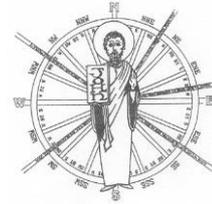




St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 24th February 2020

Next newsletter: Monday 2nd March

Congratulations

We were delighted to receive a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards congratulating St John's on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the Reading KS2 assessments last year. 100% of pupils reached the expected standards and this means that our school is in the top 1% of Primary schools in this country for achievement in reading.

It is essential that children have the required fluency in reading to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond. Please continue, as parents, to read daily with your child at home and talk about books with them. This is something that you can do as parents and this will make the biggest difference to your child's success in education. Do not underestimate the difference 10-15 minutes per day reading with your child makes. This equates to over 5000 minutes in a year or over 90 hours!

**Think Green,
Wear Green!**

On Tuesday March 2nd there will be a Recycle Fashion Show for the children to watch. This is a presentation by the after school club who have been working on this for half a term. We look forward to sharing photographs of this event.

On this day we will be having a **'Wear Green for the Environment' Day** - the children can accessorise their uniform and help to raise awareness of the importance of looking after our environment. **There will be no charge for this. The aim is to find something green to accessorise the school uniform.** It can be as simple as wearing a green ribbon, green hat or green socks. Or you can upcycle Grandad's green tie to make a belt or Mum's green t-shirt as a dress. Go simple or be creative! But be green – and do not buy anything! Recycle or reuse!

My Money Week

This week is My Money Week. On certain days, each class will have a chance to visit a school shop which will be set up in the library. There will be various items for children to buy including, bookmarks, snap bands, pencils and other stationary items. Prices will range from 50p to £2. Children will practise adding amounts and making totals. They will also calculate their change.



Shop Timetable

Tuesday – Year 4 and Year 5

Wednesday – Reception and Year 1

Thursday – Year 6

Friday – Year 2 and Year 3

Do not send your child with more than £3.00 and please make sure it is in an envelope or purse/wallet clearly labelled with your child's name.

Reminder: Year 1, 2 & 3 Maths Money Workshop for Parents

As part of money week, we are running a Maths Workshop on money to help you work with your children to learn and understand money better. The workshop for parents and carers will take place on **Tuesday 25th February at 9.00am until 9.45am.** Your child(ren) will join you for the last 15 minutes of the session so that you can do an activity together.

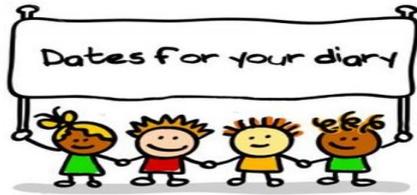
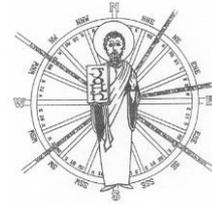
Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment by completing the slip below and returning it to the School Office.

Friday 28th February - Maths Dress Up Day

We would like children to come dressed in mathematical clothing to celebrate Money Week. Put your thinking caps on! Can you make yourself into a human calculator? Can you make a skirt of paper money? Do you have a jumper with interesting shapes or patterns? Or what can you add to your uniform with interesting shapes? We do not want you to buy something especially for this! Children will take part in a spectacular fashion show and prizes will be given for the best entrants!
There is no charge for this!



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- Tuesday 25th February** – 9am Parent Maths Workshop
- Wednesday 26th February** – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 27th February** – Year 4 Golf trip
- Thursday 27th February** – Year 5 Science Museum Trip
- Friday 28th February** – Mathematical clothing/accessory day
- Tuesday 3rd March** – 'Wear something Green Day'
- Thursday 5th March** – Year 4 trip to Dulwich Picture Gallery



We have been given the excellent opportunity to provide free Bikeability Training at Levels 1 and 2 to our children in Years 3, 4 and 5.

This safe, structured and standardised programme is designed to make your child a more competent cyclist and prepare them for eventually cycling on the road. Training will be carried out by Cycle Confident, the borough's cycle training provider.

Your child will need a road worthy bike and helmet to take part

In order to secure your child's place on this course, please make sure you return the permission slip sent home at the end of last term by Thursday February 27th, but places are limited so early return is encouraged.

Mini Friends of St John's



The Mini FOSJ group from Year 6 were very helpful as they took on photocopying, trimming and distributing the 'hot dog sale' letters before half term. This was a great success!

We would like to say a big thank you to Eileen for all her hard work, the Friends of St. John's raised £206!

If you are interested in helping to raise money for the school and would like to join the Friends of St. Johns please make yourself known to Renae, Naomi or Jordan.



After School Activity Clubs

There are still places available in the following after school clubs this term:

- Athletic Fitness for Year 2
- Pop Stars Groups for Years 3, 4 & 5
- Easter Art and Craft for Years 1, 5 & 6
- Boot camp for Years 3 & 4

If you would like to join you can do so via the school app. If you are unable to view the Activity Clubs in the App please come to the school office with your phone and we can assist you.