



# St. John's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 8 Monday 14th November 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 13th November 2022 (Luke 21:5-19):

Perseverance When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with ne stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed." And they put to him this question: "Master," they said, "when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?" "Take care not to be deceived," he said, "because many will come using my name and saying, 'I am he' and 'The time is near at hand'. Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon." Then he said to them, "Nation will ght against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives."



### Stars of the week



**Year reception:** Nellie for trying her best in all areas of learning this week. You have been a real star.

**Year one:** Evie for being super inspired at home, when creating a rather sensational spaceship and then bringing it into school.

**Year two:** Elizabeth for always trying her hardest and being kind and caring to others.

**Year three:** Emilia for doing excellent French homework, writing number to 10 all correctly!

**Year four:** Wynter for always being enthusiastic about learning and a kind caring person. Wynter is the perfect role model and definite superstar.

**Year five :** Hemesh for excellent engagement and learning behaviour in his lessons this week. And for being a great representative for year 5 on the school council.

**Year six:** Radley for always challenging himself to be the best he can.

### Reading Awards

**Bronze reading awards - 50 reads**

**Year three - Aria**

**Year four - Antonia, Aidan & Christopher**

**Year five - Toby H, Libby, Evie & Amy**

**Year six - Saana, Lea, Mia, Francesca & Melissa**



### Sad and Happy news

I am sad to say that our Year 5 teacher Mr Higginson will be leaving us at the end of term. He is leaving to pursue a new opportunity at another school. I would like to take the opportunity to thank him for all of his hard work both in the classroom and as our curriculum lead. He has contributed hugely towards our move towards a broader, more personalised curriculum and I know the children have hugely benefitted from these changes. He will be very missed by staff and children alike.

In happier news I am delighted to tell you that with the help of the School Council and our Chair of Governors we have appointed a new Year 5 teacher. His name is Mr Mccurrach. He is a very experienced Year 5 teacher and is excited to be joining us in January. He has a special interest in computer aided design so we look forward to being some exciting new skills into the school.



## Teddy Donations

If you have any pre loved/2nd hand soft toys or teddies to donate for a stall at the Christmas Fair please bring to the office before 2nd December.

Kind regards The Friends of St John's



## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 16th November - Flu vaccinations

Friday 18th November -- Dress Down Day

Tuesday 22nd November - Parents Evening

Thursday 24th November - Parents Evening

Wednesday 30th November - Maths marketplace  
3.30 till 4pm

***AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH FOR THE TERM ON FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER***

Monday 5th December @ 3.15pm - Friends  
second hand uniform sale

Friday 9th December - Christmas Fair

## Lest we Forget!

We held a Remembrance day assembly on Friday and as part of that we had a visit from one of our local Horsham councillors, Martin Boffey. Martin is a super trumpet player, and therefore much in demand to play the Last Post and Reveille at all Remembrance events in Horsham. He spoke to the children about the significance of music within remembrance and played for them. The children were captivated. We then spoke about why we remember and what acts of remembrance looks around the Commonwealth. Below is a poem written by Serena in Year 6 after she was inspired and moved by what she had experienced in the assembly.

I'm scared for my life and don't know what to do. I never told you to go in this battle and you have a lot to lose. I need you right now to listen to me because I'm starting to panic and troubling to breath.

You have nothing to prove, I know who you are and you are you. I want you back by Christmas time in December before I have you to remember.

You have a child to take care of with me and I find it hard to treat him rarely. Just please ,please, please, I need you to fight this carefully.

We need you back for Christmas time in December before I have you to remember.

I don't know what country you are in or where you are but I hope you're acting like a star. Every time I think about you or see a picture of you, I burst into tears and I start to hallucinate, ,then you appear.

I'm going crazy and need you. Back by Christmas in December so we don't have you to remember.

By Serena



## Christmas Nativities & Carol Concert

Tickets can be booked by navigating to the the Christmas Tickets Tile on the app.

Each family are entitled to 4 tickets for each key staf across the performances. Tickets are £1.00 each, please make your payment in cash to the school office when collecting your tickets. Tickets will be available to collect from Monday 28th November



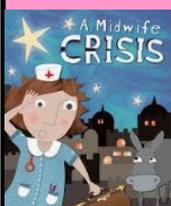
### EYFS - Whoops A Daisy Angel Nativity

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

<https://stjohnshorsham.schoolzineplus.co.uk/event/2480>

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

<https://stjohnshorsham.schoolzineplus.co.uk/event/2481>



### Year 1 & 2 – A Midwife Crisis Nativity

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

<https://stjohnshorsham.schoolzineplus.co.uk/event/2482>

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

<https://stjohnshorsham.schoolzineplus.co.uk/event/2483>

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 9.30am (Toddlers welcome)

<https://stjohnshorsham.schoolzineplus.co.uk/event/2483>



### KS2 Christmas Carol Concert

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December @ 3.30pm

<https://stjohnshorsham.schoolzineplus.co.uk/event/2485>



## Free Mental Health courses for Children and Parents

**Online Parenting Through Difficult Times** – A three week course designed to help parents and carers of children of all ages achieve a sense of calm and safety and to give their children and young people tools for managing their big feelings (includes private online group and individual support). 10 parents per course.

**Girls' Net** - A six-week journey for girls equipping them for times of challenge and change. This course is made up of six 1¼ hour sessions in a small group of same-age girls guided by a fully trained Girls' Net mentor. In between the sessions, girls will have access to an interactive notebook online to prompt further exploration of each week's topic. Girls' Net is currently held online for girls grouped by age (8-18 years).

By the end of the course, the girls not only have some practical tools for managing their emotions, but they've also had the experience of shared support.

The funding for both these courses runs until March 2023 and we are keen to have as many participants as possible to fill the courses.

To access a free place on one of the courses, parents can apply online by emailing [ukad-min@ritesforgirls.co.uk](mailto:ukad-min@ritesforgirls.co.uk) or calling 07762 792277.

## A big thank you

Thank you so much to the Friends of St John's who hosted bacon butties, tea, coffee and cake at the Church on Sunday after the 9.15 Mass.

It was such a moment of pride to see our St John's children in their smart uniform at Mass and then serving the community afterwards. A lot of grown-ups approached me to say how wonderful the children were and I could not have agreed with them more. I was a very proud Headteacher!

We hugely appreciate the time given up by the adults and children to help us raise much needed funds for the school.



# Christmas Fair

9TH DECEMBER 3.15-7PM

SANTAS GROTTO

SANTAS SLEIGH

RAFFLE

LOCAL MARKET STALLS

FESTIVE GAMES

MULLED WINE HOT FOOD

ST JOHNS SCHOOL  
BLACKBRIDGE LANE HORSHAM

KIDS GO FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE

£1 PER ADULT £2 ON THE GATE

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