



St. John's Catholic Primary School

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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 23rd October 2022 (Luke 18:9-14): The Pharisee and the Tax-Collector Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else. "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, 'I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get.' The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.' This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted."



Stars of the week

Year reception: Harry for a fantastic effort with his independent pumpkin description writing. Very well done!



Year one: Sebastian for always making suitable choices and always abiding by our classroom rules. Wonderful work mister.

Year two: Alfie for his fantastic change in attitude in the classroom and towards all his learning, very proud of you!

Year three: Oliver for trying really hard to present his work clearly and neat within maths.

Year four: Henry - he is a 'Rock Legend' and can answer times table questions in 1.51 seconds! Henry is also top of the school!!

Year five : Cassie, Mrs Brooks has noticed a huge improvement in learning attitude and application in year 5. Well done!

Year six: Tobias for his excellent performance in PE using all his skills he learnt in the previous weeks!

Plastic bottles for a whole school poppy project

As part of our learning about Remembrance Sunday we are hoping to do a school wide art project. For it to work we need as many empty plastic bottles as possible. If you have any please can you drop them into the office after half term.

Thank you

Conduit please

Miss Davies is in search of conduit to use for a science project. If anyone has any contacts with builders ,plumbers or DIY fans that would be willing to donate we would really appreciate it.

Exciting new appointment and a few changes

We are really pleased to have appointed a new Learning Assistant into the school. Her name is Mrs Carrington. She will start at St John's after half term and will be the LA in Year 4 every morning.

After half term we will have a bit of a change around of staff, we try to avoid moving staff around mid-year where possible but sometimes it is unavoidable and unfortunately this is one of those occasions.

Year 5 LA after half term will be Mrs Gent Monday to Wednesday all day. Thursday and Friday PM will be Mrs Brooks. Mrs Brooks will also be on standby if need on a Thursday and Friday AM for the class.

Year 6 will be Mrs Brooks Monday to Wednesday all day and then Thursday and Friday AM if not needed in Year 5. I have told the children about the change and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Carrington into the school after half term.

Thank you

Thank you to the parents that attended the Reception 6/7 week in meeting and those that attended the Reading meeting this week. It was great to see so many there and to take on board your comments. This is how we will continue to grow our school together. Both Miss Miles and Mr McKerrell has sent out the information to all parents from their meetings. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

A note from me to you

I have always been keen to work with parents to support our school and help develop it, this passion is shared amongst the staff.

Staff at St John's work incredibly hard to provide the best education and social setting possible for our children. If things do not go quite right, or you have any concerns or little niggles we do want to know about them so that we can help. Please know that you are always very welcome to come into school and speak to the teachers or LA's. Often they can explain or sort any problems out quickly.

I know as a parent that it is important that your child is happy and that you know you will be heard and your views considered when you speak to us. Only by working together can we grow our children and our school.

I would ask that problems come to the school directly rather than a WhatsApp group. Those groups are great for sharing information and supporting each other but they can also get out of hand quickly and ultimately do little to resolve any issues.

Happy Half Term-No Homework Required!

The children have worked so hard this half term and had many adventures and challenges in their learning. We are so proud of how they have managed the transitions into school and going up into the next year group.

We want you to enjoy half term and allow the children to rest and recover, therefore we will not be settling formal homework for them to complete over the break.

We hope you all have a rest and enjoy some quality family time together.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 24th— Friday 28th October Half Term

Monday 31st October Inset Day

Thursday 3rd November - Friends Christmas Fair Planning Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 16th November - Flu vaccinations