



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 8 - 3rd November 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 November 2023 - The Ten Wedding-Attendants (Matthew 25:1-13) Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

Stars of the week



Reception - Nathaniel for an improved attitude to his learning some tricky words in Phonics!



Year 1 - Riley for his hard work and effort this week, particularly in maths learning number bonds.



Year 2 - Henry for his hard work in maths this week, and for explaining his working out to the class.



Year 3 - Elizabeth for working incredibly hard within maths. She has really challenged herself.



Year 4 - Anna for always working hard and conscientiously in everything she does.



Year 5 - Gabriella for being a fantastic basketball partner, and managing to compete with care.



Year 6 - William for always being polite and helpful, and for always trying his best in every lesson.



Bronze Reading Awards - 50 Books

Reception - Ariana, Nellie, Sophia

Y1 - Mariana, Megan, Jacob, Holly, Harry, Daniel, Annie, Adam, Lewis

Y2 - Jenson

Y3 - Santi, Hope, Charles, James, Adam, Maija, Olive, Daniel, Ross, Eden, Thomas, Mati, Alex

Y4 - Maximus, Cuba, Rosie, Samuel M, Aurelia, Sienna

Y5 - Emily, Abbeygayle, Christopher, Wynter, Finlay

Y6 - Rainer, Louisa, Cara, Paige, Toby B, Rosmaria, Josh

Dates for your Diary

Parents Evenings 14th and 15th November

Christmas Fair - Friday 24th November - 5pm - 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.

Attendance Award

Year 3 - Well Done!

Proud Work - 3rd November 2023

Fantastic Proud Work this week



Reception - Toby for drawing the world. His used his own initiative to label some countries and continents from the globe

Year 1 - Annie for her lovely sentence writing about Hansel and Gretel in English

Year 2 - Sebastian for working hard with his research about Antarctica using information books

Year 3 - Olive for writing a fantastic story based on our picture book "Quest"

Year 4 - Aurelia, for her work writing a super diary entry as a Gladiator

Year 5 - Sofia for aiming high and scoring 20 out of 20 in her end of unit Maths assess-

ment. Very impressed.

Year 6 - Rainer for his fabulous holiday leaflet in our persuasive writing unit. He used some higher level punctuation and persuasive devices. A really great piece of work. Well done!

Kumusta!

This half-term our focus language is Tagalog, from the Philippines, as we have many Tagalog speakers in our school. Our children will all be learning a few words of Tagalog in class, and a little about the Philippine culture. If any children from the Philippines would like to bring in any flags, souvenirs, traditional clothes, photos, etc, to show in class, please email the Office or tell Mrs Curtis.

We would love to learn more about the language and culture of the Philippines!

Thank you,

Mrs Curtis



Year 6 shone!

I am forever saying that although I am slightly bias I believe we have some of the best children in the world at St John's. Many of our Year 6 children have certainly proved me right recently by fantastically representing our school during open mornings. As I speak about our school to prospective parents I explain that their tour will be conducted by some Year 6 children, as they have been through the school and represent the culmination of the St John's journey. I was so proud of how they rose to the task, spoke from the heart about the school and answered many questions that parents had. They were amazing role models and I was very proud of them! Under the same umbrella of proud, I would like to congratulate Cara on becoming a Prefect within school. Well done!

FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S

3rd November 2023

Break the RULES day

Friday 10th November

In exchange for donations for the Christmas Fayre

Reception

Popcorn,
selection boxes
Or sweet treats

Yr1

Jazzy Jars

Yr2

Biscuit Tins/Boxes &
Chocolate Boxes

Yr3

Gift Sets, Smellies
Or Candles

Yr4

Jazzy Jars

Dare to Break these rules?

1. Wear school uniform
2. School shoes only
3. Healthy breaktime snack only
4. No squash/juice in water bottle
5. No crazy hairstyles
6. No soft toys at school
7. No make-up/temporary tattoos
8. No nail varnish

Yr5

Bottles of wine
Or soft drinks

Yr6

Something
Christmasy

Thank you for your donations

Friends of St John's

Indoor

Christmas Fayre

To help raise funds for a Forest School



November 24th
5PM – 7PM

Come join us for games,
crafts, music
& delicious treats

Visit Santa in his Grotto

Please pre-book on the website

Tickets £2 per adult

Santas Grotto £3 per child

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