

St John's Catholic Primary School



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Book Week

Thank you for returning the forms and the sponsorship money. This is being processed by a Representative from Usborne Books and you will receive your vouchers tomorrow, so please check your child's book bag.

The Usborne Representative will be available after school on **Thursday 17th March** to help you and your child to spend their voucher. Vouchers can also be spent on-line and details of this will be attached to your child's voucher.

Thank you for your support in making the character dress up day such a success. There was a variety of characters from books and the children enjoyed writing in role as their character. We have found this to be a very powerful way of engaging children in Writing and the children enjoyed the Writing Workshops and produced writing of a high standard, from stories and diaries to letters in role and poetry.

Book Week has been a great success and the children have enjoyed the many activities such as researching an author and sharing this with another class, the 'Drop it and Read' event (when the bell rings you drop what you are doing and read for 10 minutes) and the sharing assembly at the end of the week.



Events for this week

Tuesday 15th March

A speaker from Cafod will be coming in to lead an assembly today on their work. Cafod is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church. This week biscuits will be sold in the playground for 10p in aid of Cafod. Please send your child in with the correct change.



Thursday 17th March

Year 5 trip to Dulwich College for the James Caird Exhibition

Thursday 17th March

Parent and child Book Display in the Hall (Usborne Books)

Friday 18th March

Key Stage 1 Multi-skills Festival at Bacon's College

Saturday 19th March- Earth Hour

Earth Hour is a worldwide movement uniting people to protect the planet, and is organised by WWF. Please take part and switch off your lights between 8.30 and 9.30pm on Saturday evening.

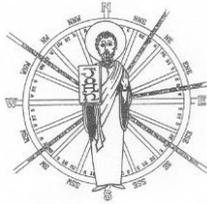
Date for the Diary

24th March – Easter Hat Parade

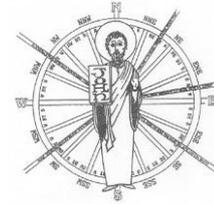
Theme: Love of Reading or Books

We have chosen this theme for the Easter Hat Parade to fit in with our whole school focus of engaging children in reading for pleasure.

You might like to design a hat based around a particular favourite story or you might like the design to reflect many different books. We look forward to seeing the amazing creations! And, as always, we would like to remind you to recycle and reuse materials when making your hats!



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Friends of St. Johns

The first event to be held by this newly formed group is the second hand uniform sale. This will take place on Tuesday 22nd March after school from 3.30pm in the School Hall. If you have any unwanted or outgrown uniform that you would be happy to donate that is in good condition, please do let the Office know.

Internet Safety Workshop for Parents

The workshop that took place was led by an expert in this field and was extremely relevant to parents, in terms of how to keep children safe on-line. Unfortunately only 2 people attended. However, Mrs Muir (mother of Harry in Year 2) has kindly written this report for other parents to read:

I really enjoyed the e-safety information meeting on Tuesday, it was a true eye-opener on what we as Parents and Carers can do to help keep our children safe whilst using the Internet, be it Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat as well as gaming (Minecraft) to name but a few. Not only are children at risk from potential paedophiles but also cyber bullies.

The speaker gave some good tips on safe-proofing devices and how to block certain things. There is also a very helpful link to more information on the school website called parentinfo.org. I would definitely attend the meeting again and I would encourage other Parents and Carers to do the same.

Celebrating Success

We are delighted to announce that following a successful assessment by a representative from Keep Britain Tidy we have been awarded our Green Flag for the third time.



EYFS

What a wonderful start to an environmental education our youngest pupils receive in the EYFS here at St. John's.

The children in Reception met with the Green Flag assessor on her visit as we apply for our third Green Flag. Children from Reception class showed her some wonderful work from last term's topic of 'The Environment' and the assessor was also pleased to hear about how the Nursery will be recycling wooden pallets to make a 'Mud Kitchen'.

KS1

What a great book week! KS1 really enjoyed publishing their own books, they looked amazing. Our sharing assembly was a great success and we thoroughly enjoyed looking at each others books.

Nicholas in year two reports that, 'we enjoyed making books, my one was a pop-up book all about the Tower Of London. I am going to try and make the pop - up book at home with my sister. it's a lot of fun!'

KS2



Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Burgess Park where they took part in a BMX Biking challenge.