



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th March 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 12th March 2023 - Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied, 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you "Give me a drink", you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered, 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied, 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'..



Stars of the week

Reception: Ayda for trying extra hard this week

Year one: Eloise for being such a wonderful and inspiring ambassador for Year One and the Fairtrade Foundation. **Henry** for being such a wonderful and inspiring ambassador for Year One and the Fairtrade Foundation

Year two: Antoni for his positive attitude to learning and always giving 100% in his learning! Well done!

Year three: Sienna for building her confidence when sharing ideas with the class.

Year four: Finn for writing a fantastic Viking myth. Mrs Stevenson in year 6 was very impressed too—super star writer :)

Year five : Hemesh for being a supportive partner in P.E. as he and his partner attempted to make the longest rally they could

Year Six: Francesca for always being ready to help others in school—A great role model to others

Reading Awards

Bronze reading awards - 50 reads

Reception—Elsa, Ayda

Year four - Maisie

Silver reading awards –100 read

Year two—Charles

Year three-Isabelle, Aurelia

Year five—Blanca, Toby, Rosmaria

Gold reading awards - 150 reads

Reception—Annie

Year two -- Alex, Daniel, Antoni

Year three— Rosie

Year six— Michaela



Proud work

Fantastic achievements were shown this week. Phonics that had us walking on 'air,' some Maths Mastery , a beautiful sketch of the Lord, Lenten reflections and people that make us feel safe and happy. We are proud of each one of you!





Fairtrade Bake Sale – Thursday 9th March 3.15 pm

St John's is supporting Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight, as we do every year. In Assembly, the children have been learning how Fairtrade supports farmers and their families all over the world.

Our Bake Sale on Thursday 9th March raised £200 for Fairtrade. Thank you for donating Fairtrade products (e.g. chocolate, sugar, tea, coffee) and for the amazing cakes and cookies you baked using Fairtrade ingredients (e.g. chocolate brownies or banana bread).

Many thanks for all your support!

Car parking

Sadly we have had a member of staff report damage to their car whilst it was in the car park, whilst we have sorted the incident out now I would like to remind all parents that they are not permitted to use the staff car park unless they have permission from myself. This rule includes mornings and after school clubs. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Book Fair

From this afternoon the book fair will be in school until next Friday morning. It will be open at 8.30 until 8.45 and again open after school 3.15-3.30.

Any books sold will help school purchase some of the stock at the end of the week.



PRE-LOVED
**UNIFORM
SALE**
Friday 31st March
FROM 15:15
FRONT SCHOOL PLAYGROUND



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March - Possible school closure due to strike days .

10th to 17th March - Book Fair

Friday 24th March - International Storytelling/Pyjama Day (more info to follow)

Sunday 9th July Horsham Children's Parade for years 2 and 4

Saturday 24th June SUMMER FAIR DAY!!!!

Finlay's piano performance!

Congratulations to Finlay in Year 4 for his fantastic piano playing in assembly this week! He played 3 pieces brilliantly, and with such confidence in front of the whole school! We wish Finlay the best of luck for his forthcoming piano exam. We think you'll really impress the examiner, Finlay! Thank you again for entertaining us.



Year 5 visit to St Mary's Church

We are very blessed at St John's to have strong links with our local community. We value the opportunity to visit other Churches and communities within our locality and look to build on this continually. Today, Year 5 visited St Mary's Church to be involved in their Bible Reading Marathon. St Mary's organised an event focused on reading through the whole Bible in a week, between Sunday 5th & Sunday 12th March. The Bible was and will be read by lots of different volunteers between 8.30am & 8.30pm each day, and there was a range of Bible related displays and activities in the church. Year 5 really enjoyed exploring the Church and interacting with the activities. Many thanks to Revd Canon Lisa Barnett for inviting us and sharing her wonderful Church and community with us. I am sure they would welcome any visitors from St John's over the weekend.



Soup lunch



As part of our work to support the local community some of our children went to St John's Catholic Church hall to help serve at the soup lunches provided by the SVP. This is a regular event in Lent and is open to anyone who would like some company and some lovely homemade food. Our pupils represented us beautifully and there were a lot of comments made about how polite and confident our children were. What a credit to our school they are!

Footballing success!

Impressive show by the boys football team who came first in their group today. They were attending the Horsham Primary school Football Cup for Year 5. Big thank you to Brad, Mrs Dixon for organising and training up our squad– World Cup here we come!



International Story Telling day

International Storytelling / PJ Day, Friday 24th March:

If any parents who speak another language would like to help Mrs Curtis on this day, please let the office know. She would love your help and will explain more to you.

In next week's newsletter we will send out more details for the Storytelling Day.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Farr

