



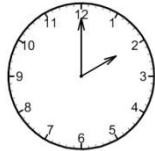
## St John's Catholic Primary School



**Newsletter: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Next newsletter: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

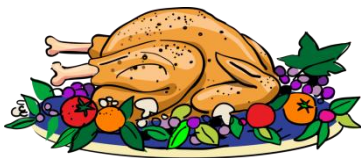
### Advent .....and the lead up to Christmas



The last morning and afternoon Nursery session for the part-time children this term will take place on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. On **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** school finishes at **2pm** for children in full-time Nursery, Reception, KS1 and KS2. Please make a note of the earlier time.

During Advent we are raising money for a project led by the Salescan Sisters. This is to help homeless people. We are seeking to raise money to help this cause by providing 6 pillows, 2 bedside lamps and 4 mattress covers. **The money raised from the Nativity ticket sales and the raffle will go towards this.**

In addition we will run a childrens raffle and Year 6 will sell tickets during playtime at 20p each. There will be a number of children's prizes eg stationary, books and chocolate.



**School Christmas Lunch** is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. If your child usually has packed lunch, a Christmas Lunch has been ordered for them. If you do not want your child to have this please contact the School Office.

### Nativity - The Sleepy Shepherd

By now you should have received your tickets. Please ensure that you arrive 10-15 minutes earlier than the starting times, which are 9.30am and 2.40pm. There will be no late admittance and the performance of the Nativity will begin promptly, as we cannot keep the children waiting.

Prams will not be allowed in the hall, you are welcome to park them in the Cycle Cage. Please note that photographs and recordings cannot be made, due to copyright agreements. However, group photographs will be available for you to purchase for £1 immediately after the performance. Please remember to have some change for this and the raffle tickets.



### KS2 Carol Concert

You will have seen this mentioned in previous newsletters. Due to the major work taking place in the Church, we will be performing a selection of Christmas Carols for you to come along and listen to or join in with.

This will take place at **2.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** in the school hall. Tickets will not be needed and all are welcome. Please come with some change in your pockets for raffle tickets!!

### Nursery, Reception and Year 1



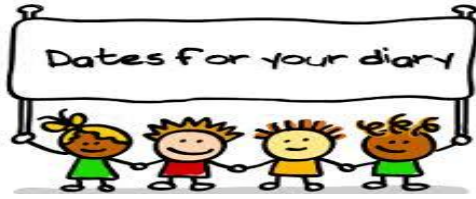
We still have a number of books that have been signed by the author Chris Judge who visited the school and met with all of the children.

[The book 'The Snow Beast' is available to buy from the school office for £6.99.](#)

Please make every effort to send in your money in order to share this fantastic book with your child at home. **It would make a great Christmas gift for your child!**



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**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Nativity  
9.30am and 2.40pm.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – A group of full time  
Nursery children to visit Surrey Docks Farm.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Winter SPLASH  
Concert at the Royal Festival Hall 5pm, all  
welcome!

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas  
Lunch

### Breakfast and After School Club

Please note that due to a rise in running costs  
which the school has been absorbing, the price  
of After School Club will rise to £10 a session  
from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

### Flu vaccination

The date for **flu vaccinations through a nasal  
spray** is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

Parents in Years 1,2 and 3 have now received  
a consent form to complete and a covering  
letter.

Please return the consent form even if you DO  
NOT consent to the vaccination for your child,  
explaining the reason for your decision. This  
will help in the development of the flu  
vaccination programme in the future.

### Illness

When a pupil is unwell the school will contact  
parents/carers to ask for the child to be  
collected. It is not appropriate for you to talk to  
your child on the telephone, therefore please  
do not request this.

### Outdoor PE kit

During this cold weather we advise you to  
provide your child with navy blue tracksuit  
bottoms, labelled clearly with their name.

## Celebrating Success

### EYFS/KS1



Reception children are very excited this week  
as Santa's workshop has been set up in the  
outdoor area. The children will write their  
lists/letters to Santa Claus and pretend they are  
the elves. They have lots of accessories to  
dress up as reindeers and Santa.

### KS2

On Monday KS2 parents and children took part  
in a workshop about addition and subtraction.  
All the children and parents enjoyed the  
opportunity to work together on their maths  
skills, as well as having the opportunity to take  
home a helpful pack and continue their work  
together.

Kim, Ellie's Mother commented.....

"I really enjoyed the Maths workshop today for  
KS2. It was really nice to see how the children  
work out their maths questions. I'm really  
looking forward to the next one."

### Novembers Attendance



Reception – 90.93%

Year 1 – 93.69%

Year 2 – 95.47%

Year 3 – 95.99%

Year 4 – 91.97%

Year 5 – 95.38%

Year 6 – 94.34%

### Well done to Year 3 Class!!

At the end of term you will receive a colour  
coded printout to inform you of your child's  
current attendance percentage. Also, there are  
special certificates and badges for those  
children with 100% attendance and punctuality.