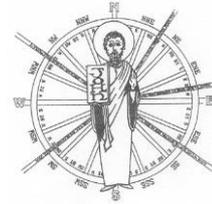




St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Tuesday 7th January 2020

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On your return to school after the Christmas break, we would like to wish all of our families a happy new year!

Thank you on behalf of all of the staff of the school for the kind wishes for Christmas and for the cards and gifts. We look forward to working with you and your child this term to help them reach their full potential.

We would like to mention that collections for teacher's presents are not expected. We understand how difficult it can be for families at Christmas time to feel pressured into contributing, when actually kind words in a card, a picture drawn at home and a happy smile are all the thanks we need!

Online Payment System



Our new online payment system that links to the School App is now live. Please check your emails for the invitation to join Pluspay. If you have not received the registration email then make sure you visit the School Office to check we have the correct email on file.

This system will be used **for all payments** and permissions including:

- Uniform orders
- Trips
- Family Fund
- Breakfast and After School Club
- Nursery lunch
- Violin lessons

Curriculum



Please take a look at the school website, which is regularly updated. One of the recent updates which we would like to draw your attention to is the Curriculum Prospectus for St John's.

This shows what children learn in each of the Curriculum areas and shows the 'intent' of each subject - what the children will be expected to achieve/know by the time they leave St John's.

Each page has a wonderful photograph - so please take a look!



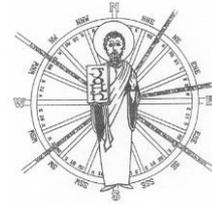
Nut Free School

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction. For some people just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has eaten nuts (or a product containing nuts) can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause severe breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We cannot have nuts in school in any form. So we ask that you are vigilant and check that your child has no nut products in their lunch boxes.



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Free Books

The school has signed up for The Sun Newspaper 'Books for Schools' campaign. The aim is to collect 3,500 tokens between now and 18th January 2020

Term Dates

Here is a reminder of the dates for the rest of this academic year.

Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2020

Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April 2020

INSET Day: Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April – Friday 22nd May 2020

(Friday 8th – Early May Bank Holiday)

Half term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2020

Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July 2020

Monday 20th July INSET

Celebrating Success

Certificates of Achievement

Well done to the children who received a Certificate of Achievement. These were awarded at the end of term and children in each year group were commended for a variety of things. These included awards for academic effort, artistic skills, being a wonderful role model and for being friendly to their class mates. Here are the oldest and youngest children with their certificates.



Attendance and Punctuality Awards and Certificates



There was great excitement on the last assembly of the term where children were awarded with certificates and badges for excellent attendance and punctuality.

Congratulations to the **45** children who received 100% attendance and punctuality certificates. This is a wonderful achievement!

Also – a big well done to all the children with 98% and 99% attendance who all received badges.

Any child whose attendance was over 97% was entered into a prize draw to win Hollywood Bowl tickets.

The names were pulled out of a hat and the lucky winners are shown in the photograph above.