



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter Friday 3rd 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 5th March 2023 - The Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9) Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said. 'Do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Stars of the week

Reception: Ameerah for her superb, independent letter writing

Year one: Teo for building up your tenacity and resilience. You can do it. You will do it. You are doing it! Well done!

Year two: Alex for participating more during class discussions. You are becoming much more confident!

Year three: Vincent for showing real creativity when experimenting with different mediums in Art—well done! Excellent drawing skills. Mrs Curtis

Year four: Nancy for always being kind and considerate towards others, thinking of their feelings

Year five : Victor for being a kind, supportive learning partner and a good role model in Year 5.

Year six: Rosie for showing enthusiasm and creativity in Art whilst experimenting with different medium, with excellent effect! Mrs Curtis

Reading Awards

Bronze reading awards - 50 reads
Year one-Isabella, Sebastian G,
Year four - Gabriella

Silver reading awards -100 read
Reception-Nellie, Jacob A, Daniel, Connie
Year one- Lucas, Joseph, Jenson
Year two—Hope,
Year four—Sebastian
Year five— Simon
Year six— Beatrice, Rosie B, Melissa

Gold reading awards - 150 reads
Year two -- Adam, Arina
Year five—Amy, Cara
Year six—Grace, Amogha,
Maison, Francesca, Evie, Lea,
Tobias



Proud work

A creative dragon mask, a Lexia wiz kid, reasons to be thankful, fantastic mths, art exploration and the whole of year 2 (plus adult helpers) for performing a play whilst on a school trip. We are so proud of you all this week!





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 is to raise funds for Fairtrade. Please donate any Fairtrade products (e.g. chocolate, sugar, tea, coffee) or bake cakes, cookies using Fairtrade ingredients (e.g. chocolate brownies or banana bread). Please label all ingredients used (for allergies) and bring to the office that morning.

Children will be able to buy cakes etc during the afternoon, each class has a turn. Please send in money (small change) in a named purse or small bag, in your child's school bag. We suggest a limit of £1 per child. The children will be bringing their cakes home (not eating them in school due to allergies). Year 3 will be going to the Bake Sale after swimming.

At 3.15pm parents are very welcome to come to the Bake Sale, we will try to keep some cakes back for you! Fairtrade Reps will be helping Mrs Curtis run the Bake Sale taking turns in the afternoon. If any Reps can stay after school to help too, that would be fantastic!

Many thanks for all your support!

Bike

The SVP have had a donation of two adult bikes. A male and female bike in good condition. If you would be interested in having these bikes please contact me at head@stjohnshorsham.school

Dates for the Diary

Friday 3rd March – World Book day dress up and celebration. Parents invited into school to read in the afternoon

Thursday 9th March - Fair Trade Bake Sale more info next week)

Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March - Possible school closure due to Teachers 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

Leeds Castle.

We had a fantastic trip to Leeds Castle yesterday. We started our day with a fairytale workshop where children had the opportunity to perform the Swan Princess. Their acting was fantastic and we all had a lot of fun!

After this we had some free time to explore the play area and have a run around.

After lunch we were taken on a tour of the castle. The children were excited to see inside a real castle and explore all the different rooms. We got to go up spiral staircases, down into the cellar and see many different rooms of the castle and what life was like for Lady Bailey who last owned the castle.

A great day was had by all!

Mrs Dixon



Focus on Safeguarding

In school we have a duty of care towards all of our children to ensure that they are safe, looked after and happy. We take this responsibility very seriously and keep it at the heart of all that we do. There are 4 main categories of child abuse: Physical abuse, Sexual abuse, Emotional abuse, Neglect/failure to thrive.

Safeguarding and child protection within St John's includes;

Whole-school policies and procedures

Staff and volunteers being confident in identifying and raising concerns and being trained and updated regularly in Safeguarding

The leadership of the school being confident in responding to and referring concerns and working with other agencies to protect children and

A curriculum that runs throughout the school that teaches children how to be safe and how to ask for help if they need it plus teaching resources to promote health and wellbeing.

Within school myself and Mrs Clough are the Safeguarding leads. I am (Mrs Farr) the **Designated Safeguarding Lead or DSL** and **Mrs Clough is the Deputy Safeguarding Lead or DDSL**. The Chair of Governors **Mrs Vinall** is the Governor responsible for Safeguarding. This means we have extensive training and experience in managing Safeguarding within schools. We are trained to respond to concerns from children, staff, families or other agencies.

We wanted to remind you that if you ever do have Safeguarding concerns about a child or family you can come and share them with us. We will always listen, take it seriously and act on concerns in a sensitive and appropriate manner.

Often people worry that they are over reacting to Safeguarding concerns or they do not want to cause any issues. However I would say that you should **trust your gut instincts and if you are worried act on it**.

If you have a concern but don't feel able to speak to us about it, here is some further information to help:

If you think a child is in immediate danger, call the police on [999](tel:999).

Most people find the best way to report a less immediate concern is to complete this West Sussex online form.

[Tell us about your concerns\(external link\)](#) You can report anonymously, but it is helpful to have your contact details in case there is additional information needed.

Other ways to contact West Sussex Safeguarding is by phoning: [01403 229900](tel:01403229900) (Monday to Friday between 9.00am and 5.00pm)

For emergencies only

If you require the Emergency Duty Team (EDT) outside of office hours (5.00pm-9.00am weekdays) or at weekends and bank holidays, please call [033 022 26664](tel:03302226664).

If you have any questions around Safeguarding or would like more information please do come and ask me on the gate or email the office.

World Book Day Celebration

It has been such an exciting day at St John's.

We started with an assembly like no other!

The children and staff made a fantastic effort with costumes and the school was buzzing with enthusiasm and excitement.

This afternoon Ms Stevenson and Mrs Dixon invited parents to come and learn about how we teach reading across the school, try some reading comprehensions and if they were feeling brave, even some Yr2 and Yr 6 Reading SATs questions. Don't worry, we did not mark them! Over 70 parents were able to join us, which was fantastic! (If you were not able to come this time the team are planning to deliver another session after school one day soon.)

Then it was time to settle down and do some Guided Reading together in the classrooms. It was just magic to see the children with their grown-ups enjoying learning and reading together.



A love of reading was really evident today as was the fantastic St John's community.

Many thanks to Ms Stevenson and Mrs Dixon for organising today so well.