



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 7 - 20th October 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 29th October 2023 (Matthew 22:34-40): The Greatest Commandment When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Stars of the week



All of Reception! For completing their first half of a term in school. You are all stars!



Year 1 - Joshual for trying really hard in his learning this week, and for his enthusiastic performance at Harvest Festival.



Year 2 - Huey for always giving his best, and producing work to a high standard.



Year 3 - Mati for a brilliant presentation all about Poland and being confident to share it with the class



Year 4 - Aurelia for challenging herself in every lesson, and being a kind friend to the class. You are the perfect role model.



Year 5 - Aiden for being our enormous turnip, and acting brilliantly



Year 6 - Louisa for her Science work. She gave comprehensive answers, beautifully presented.



A special award from Mrs Farr for Layla in Reception, for being so confident speaking in our harvest assembly.

Dates for your Diary

Half Term - Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October

Inset Day - Monday 30th October

Christmas Fair - Friday 24th November - 5pm to 7pm

Reception and KS1 Christmas play dates: December 11th at 2.00pm, December 12th at 2.00pm and Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am

13th December 2.00pm - KS2 will be holding a depiction of the Christmas story at St John's Catholic Church – families welcome. More details to follow closer to the time.

Attendance Award

Year 1

Well done!



A Certificate of Achievement was also presented to all staff by Mrs Farr,
for working so hard this half term.

Proud Work - 20th October 2023

Fantastic proud work this week.

Reception - Great work by Sophia and Isaac in continuing a pattern

Year 1 - Elsa for her lovely poetry

Year 2 - Aaron for investigating and writing about baptism

Year 3 - Zahra for fabulous English work

Year 4 - Alanna for her excellent number work

Year 5 - Kert for detailed history work

Year 6 - Beatrice for wonderful scientific drawings



Harvest Festival



Yesterday in school we celebrated Harvest festival. During our liturgy classes shared poems, songs, raps and a beautifully acted out version of The Enormous Turnip!

It was lovely to come together at the end of a very busy first half term.

Thank you so very much for your generous donations. We will be passing these goods onto Horsham foodbank and they will make sure they are given to families in need.

Thank you!

Cricket taster

Yesterday afternoon Years Four and Five were treated to a taster session of cricket.

A representative from Horsham cricket club came into school to show and encourage the children to play cricket.

They had a great time learning how to bowl and field.

Thank you to Fred for giving up his time to come into school and give our children this opportunity!



Meeting the Bishop

Thank you to all who helped to raise much needed funds for our school by offering tea, cakes and bacon sandwiches after Mass. The Bishop even went into the kitchen to support the team.



FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S NEWS 20th October 2023

News from The Friends of St John's

We are very excited to let you know that an Amazon wish list has been created and should be active very soon. Mrs Farr will communicate to all teachers to ask their class requirements. It will be a great alternative way to donate to the school. Maybe even to purchase a birthday book in celebration of your little one for the whole class to enjoy!

Events /money raised

Church refreshments total £224.55

Thank you to Tesco for the voucher arranged by Nisha.

A big thank you to Chris, Nisha, Hannah S, Jo, Andrew, Sarah, Elaine, Jacqueline and Charlotte for their hard work on the day to make sure it went smoothly. Also, thank you to those who donated and made the lovely cakes. Special shout out to Gemma, Andrew and Jo for their fabulous bakes!

Rudolph Cards approx total £220

It was lovely to see all the wonderful festive drawings! Thank you so much to all the parents who purchased. Also thank you to Jacqui for organising.

Christmas Fair

We do need more parents to volunteer in order to spread the Christmas cheer. If you can spare some time to make the fair a magical experience please sign up to help via the friends website <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohns>

The first planning meeting was held on the 19th of October and notes will be shared ASAP.

Thank you all so much for your continued support, we really appreciate it.

Have a wonderful half term!

Catholic Crisis Fund

The Catholic Crisis fund operate a special fund for local families in the Arundel & Brighton Diocese. If any families in school are struggling at the moment and need one-off help with things such as food, bills, rent, clothes, beds, furniture, I can fill in an application form outlining the needs of the family and the amount of money they need.

They will then respond within 24 hours. If they are able to help, they will make a payment to the school account so the family can buy those items.

If any families need help now or in the future, please do speak to me (Mrs Farr) in confidence and I can apply to the Crisis Fund for you.