Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. As you can see from the diary, it is a very busy time in school, and also a very enjoyable one. Decorations and Christmas trees will go up, in the front entrance and in the hall, and our Advent wreath will lit in Assemblies. All these preparations are to remind us of this very special time of year where we await the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Our Gospel assembly this week was led by Year 6; they gave us the message about how we can be ready to 'go out of our way' to help others.

We had the second 'Stay and Play' in Early Years for parents this week. It was lovely to see the children showing their parents all the activities they get up to in Reception and Nursery classes.

Thank you to the group of parents who attended the Friends meeting this week. They will be contacting you on the parent WhatsApp to invite you to help with events over the next year. Please give generously of your time!

The weather has turned cold this week. Please remember to label all hats, scarves, gloves and coats with your child's name. Hats and scarves are available from the school office.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
27th November 2023

R: Delilah & Sophia
Yr1: Eleanor & Hanora
Yr2: Richard & Aatifah
Yr3: Emma & Jas
Yr4: Daniel & James
Yr5: Ellie & Libby
Yr6: Kaydene & Kuba



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. Andrew's who received the most house points last week.

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

The children in St. Andrew'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	166
St Andrew	207
St George	141
St David	142
St John	190
Overall Winner	St Andrew

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	4	100	3
2nd	6	99.5	5
3rd	5	98.3	3
4th	3	96.6	2
5th	Rec	96.5	4
6th	2	95.6	3
7th	Nur	94.8	2
8th	1	92.4	8







Congratulations to Year 4 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates

Monday 4th December **Kris Kinder begins (Y3-6)**
- 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 exchanged)

Tuesday 19th December
- Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20th December
9:00 Y5 & Y6 carol service in school
9:45 Y3 & Y4 carol service in school

Thursday 21st December
9:00 End of term mass in church
12:30 Choir singing at a care 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.



Writer of the Month
November

R: Bianca
Yr1: Posy
Yr2: Yana
Yr3: Helena
Yr4: Luis
Yr5: Matthew
Yr6: Annalisse



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!

Photos from the Stay & Play are on the next page

Nursery & Reception Stay & Play















Yr5/6 Sportshall competition

On Monday 27th November we attended the Hounslow south cluster sports hall event. This event was comprised of 6 different jumping and throwing contests as well as 6 races. The events were the standing long jump, standing triple jump, vertical jump, speed bounce, chest push and javelin. Our year 5 and 6 team were immense from the start. We were listed as 10th for every event so our children had to wait patiently before showcasing their ability. But after captain Jayden lead a warm up, the kids were ready to go. They practiced their events while waiting, remained focussed and supported their friends while they competed. For the second year running we had to ask for the measuring tape to be extended in one of the events due to amazing capabilities of a few of our triple jumpers. We moved on to the races where we came first or second in our pool every race, a couple of our times weren't quite as fast as the other pool which but we were consistently one of the fastest teams which is an incredible achievement. Some of our athletes were a little bit nervous but with the encouragement from their team mates they gave it their best and we are so proud of their performances. We were in competition with 10 other teams for this cluster and only the top 4 go through, but with such amazing ability and a great team ethic we prevailed again.

1st place!!

Well done to all involved and a special thank you to all the parents who assisted with travel and support

Field events

	Chest push	Speed bounce	Long jump	Triple jump	Vertical jump	Javelin
Girls	6th	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	2nd
Boys	1st	3rd	1st	1st	1st	1st

Track events

	Hurdles	1+1 relay	2+2 relay	6 lap relay	4x1 B	4x1 A
Girls	1st	3rd	4th	3rd	2nd	1st
Boys	2nd	1st	1st	1st	7th	5th

Overall

Chatsworth	**Our lady and St Johns**	St Mary's Isleworth
Girls 168	**Girls 184**	Girls 170
Boys 186	**Boys 190**	Boys 128
Overall 354	**Overall 174**	Overall 298
2nd	**1st**	3rd



Year 6 Cake sale

A big thank you to everyone in year 6 who brought cakes in to sell at the year 6 cake sale.

The children managed to raise

£175.40

Thank you to everyone who brought in money







Westminster Cathedral
Advent Carol Service

This week, Years 5 visited Westminster Cathedral for an Advent Carol Service, which reminded them about the importance of preparing their hearts and minds, during Advent.

Your donations of **£130.50** was gratefully received by the Catholic Children's Society and will go towards enabling them to reach out to thousands of disadvantaged children and families across the diocese of Westminster.

Thank you for your generosity. It will make a huge difference.



Keeping safe around buildings

This morning we enjoyed listening to our guest speaker in assembly from a construction company called Equans. They have a building site near the school and appreciate the importance of children keeping safe around dangerous areas.
The children watched a video highlighting the dangers and listened to his words of advice on how to stay safe. It is great to know they are thinking of our children's welfare and willing to come into school to advise on safety. They had a chance to ask questions and dress up in the safety clothes needed to keep safe. There is now a competition to enter, the children are to design a warning poster and the five winners will have their posters displayed on the entrance and fencing of the construction site and will also receive a large art set each as a prize.





THANK YOU

Our Lady & St Johns

for raising a fantastic

£1224.63

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

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