



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter Friday 3rd February 2023

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 Sunday 5th February 2023 - Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world.

A city built on a hill top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



Stars of the week

Reception: Daniel for trying really hard with his writing/letter formation this week. Keep up the great work!



Year one: Lucas for the continued progress you continue to make each day. Your excitement and enthusiasm for learning is truly infectious!

Year two: Ava for her fantastic effort and determination in her learning this week!

Year three: Nancy for having a positive attitude to learning at home and at school. I am so proud of you!

Year four: Yurii for increasing his English vocabulary & speaking more in class. Well done!

Year five : Cassie because she always gives people a supportive smile. Nominated by the class.

Year six: Robi, who is always happy, helpful and a good friend to everyone.



Uniform

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With Mrs Tyrell leaving us at the end of next week we are going to pause the in house uniform sales temporarily. This is purely down to capacity. I am hopeful once we have a new Office Manager we can look to resume selling the uniform. Until then Taylor Made continue to stock the branded items. You can buy everything else from the high street shops. If your child is in receipt of Free school meals please continue to order via the office.



Reading Awards

Bronze reading awards - 50 reads

Year reception - Tymon

Year one - Alex

Year three - Vincent, Anna & Grace

Year four - Nancy, Owen, Henry

Year five - Ava & Edon

Year six - Shay

Silver reading awards - 100 reads

Year two - Ava & Maja

Year four - Antonia

Year six - Robi

Gold reading awards - 150 reads

Year two - Eden

Year four - Emily, Finn, Wynter



Online Safety—Minecraft

Check the age ratings: Minecraft is rated by PEGI as 7+ or 12+ depending on which game version you are playing. The App store rate it as 9+ and the Google Play store rate it as 10+.

It is important to remember that when rating games, PEGI do not take into consideration the communication features of a game. Minecraft does include a chat facility, which adds further risks of seeing inappropriate language/content. This can be switched off .

What else do I need to be aware of?

Multiplayer – children can interact with others (including strangers), you can switch this option off within settings or choose to play offline.

Block and report players – if your child is playing with others, make sure they know how to block and report players within the game.

Additional purchases – be aware of in app purchases and the purchase of additional items (skin packs) to support (although not needed) game play.



World Thinking Day

Our school would like to invite all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts to wear their uniforms on 22/2/23 to celebrate World Thinking Day. Each year on 22 February, members of the Girl Guide and Scout movements celebrate World Thinking Day. It's a day when they think of each other and give thanks and appreciation for the international friendships. One of the traditions of Thinking Day is that members of the Guiding and Scouting movements wear their uniforms to school to show others that they are part of the movement. At St John's we would like to support this tradition. We look forward to seeing our pupils representing their units from across the area.

Proud Work

Well done to Wilfred, Arjun, Zahra, Harry, Abu, Sophia & Amogha for producing some fabulous pieces of work this week.



School Disco's

The Friends would like to put on discos for the children but would need volunteers. The discos will only go ahead if we have enough volunteers for each disco. KS1 Volunteers would be needed from 3.30pm to 6pm & KS2 6pm to 8pm The options for dates are Friday 3rd or Friday 10th March 2023

Please complete the form in the feed on the app.



Bike

We have a second hand blue bike available, donated from the SVP for approximately a Year 3/4 child. Please ask at the office if you are interested. It has been serviced.



Focus on attendance

As part of my duties as Headteacher I monitor attendance carefully. The reason for this is due to the significant impact poor attendance has on children's education. ✓

Unfortunately our attendance as a school is not where it should be at the moment, therefore I am asking for your support in raising it.

	St John's current figures	National figures
Absence	5.2%	4.6%
Persistent absence (less than 90% attendance)	16.9%	0.2%

Please do not book holidays in term time. The curriculum is so full that any lost learning makes an impact.

As part of our attendance data we also record late arrivals. As a reminder children should be **in school, sat down and registered by 8.45**. We start our learning promptly so even a few minutes late has an impact. It is also damaging for self-esteem when children come in late.

We know that sometimes children get ill and do need time off school but where possible please try to get them back as soon as they are well enough.

We would really appreciate your support in raising the attendance rates in school.