

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017



# St John's Newsletter



*Learning, Loving and Laughing Together*

As we enter the final days of the Autumn term, I would like to say thank you to all the staff, parents and children for making this such a great term at St John's. As I looked back through all the events and learning that have taken place this term it has made me appreciate once again the extra mile everyone goes to ensure the children at St John's have the best school experience possible. It has been a pleasure to be Acting Headteacher for this term and thank you to everyone for all your hard work, support and dedication during this period. As you will have read yesterday Mrs Nicholls will be returning to some of her duties at St John's after the Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming her back.

Last Friday, the Christmas Fayre raised an amazing amount of money thanks to the incredible amount of hard work put in by the PTA. So much planning and preparation went into the event and a great time was had by all that attended. Thank you to all the volunteers who turned up on Friday morning to help set up the fayre and to those that ran the stalls throughout the evening, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to all the parents, grandparents, carers and friends that came to support the event. The final total is £2,180 to support the school!

A reminder that tomorrow we have our Christmas Service (being led by Canada class) at All Saints' Church at 11.00am. We will be leaving for church at 10.40am from the top playground by the white doors; please do feel free to join us on the walk to church. School will close at 1.30pm on Thursday, when children must be collected by an adult - there is no after school club on this day.

Finally, in worship this week we spoke about what the third of our advent candles represents - joy. We talked about what brings us joy and how we can help bring joy to others, particularly over the Christmas period. On that note, I hope everyone has a very merry and joy filled Christmas and a happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to begin another term's learning, loving and laughing together.

Mr Tunnicliffe.

## Class Certificates

Ellis Cummings  
Matilda Angus  
Millie Baldwin  
Evelyn Boghurst  
Akshay Vavilala  
Katy Burton-Pye  
Ruby Purcell  
Max Wellington  
Katie Reeves  
Harry Boxall  
Sebastian Lovick

## Headteacher Shooting Star Awards



Katy Burton-Pye  
April Edwards-Cuthbert  
Olivia Spence

Mathletics  
Lizzy Elby

## Times Table Challenge

### Winners - Bronze

Faith Cameron, Freya North

### Winners - Silver

Akshay Vavilala

### Winners - Platinum

Hayden Cummings

### Winners - Diamond

Ruby Bullock, Evie Burkett, Lucy Bye,  
Isabel Lamond-Roberts, Harry Rushbrook,  
Stanley Smith-Macklin, Daniel Ward,  
Clemence Wyatt

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**Diary Dates**

- 21/12/17 - Christmas Service @ All Saints' 11am
- 21/12/17 - Break up for Christmas. Close 1.30pm
- 04/01/18 - Spring Term
- 12/02/18 - Half Term
- 19/02/18 - Inset Day (4)
- 05/03/18 - Yr 6 PGL Little Canada -
- 05/03/18 - Y5 Bikeability (Must be pre-booked, forms being sent mid January)
- 15/03/18 - School Photos -
- 29/03/18 - Break up for Easter - Normal time
- 16/04/18 - Summer Term
- 25/06/18 - Inset Day (5)

**Acorns Toddler Group**

Meet on Mondays in the school library  
9am - 10.30am. All welcome.

**Christmas Services at All Saints'**

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
4.00pm 24th December - Crib Service  
11.30pm 24th December - Midnight Mass  
10.00am Christmas Day - Christmas Eucharist and carols

**Congratulations to Greece Class**

Congratulations to Greece class for winning November's attendance with an impressive attendance of 98.49%.

Due to Christmas activities, they can celebrate with a non-uniform day on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.

Suitable clothing for school is required.

**End of Term**

School closes for Christmas tomorrow at 1.30pm; all children will need to be collected by an adult. **No child will be allowed to walk home alone.**

New term starts Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January.

**Dinner Money**

Please ensure all dinner money is cleared by tomorrow morning, if your child is having dinners tomorrow please pay online, or send your child in with the money.

**Water Bottles & PE Kit**

A reminder every child should be bringing a named water bottle to school every day and their PE kit should remain in school all week. Thank you.

**Christmas Fayre 2017**

Thank you so much to EVERYONE who played their part in our Christmas Fayre this year. Whether you donated a prize, volunteered, were part of the planning team, spent money or cleared up at the end, it all went towards our grand total of **£2,180!!!**

There are rumours that this is a record amount!

Have a great Christmas! Wendy French.

**LETTER ALERT!**

The following letters have been sent out today / recently ... have you received them?

Child	Title	Response Required By