



St. John's Catholic Primary School








Newsletter 21 - 23rd February 2024

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

Taken from John 2:13-25 The Third Sunday of Lent, Year B

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Stars of the week

-  **Reception** - Riley for trying extra hard with his learning all week. Riley, you have been a star!
-  **Year 1** - Arlo for always working hard and being such a kind and helpful member of Year 1!
-  **Year 2** - Lilybeth for staying on task, drawing her equal groups of objects quickly. She has been a superstar in her learning all week.
-  **Year 3** - Aiden and Alden for being a great addition to the class, they have started the half-term with a fantastic mind-set and ready to learn.
-  **Year 4** - Maisie, Emelia, Alanna, Salvo and Aira for composing and performing an anti-bullying rap in Music with excellent rhythm and lyrics—well done!
-  **Year 5** - Aidan B for working so hard with Mrs Curtis on writing using conjunctions— well done!
-  **Year 6** - The whole of Year 6 for their excellent conduct when representing St John's at various external events this week. A special mention to Cassie - Mrs Clough and Mrs Burke are so proud of you for the resilience and perseverance you showed at Cross Country!!



Proud Work 23/02/24



YR — Frida has been working hard all week on mixing colours and making rainbows. She created this beautiful rainbow picture using Purple Mash!

Y1 — Wilfred for his amazing palm leaf cross, made completely independently!

Y2 — Evelyn for her insightful predictions of what the contents of the book might be.

Y3 — Charles for a brilliant drawing inspired by Quentin Blake.

Y4 — Aria and Grace who thought of many clever ways to partition mixed numbers. Fantastic Maths!

Y5 — Sebastian for his sketches of Henry Moore sculptures with annotations.

Y6 — As part of our English unit about suffragettes, Beatrice wrote and performed her persuasive speech to a real M.P!

Bronze Reading Award—50 reads

Y1—Hannah L

Y2—Arjun

Y4—Pola, Harry



Attendance Award: Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6— with an amazing 100%

Whole School Attendance: 96%
(Target Attendance : 95%)

WELL DONE,
Keep it up!!

Silver Reading Award– 100 reads

Y2—Connie, Sebastian

Y6— Ava

Gold Reading Award—150 reads

Y1—Connie

Y5—Antonia

Y6— Cassie, Louisa, Libby



Friends of St John's Update

Welcome back, hope you all had a wonderful half term!

Please Join us at the upcoming PTA meeting on Thursday 29th February at 7.30pm -8.30pm it will be held at the school - all welcome 😊

We will again be celebrating the wonderful women in our lives this year. The children will have the opportunity to create a drinks coaster with their own design! We will be sending out order forms soon.

We also have some really EGGciting Easter events coming up, watch this space!

Lastly, we are running short on stock of pre-loved uniform, we are especially low on PE kits, cardigans and Jumpers. If your child has grown out of theirs please consider donating we would be very grateful.

Thank you for your continued support ,

Next Diary Dates! (more info to follow nearer each date)

- **Wednesday 6th March 8am—9am: Gobbledygook Book Fair**
- **Friday 22nd March: International Storytelling/Pyjama Day** and fundraiser for Reading resources (if any parents who speak another language would like to be a storyteller, please contact Mrs Curtis, thank you!)

The school has invested in new LCD screens for each child in school.

These have replaced the old whiteboards and pens. The LCD screens are a more sustainable option, better for the planet and will save money longer term, plus no more fights with whiteboard pens on uniforms !



As an introduction to their new writing text “The Baker by the Sea”, Year 4 became bakers this week!



Ciao!

This half term our focus language is Italian as we have some Italian speakers in the school. The children will be learning how to answer the register in Italian and a few other greetings, words, numbers. If any Italian speakers would like to teach their class some Italian, or bring in any souvenirs, photos etc to show their class, that would be wonderful. Grazie!



Cross Country

On Tuesday 20th February, children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in this year's schools Cross Country running event.

It was a chilly day and very muddy underfoot but the children all ran well.

Years 3 and 4 ran a course of 1.5 km and the year 5 and 6 children ran over 2 km.

The children were very well behaved and represented our school so well, both Mrs Burke and I were very proud of them. Well done children!

A special mention to Matti in year 3 who finished an impressive 3rd in the year 3 and 4 boys race and to Aiden Berry and Nancy Osman who both finished in the top ten in their year 5 boys and girls races.

Nancy and Aiden have now qualified to represent St John's at the Sussex County event that is held for year 5 children. Well done!

It was a fantastic day and lovely to see our children performing so well, showing such perseverance and encouraging each other.

Thank you to Mrs Burke too for all her help and support.

Thank you to all parents/carers who came to watch the children.

Mrs Clough



Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 21st February a group of children from year 5 and 6 took part in a Horsham schools swimming competition.



The events ranged from individual 25m freestyle, breast stroke and back stroke, 50m free style and a selection of 4x25m relays.

There were eight schools that took part and St John's finished an impressive 5th overall.

The children swam fantastically and they were a credit to the school. Their sportsmanship, behaviour and support for each other was amazing.

Both Mrs Burke and I were very impressed and proud of them all.

Well done children!

Thank you to the parents who came to support the children!



Thank you to Mrs Goodfellow for being St John's representative to help with timing the races, much appreciated.

Mrs Clough

Horsham children's parade

Horsham Children's Parade and will be taking place on Sunday 7 July 11am—12 noon. The parade will go from Denne Parade to Horsham park.

Year 2 and Year 4 will participate and others are encouraged to watch and support. It is always an incredible event so do come along!