



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 4 Friday 30th September 2022

Our values: In Christ we are: Joyful in our faith , Aspirational in our learning, Confident in being me, Caring in our hearts.

Taken from the Gospel for 2nd October 2022 (Luke 17:5-10): The Reward of Faith The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, 'Come and have your meal immediately?' Would he not be more likely to say, 'Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards?' Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.'"

Stars of the week



Year Reception: Jacob for trying his best with every learning challenge and always being enthusiastic.

Year one: Quinn for showing a wonderful determination and change of attitude to her work in class.

Year 2: Eden who embodies school values and shows them everyday in the way she speaks about and treats other people.

Year 3: Jack for being a great addition to our class, also for challenging himself, especially within maths.

Year 4: Christopher for a great start to year four. You are always enthusiastic with your learning and have a lovely positive attitude.

Year 5: Amy for makin an effort to project her voice with more power to share her great ideas.

Year 6: Giulian for his improved focus and attitude to learning, keep it up!

All hot dinner children for their beautiful manners and for living our school values of confidence and caringness

2023 First Holy Communion Programme



St John the Evangelist Church is launching their Programme for 2023 this weekend.

Father Aaron writes:

'It's open to **children in year 3 and above**. The Programme is in three parts – Part I: Pre-Enrolment Course, Part II: Preparation for First Confession and Part III: Preparation for First Holy Communion.

This year, as we are moving forward to a life-long formation for all, we're introducing a **compulsory** Pre-Enrolment Course for parents/carers and children to attend. It's designed to ensure your readiness, and that of your child, for the spiritual journey towards the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion which your child is about to make.

The Pre-Enrolment Course is made up of three classes and these will take place from 4pm – 5.15pm on Saturday 5th November 2022, Saturday 19th November 2022 and Saturday 3rd December 2022. Provided you and your child have attended all three classes, **and we agree your child is ready**, they will be accepted onto Parts II and III of the Programme.

BIKE OR SCOOTER?

As part of our continued work with the SVP at Church we have been kindly offered a number of second hand, safety checked bikes with helmets for children that would benefit from them. If your child would benefit from a bike and helmet please let us know and we can add you to our list. The SVP are very active in sourcing these for us and we are grateful to them for all their efforts and support.



You'll find all the information you need, including the application form and the provisional timetable for all parts of the Programme, on their website (St John the Evangelist.) You can also pick up an application form from the back of the Church or from the Parish Office. Applications closes on **Sunday 30th October**, so please get your completed form back to the Parish Office as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to welcoming you and your children to the Programme.'

Upcoming Friends Events

We are excited to announce our Autumn term disco dates. You can purchase tickets on the Friends website [Events page to buy tickets](#).

There is a sibling discount available - 2 for £7 and 3 for £10 (these would need to be purchased from the office)



21 OCTOBER 2022

KS1 DISCO PARTY

OPEN 4:30PM - 6PM

£4 PER TICKET £7 FOR TWO SIBLINGS* £10 FOR THREE SIBLINGS*

DRINKS & SNACKS PROVIDED

For more information and to book your tickets please visit
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFSTJOHNS

*Siblings tickets please buy from the school office



21 OCTOBER 2022

KS2 DISCO PARTY

OPEN 6:15PM - 7:45PM

£4 PER TICKET £7 FOR TWO SIBLINGS* £10 FOR THREE SIBLINGS*

DRINKS & SNACKS PROVIDED

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Friends of St John's

Cake Sale

3pm - 4pm

6th October

St John's School Hall

Cupcakes, cookies, brownies and sweet treats.
Money raised will go towards various school projects, from which your child will benefit



Please bring cake donations to the school office on Thursday morning
No nuts or cakes requiring refrigeration

Visit our PTA website
www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohns



Learn to Love our Love to Learn

Save the date

Our next AGM meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October 7pm at St Johns School

We welcome all parents to attend.
This is our first meeting of the year and the current Chairs will be standing down and we are looking for a new person to take on this exciting role!

FRIENDS OF ST JOHNS ORGANISE MANY EVENTS FOR THE CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL IT IS A SOCIABLE EVENT AND DRINKS AND NIBBLES WILL BE PROVIDED



Digital Ambassador Update

The West Sussex Digital Ambassadors are proving to be hugely successful in helping to spread the word across West Sussex regarding online safety. They are actively sharing vital online safety information via social media, blogs, posters and articles with local charities, community groups and parish councils. One of the Digital Ambassadors Zonny recently delivered a presentation on scams to the Crawley St John's Ambulance group, giving them practical advice on how to stay safe against scams and online fraud.

The Digital Ambassadors offer a range of ways to support digital safety needs:

- 1:2:1 bookable session at your local library
- Drop in events at your local library
- Presentations and informal chats at community groups
- Community events

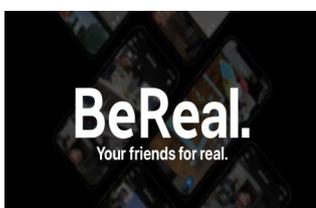
Do you want to help keep others safe online and would like to become a Digital Ambassador? Or would you like some free digital safety support from a friendly and patient volunteer? If so, please email: DigitalAmbassadors@westsussex.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can find out more on our [website](#).



Did you know that from mid October, we can provide a free poster resource giving parents and carers top tips to help keep their children safe online? Email: claudia.deamer@westsussex.gov.uk to request a copy to place in your neighbourhood/school/GP surgery etc.

BeReal The new app to rival Instagram Keep your children safe online



Some teens and young people are trying a new social media platform. It's called BeReal. There are no filters, no photo editing, no celebrities posting perfect photos and, also, no ads.

Social Media can feel very daunting and fake, with many users only showing an edited life that promotes a perfect life filled with materialistic ideals and happiness.

Rivaling other platforms such as Instagram and Facebook, who are accused of showing a distorted view of reality, BeReal encourages users to show their real selves and life, without any filters or editing within 2 minutes.

The app works by prompting its users to post a photo of what they are doing at random times of the day and share the image with friends your real self and your real activity.

BeReal has no filters, keeping its motive of showing real people as who they really are and what they are actually doing.

There are of course safeguarding concerns to be aware of for either yourself or for young people when using this app.