Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We had our first 'Stay and Play' in Early Years for parents this week. It was lovely to see the parents being taken around Nursery and Reception to see all the activities that their children do. There is a second 'Stay and Play' next Thursday.

Year 5 celebrated mass on Thursday. The children read and sang beautifully and Fr. Gerard even gave them some homework about one of the Popes! My thanks to Mrs. O'Connor and Ms. Grimshaw for their help with the mass.

There is no school tomorrow as it is an INSET day, so we will see you all on Monday 27th November.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
20th November 2023

R: Ava & Michal
Yr1: Dawid & Bruno
Yr2: Alexa & Arnisa
Yr3: Matilda & Amelia D
Yr4: Bella & George
Yr5: Leo & Melissa
Yr6: Kylah & Babatunde





We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer: Mrs Cunningham or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Cunningham to seek further advice.

Congratulations to the children in St. Patrick's who received the most house points last week.

The children in St. Patrick's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. Patrick's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for the first weeks' homework after half term.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	251
St Andrew	181
St George	216
St David	219
St John	178
Overall Winner	St Patrick

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	4	97.9	4
2nd	1	97.8	5
3rd	Nur	97.3	2
4th	5	97	2
5th	3	95.6	6
6th	6	94.8	5
7th	2	92.4	8
8th	Rec	88.1	9







Congratulations to Year 4 on their 97.9% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates

Wednesday 29th November
9:00 Yr5 Advent carol service @Westminster cathedral

Thursday 30th November
8:30-9:30 & 2:00-3:00pm Nursery & Reception Stay & Play

Monday 4th December **Kris Kinder begins**
- Yr3&4 Stone age workshop

Wednesday 6th December
9:00 Nursery & Reception Nativity

Thursday 7th December
- Reception weight & height check

Friday 8th December
9:00 Mrs O'Connor's piano assembly

Wednesday 13th December
9:00 Yr1&2 Christmas production

Monday 18th December
- Christmas parties & Toy day (Kris Kinder gifts ex-changed)

Tuesday 19th December
- Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20th December
9:00 Junior carol service in school

Thursday 21st December
9:00 End of term mass in church
12:30 Choir singing at nursing home

Friday 22nd December
1:30 End of term

Secret Santa



On **Sunday December 3rd** we begin to celebrate the season of Advent. This is a time where we start to prepare for Christ's birth.

Advent is traditionally a time to do good deeds. All good deeds, even the small ones, bring Christ's light into the world.

With this in mind, as is a tradition at Our Lady & St John's, staff and children from years 3-6 will participate in Secret Santa (Kris Kinder)

All those involved will pick a name out of a hat with that person being their Secret Santa. Staff and children alike will spend the rest of this half-term carrying out good deeds such as: offering to help those in need, show forgiveness and pray for others.

We also ask that all children bring in a wrapped, named gift for their Secret Santa costing no more than £2. Can these gifts be brought into school by Friday 15th December please.

What a wonderful way to follow Jesus' commandments, by loving our neighbours as ourselves whilst preparing for Jesus' coming.

Have a blessed Advent.



Timestables Rockstars

We have been notified by Timestables Rockstars that some children are playing on out of date software.

If you are using this website at home, please visit **play.ttrockstars.com/reset** to load the latest version in your device's browser.

Or you can update the Times Tables Rock Stars app from the app store.

Nursery & Reception 'Stay & Play'

On Thursday Nursery and Reception invited parents in for 'Stay and Play'.

It was wonderful to see the children confidently talking about their learning and showing their parents the different areas within the classroom and outside in our playground and garden.

A huge thank you to all of the wonderful parents in EYFS for joining us this week.

We hope you had fun!

We are looking forward to the next session on Thursday 30th November.

Photos from the Stay & Play are on the next page

Nursery & Reception Stay & Play















