



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter Friday 24th March 2023

Our values: In Christ we are: **Joyful** in our faith , **Aspirational** in our learning, **Confident** in being me, **Caring** in our hearts.

Stars of the week



Reception: Julia for participating more in carpet sessions and speaking so clearly in her dinosaur news report! :)

Year one: Oleh for naming (very nearly) every single letter of the alphabet whilst pointing at the corresponding letter. Well done!

Year two: Zenata for her fantastic teamwork, ideas and involvement making a chair in DT.

Year three: Aurelia for being an amazing role model to her peers, also for trying her hardest during assessment week. She smashed it. I'm so proud of her!

Year four: Emily for always working hard and becoming confident in being herself. You are a superstar :)

Year five : Callen for leading the year 5 line on our trip to Tanbridge and being sensible as well as reliable

Year Six: William for his careful and considered planning in English. I am really looking forward to reading the finished story! :)

Reading Awards

Bronze reading awards - 50 reads

Year one—Julian

Year two—Lila, Alfie

Year five—Louisa

Silver reading awards –100 read

Reception—Olivia, Mariana, Adam

Year two—Amber, Jayden

Year three—Samuel B

Year four-Daniel

Year five—Jacob McClymont

Gold reading awards - 150 reads

Year two -- Cailyn, Santi, Mateusz

Year three—Samuel M

Year four-Anayah

Year six—Saana

Violet reading awards—200 reads

Year four— Wynter, Aidan, Finn

Year six—Maja



Proud work

Beautiful RE work thinking about what the crowds might say, shining examples of hard work, resilience and aspiration during assessment week, magnificent printing in Art club, a human digestive explanation that was good enough to teach doctors about anatomy and brilliant writing that really shows how far writing skills are developing. Amazing work team, we are super proud of you!



THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, HORSHAM

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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2 April

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

6:00pm Vigil (Saturday) Holy Mass
9:15am & 11:15am Holy Mass
1:30pm Polish Mass
5:00pm Italian Mass

3 April

Monday of Holy Week

No Mass

4 April

Tuesday of Holy Week

10:00am Holy Mass

5 April

'Spy' Wednesday of Holy Week

10:00am Holy Mass (*followed by Confession*)
6:00pm Chrism Mass (Arundel Cathedral)

6 April

Maundy Thursday

9:30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (*followed by the Watching of the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm, during which Confessions will be heard*)
11:00pm Night Prayer

7 April

Good Friday

9 :30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
10:30am Stations of the Cross (*followed by gathering at The Carfax*)
12 noon Stations of the Cross (*aimed at Children & Families*)
1:00pm Stations of the Cross (*Malayalam Community*)
3:00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
5:00pm Stations of the Cross with the Veneration of the Cross (*Polish Community*)

8 April

Holy Saturday

9:30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
1:00pm Blessing of Eggs (*Polish Community*)
8:30pm The Solemn Vigil of Easter

9 April

Easter Sunday

8:00am, 9:15am & 11:15am Holy Mass
1:30pm Polish Mass
5:00pm Italian Mass

Souplunch

On Wednesday 23rd March a group of year four children went to St John's church hall to support the SVP Lenten soup lunches.



They helped set up the hall, lay the tables and make sure everything was ready.

They were so keen to serve the parishioners and visitors their lunch and amazed me with the levels of confidence they showed.

All the children spoke to the adults who came to have their lunch and it was commented to me how polite and attentive the children were.

Well done year four you were a real credit to yourselves and the school. I was super proud of you!

Mrs Clough

Easter Bonnet Competition and Easter Raffle



We had the most brilliant start to the day with the children showing off their very impressive Easter bonnets. The effort, details and creativity was so impressive. Thank you so much to the Friends for organising it and providing some prizes for the best bonnets, it was very tricky to judge!

We then had the Easter hamper raffles, they were stunningly put together by the Friends. Congratulations to our winners, we hope you enjoy your feast.

We are very blessed to have such supportive Friends at the school and we really appreciate all they do for us. Thank you to all the parents who contribute to the activities and raise funds that can be spent on enhancing the experiences of our children.

Choral Day at Christ's Hospital

On Monday the 20th of March, a group of year 5 children represented the school at a choral day at Christ's Hospital.

There were many schools there from as far afield as Hastings!

The day was led by David Lawrence who is the director of Young Voices

The children sung five different songs and performed to their families in the afternoon. It was great to see the children having such a lovely time.

A big thank you to Rev Lisa Barnett for giving up her time on the day too, it was much appreciated

The children were a credit to the school as they were so enthusiastic during the day and their behaviour was superb! Well done children. I was very proud of you all,.

Mrs Clough.



Sofia brought in these beautiful traditional Romanian clothes to show her class this week. Sofia says she would wear these for traditional dancing in Romania. Thank you so much Sofia for bringing these in and talking to us about them!





Year 3 and Year 6 Class Orchestras!

Once again, I am so impressed by all the musical talents we have at St John's! This week in our music lessons, Year 3 and Year 6 played many different instruments (woodwind, string, keyboard, percussion) to make a class orchestra. They played several pieces of music together, learning to read and follow the music, playing the correct notes in time! They played extremely well. Thank you to all the children who brought in instruments from home. Next week it will be the turn of Year 4 and 5!

Mrs Curtis

International Storytelling and Pyjama Day!

Today the children listened to “Little Red Riding Hood” in some of the many different languages spoken at St John’s:

Spanish, Polish, Italian, Malayalam and Telugu (from India), Greek, German, French, Lugandan (from Uganda), Czech, Romanian, Croatian and Ukrainian.



The children were able to follow the story as the storytellers used props, pictures, gestures and taught the children a few words, phrases in their language. This is a great way to celebrate our many languages at St John’s.

A huge thank you to these parents, staff and Young Interpreters who were fantastic storytellers: Mrs Lee, Mrs L-G, Mr Barnett, Mrs Guevara, Mrs Apolenar; Nancy, Victor, Blanca, Christopher, Francesca, Serena, Melissa, Maja, Lea, Michaela, Rosmaria, Amogha, Saana, Sofia P, Sofia K, Louisa, Pola and Ananya.

It was great fun to see everyone in pyjamas! A huge Thank you to everyone who donated £2 each towards new reading resources for the school.

Mrs Curtis



I must extend a huge thank you to Mrs Curtis for this wonderful event. It is a huge amount of planning and preparation to ensure all runs smoothly and children have a great experience. I feel very lucky to count Mrs Curtis as one of our members of staff.

No clubs next week

Due to parents evening next week all teacher lead clubs will not be running. Clubs will start again in the summer term.

Office Manager job

We are currently still seeking an office manager. For next week the Senior Leadership team will be covering the office.

If anyone is interested in the job or knows someone that might be and would like more information please do email Mrs Muller sbm@stjohnshorsham.school.

We really appreciate your understanding and patience as we have navigated this period without an office manager, we have had a few bumps in the road but hopefully we will find the right solution soon.

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 26th March 2023 The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45)

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will not end in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he learned that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother,' said Jesus to her, 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes Lord,' she said, 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man; could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb; it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

