



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 25– 22nd March 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 Mark 11:1-10 Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion, Year B

When they were approaching Jerusalem, in sight of Bethphage and Bethany, close by the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go off to the village facing you, and as soon as you enter it you will find a tethered colt that no one has yet ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone says to you, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The Master needs it and will send it back here directly.’” They went off and found a colt tethered near a door in the open street. As they untied it, some men standing there said, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They gave the answer Jesus had told them, and the men let them go. Then they took the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on its back, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, others greenery which they had cut in the fields. And those who went in front and those who followed were all shouting, “Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest heavens!”

Stars of the week



Reception - Bella for always being kind and playing with lots of children.



Year 1 - Annie for getting on with her learning carefully and sensibly this week! Especially during our Maths assessments and getting 100%



Year 2 - Elisa for becoming excited about her learning and more confident to join in class discussions.



Year 3 - all of Year 3 for representing the school brilliantly at Butser farm!



Year 4 - Zian for working diligently in all areas on the curriculum. Keep up the great work!



Year 5 - Nancy for listening carefully to feedback in art and refining her sculpture design.



Year 6 - Jariat for settling in so well to Year 6!



Proud Work 22/03/24



YR — Jovi for her brilliant independent Maths work.

Y1— Zakariya for his lovely English writing this week, writing our leaflets about how to look after the planet!

Y2 — Lilybeth for describing in detail the events of Palm Sunday.

Y3— Ross for doing really well on his Maths assessment, well done!

Y4— Harry for doing really well on his Maths arithmetic assessment!

Y5— To all in Computing club. They coded a complex digital pet and showed great skill.

Y6— Ava for her beautiful picture of one of the stations of the cross.

Bronze Reading Award—50 reads

YR—Jovi, Zeph

Silver Reading Award— 100 reads

YR—Mia , **Y3**—Lila

Y5—Sebastian, **Y6**— Eric



Violet Reading Award—200 reads

Y1—Holly M

Y3—Maya

Y5—Wynter, Emily, Christopher, Abbeygayle

Attendance Award: Year 5—100%

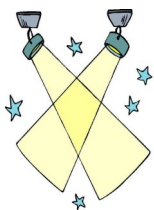


Whole School Attendance:
93.4% (Target Attendance :
95%)

Gold Reading Award—150 reads

Y1— Ameerah, Lewis **Y2**—Julien, Alice

Y3—Santi, Cailyn, Charles



Spotlight on the Adults at St John's

An interview undertaken by members of our School Council, to support our school community in getting to know different members of staff at school.

This week's adult in the spotlight is....**Miss Davies!**



What is your job at St John's?	Year 4 teacher Art, DT and Geography co-ordinator
What are your responsibilities in school?	I am in charge of implementing the Art, DT and Geography curriculum.
Do you have a family or pets?	I don't have any pets. Mr D is my partner and our campervan is called Doris!
How long have you been at St John's?	I've been at St John's for about 6 years.
Why did you come to St John's?	I came here first as a supply teacher—luckily, I stayed as it is such a lovely school!
How long have you been in education for?	I began teaching in 1998. I've taught in state and independent schools and overseas in British International schools in Portugal, Thailand and Tunisia.
How do you feel about your job?	I love my job—it is very rewarding.
What is your favourite subject in school and why?	Maths—it's amazing to see children develop different strategies and see patterns in numbers to work out calculations. Plus, Art because it encourages children's creativity.
When you were little where did you grow up?	I grew up in Seaford, East Sussex.
Who inspires you and why?	My parents inspire me. They are adventurous and have a wonderful zest for living life.
What is your favourite food?	Thai curries, especially Khao Soi.
Do you have any hobbies?	Swimming, scuba diving, travelling and exploring in our campervan.

Choral Day

On Monday 18th March, a group of our year five children took part in a Choral day event at Christ's Hospital School. The day was led by David Lawrence who is the Creative Director from Young Voices, the concert our choir took part in back in January.

The children had to learn four different songs during the day and the favourite, by far, was Viking Warrior. It had some wonderful actions to go with it!

This event was attended by 240 children from other local schools

The singing was amazing and listening to the acoustics in the chapel at Christ's Hospital during the day was incredible.

The children were treated to lunch in the school canteen and sat in the schools impressive dining hall

After lunch, we listened to and watched Christ's Hospital school band. The children were in awe of this as it is truly something special to see such talented children play a range of instruments.

Well done and thank you to all the children who attended the Choral day as they represented St John's superbly. They were well behaved and a credit to us.



Mrs Clough

Year 4 Athletics Event

On Wednesday 20th March, our year 4 children took part in an athletics event held at The Bridge.

The children completed various relay races, individual sprints, throwing and jumping activities.

All the children performed to the best of their ability and were fantastic at supporting each other.

It was lovely to see the children enjoying taking part in a sporting event representing their school.

Well done year 4, we were very proud of you!

Mrs Clough, Miss Davies and Mrs Feitz.



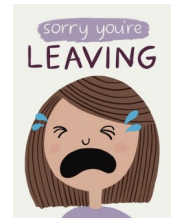
St John's Staff Announcements!

We are thrilled to announce that our lovely Miss Marrett in Year 3 is expecting a baby girl in September! She will be here until the end of the academic year and start her maternity leave in the summer holidays—many congratulations, we are so excited for you!



We are sad to say our wonderful Miss Brooks will be off for a little while as she has broken her foot—get better soon, we miss you!

We are also sad to say that Terry, our fabulous Premises Officer will be leaving St John's. Please see job advert here if of any interest to anyone: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/jobs/school-jobs>



International Storytelling and Pyjama Day!

Today the children listened to "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears" in some of the many different languages spoken at St John's:

Spanish, Polish, Malayalam and Telugu (from India), German, Tagalog (from Philippines), Lugandan (from Uganda), Czech, Romanian, Slovak, Norwegian, British Sign Language 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, Mrs Charlton, Mr Guevara, Mrs Apolenar, Mrs Cekelova, Mrs Osborne, Mrs Tang; Nancy, Victor, Blanca, Christopher, Santi, Rosmaria, Simon, Sofia P, Sofia K, Arina, Louisa, Pola, Antoni, Mati, Ava, Sienna, Adam, Daniel and Ananya.

It was great fun to see everyone in pyjamas! A huge thank you to everyone who donated money towards new reading resources for the school.

Spring/ Summer Term Diary Dates!



Wed 27 March: PTA Easter Raffle, Easter Bonnet Competition & Virtual Easter Egg hunt

Thursday 28 March: End of Term, Y2 school trip

Monday 15 April: Back to school, no After School Clubs this week

Tuesday 16 April: 8:50am Class Photos— wear your smartest school uniform!

Thursday 18 April: 3:30pm PTA Movie Night

Monday 13 May: Y6 SATs week

Monday 20 May: Spanish Day

Thursday 23 May: Crazy hair day! Break up for May half-term
(Friday is INSET Day)

Monday 3 June: Back to school, Y6 at PGL all week

Thursday 13 June: Y5 school trip

Friday 14 June: International Food Festival, First Holy Communions

Saturday 22 June: Summer Fair 12—3pm

Monday 17 June: Bikeability week

Wednesday 26 June: Y3 International morning with Arunside

Friday 5 July: PTA Family Festival picnic



Chartwells Reminder that you will only be able to book meals on the last day of term—28 March <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>



Chartwells
Schools

PARKING REMINDER **Polite reminder** to parents about not parking in front of the school gates, even for a short time—many thanks in advance!



Friends of St John's Update

Reminders

- Time to add your finishing touches to the Easter Bonnets ready for Wednesday 27th of March
- Time to finish off your colouring and bring them into school on Wednesday
- Don't forget x marks the spot for your chance to win on the Virtual Easter egg hunt.

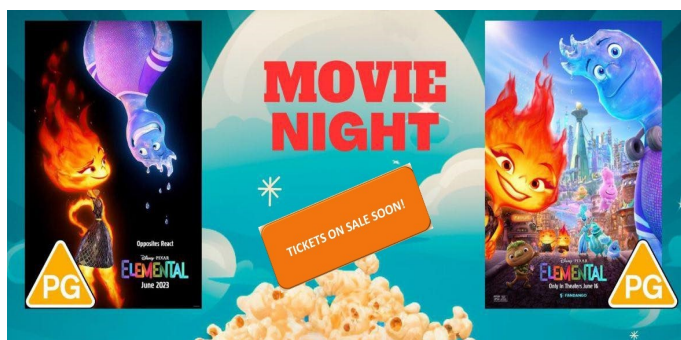
This is the last weekend to sell your raffle tickets (we need them back by Tuesday latest)

So many awesome prizes to be won including the hampers pictured across.

We would like to also take this opportunity to say thank you to Jacqui Walton and Hannah Sunshine for making up the fabulous hampers up.



Movie Night -18th of April



We are eager to start selling tickets for this but we still require volunteers to give as many kids an opportunity to come as possible. Thank you to Mrs Farr and Mrs Curtis for volunteering to help! If you have time to give and want to also enjoy a evening at the movies please volunteer using the link below. You will also receive 50% off ticket prices.

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohns>



St. John's
Catholic Primary School

Friends of St Johns School

will be selling refreshments after the 9.15am mass
on **Sunday 19th May** to raise funds for our school



Coffee / Tea
Cakes / Biscuits
Bacon Buttys!

All Welcome. Come join us!



Path to Paris

- To celebrate the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2024, we are inviting you to get active and embark on a virtual journey with Path to Paris, Team GB and ParalympicsGB's free programme for children aged 5 to 11 and their families.
- Register to Get Set to discover exciting ways to keep your children active over the holidays with our free resources and prizes! #PathToParis
- [https://www.getset.co.uk/parhtoparis/log-to-win-vouchers?](https://www.getset.co.uk/parhtoparis/log-to-win-vouchers?utm_source=FbAd&utm_medium=Social&utm_campaign=PTP_PARENTS-)
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Easter 2024

Coding Learning Inventing

TECH HOLIDAY CAMP

ST JOHNS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
Blackbridge Ln, Horsham RH12 1RR
Ages 5 - 11, 9 am - 4 pm

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HAF PLACES AVAILABLE

EASTER CAMPS 2024

ST JOHNS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Coding & Robots Circuitry & Inventions Creative Technology STEM Engineering Tech Fun

Movie Making Video Game Design Robot Coding STEM Experiments Engineering

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

2ND - 5TH APRIL 2024

"Wonderful Time"

"Our son had a wonderful time at Tech Camp, he was so proud of the song he made and mixed together himself and couldn't wait to play it for us when we collected him."

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Easter Sports camp

Wednesday 10th April
Thursday 11th April

St John's Catholic Primary School
Blackbridge Lane,
Horsham,
RH12 1RR

Early drop off - £3

8.30-9.00 early drop off
9.00-9.30 Registration
15.15 Pick up

1 day - £22
2 days - £40

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