



St John's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter: Monday 2nd November 2020
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Pupil Voice



Before half term Years 2- 6 elected members of the class to serve on the School Council, Spiritual Life Committee and the Green Team.

Although the children will be not be able to meet as a group, they can still continue to learn about responsibilities and have a chance to suggest ideas for the school.



Well done to the children who were selected for this term and we look forward to reporting on their achievements in the newsletter this term.



International Celebration Week

The week before half term, children enjoyed sharing their stories with their classes.

There were stories about a Great Grandad in Chile who rode a horse and Christmas being celebrated on 24th December in Poland. Year 4 decided to count how many different countries the children came from and there were 22 different countries represented (children and adults)!

We look forward to another celebration of the diversity of St. John's School later on this academic year!

Flu vaccination

This is a reminder that the School Nursing Team will be visiting the school on Tuesday 10th November for the Flu immunisation for Years 1 – 6 and the Reception Class. They will **NOT** immunise your child if we have not received a consent form from you indicating that you wish your child to receive the nasal vaccination.

You need to inform the school if there has been changes in your child's health or an increase in your child's asthma medication or any other medication. It is important to know if your child has taken steroid tablets (because of asthma) within the two weeks before the immunisation day.

We also need to check that your child has not had the flu immunisation at the GP since you completed the flu form for school.

If you need to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team on: 0203 049 7218.

Parents' Meetings

Parent Meetings will take place during the planned INSET Day on Friday 27th November by telephone. You will receive more detail by letter shortly – and you will be given a timed appointment. Your child's class teacher will call you and there will be specific details that they will share with you, including details of how you can support your child at home.



The Wednesday Word is now digital (for this term) as this is the safest way to share the publication. It can be found on the Catholic Life of the School page of the school website. Please take time every week to share this with your children at home.

Each week there is a new theme and new activities for you and your child to share.



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PE Days continue after half term

KS1 Monday (Year 1 and 2)

KS2 Wednesday (Year 3,4,5,6)



Cycling

It is great to see children and families cycling to school. However, once you get to the School Gate please dismount and wheel your bicycle to the cage area. This helps to keep everyone safe. Please talk to your child about this if you are a cyclist.

Family Fund 20-21

As a school we are asking for families to pay £10 per child (maximum £20 per family).

Please support the school in it's aim to ensure all of the children benefit from the rich and exciting curriculum we have always been able to provide.

Reading Records

Please remember that Reading Records are for commenting on your child's reading progress, or for KS2 parents to send a note to the child's teacher to say who is collecting them at the end of the day.

They are not for recording any issues you or your child may have, so please do not use them for this purpose. It is not appropriate for your child to read messages which are meant for the class teacher.

We understand that due to the on-going pandemic contact with your child's teacher is limited. If you have any concerns then please email the school office office@st-john.southwark.sch.uk so that we can work with you to resolve any worries you may have.

Christmas Cards

This year children will not be able to bring in Christmas Cards, however each class will have a special Christmas Message book and this will be a safe alternative to sending cards. Details of this will be shared with the children in the coming weeks.

Celebrating Success

Year 4 lesson on teeth



The Year 4 Science lessons on teeth ended with the children all receiving a new toothbrush and toothpaste. This caused much excitement – as you can see from the smiles!



Attendance

Well done to Reception class for the highest attendance in September and October!

This week we will be giving badges for children with 100% attendance for the first half of the Autumn term and also those who met the target of 97%.