



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 5 Friday 14th October 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 16th October 2022 (Luke 18:1-8):

The Answer to Prayer Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. "There was a judge in a certain town," he said, "who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, 'I want justice from you against my enemy!' For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, 'Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death.'" And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"



Stars of the week



Year reception: Marina for always being kind, helpful and trying her best with all she does.

Year one: George for always being an extremely kind, caring, considerate and loving classmate.

Year two: Daniel for his positive attitude towards his learning and huge improvement in class.

Year three: Ananya for working incredibly hard in maths, for applying her knowledge to solve problems using the formal method.

Year four: Abbeygayle, she is doing an amazing job learning her times tables, inspiring the rest of the class too.

Year five : Blanca for showing amazing curiosity when coming across a word at home she did not know and bringing it into class to discuss. 'kennings'.

Year six: Jayden for his amazing effort planning his diary in English.

Friends of St John's

Thank you to all those who attended the Friends AGM meeting. It was a really positive and upbeat meeting. Most of the fantastic Friends committee stepped down at the meeting and a new committee was elected. They are:

New Chair - Kate Smith

Co Chairs - Michelle Hall & Leigh Mallinder

All three of the committee have children in Reception and are brimming with new ideas and enthusiasm. We are delighted that the Friends will continue to raise much needed funds for the school and create exciting events for our children. We look forward to the next event.



Reading



As a school we are very keen to encourage reading at home. We have had a discussion and review of how we record reading in the reading records.

From next week across the school any reads can be recorded in the reading records. It can be the school reading book (we would still ask you to try and read at least 4 times a week) a school library book, a home book or a comic. All reading is valid and to be encouraged. Staff will continue to count 1 read per day towards a reading certificate.

If you are keen to hear a little bit more about reading in school and how to support it at home Mr McKerrill is doing a meeting for parents on **Thursday 20th October**. If you are unable to join the meeting but would like some information please do message the office.

A sad goodbye

I am very sad to say that Mrs Weeks our lovely Year 6 LA will be leaving us at half term. She is leaving to pursue an exciting next step in her career and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours. We also want to publicly thank her for her hard work at St John's, she will be very missed by the children and the staff.



INTERNET
SAFETY



Online Safety Parent Workshops

After parent feedback we will be holding 3 workshops for parents on the following dates.

Tuesday 1st November in the school hall at 3.30pm till 4.15pm

Wednesday 2nd November in the school hall at 9am till 9.45am

Thursday 3rd November via Zoom 7.30pm till 8.15pm

If you would like to attend the zoom meeting please email office@stjohnshorsham for the code.

School Disco's next Friday 21st October.

Reception & KS1 4.30pm till 6pm

KS2 6.15pm till 7.45pm

Singular tickets £4.00, are available via the Friends website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohns>

Sibling tickets 2 for £7.00 or 3 for £10 available from the school office.



Horsham Matters Donations

A huge thank you to everyone for being so generous with your donations today. I know that Horsham Matters will make the most of it and it will be used to directly help those in need in Horsham. It was lovely to see the children so proud when giving in their donations and recognising their impact on our local community.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 20th October - Reception 6 weeks in meeting at 2.45pm in the school hall.

Thursday 20th October - Reading scheme parent meeting

Friday 21st October - Year 4 Roman Day

Friday 21st October - School Disco's

Monday 24th— Friday 28th October Half Term

Monday 31st October Inset Day

Thursday 3rd November - Friends Christmas Fair Planning Meeting

Wednesday 16th November - Flu vaccinations

PART TIME PREMISES OFFICER Required ASAP

We are looking to appoint a caring, enthusiastic, well-motivated premises officer who will work within our school to support us in ensuring the school is clean, safe and maintained to a high standard. The successful candidate could be experienced in building management, health & Safety, caretaking, gardening and with maintenance and DIY skills.

If you are responsible, well organised, have an aptitude for this type of work and work well in a team as well as independently, our school can offer a supportive team of staff and governors and friendly children.

We welcome both Catholic and non-Catholic applicants to our community spirited, multicultural school. Full training will be provided to support the right applicant and flexibility will be offered with the role.

The role will be 15 hours to be agreed across Monday to Friday ideally every morning from 7.30am. If you think this is the role for you, please contact our School Business Manager, Claire Muller (sbm@stjohnshorsham.school), to arrange a tour of the school.

St John's Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children. This post is subject to pre-employment checks, including references, qualifications, health and Disclosure and Barring checks. West Sussex County Council is an equal opportunities employer.

The closing date for applications will be 12pm

Tuesday 1st November 2022

Interviews are planned for Thursday 3rd November 2022