriculums and ensure they are well match for the needs of our children and offers suitable challenges to ensure each and every child reaches their full potential and is ready for their next steps in life. They will also be looking at how the curriculums are implemented this year and the impact on the children.