Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the second Sunday in Advent we come to the end of another busy week in school. The hall has been busy with rehearsals for Nativity plays and Carol concerts. The first performance took place this morning for Early Years parents. What a performance it was! Thank you to Mrs. Whitehouse, Mrs Baranska, Mrs Keogh-Smith, Mrs Berwick and Ms. Sanchez for preparing the children so well, and a huge 'well done' to our stars in Reception and Nursery – you were all amazing.

This week we received free tickets to Waterman's theatre for the whole school (thanks to Mrs. Sheehan!) It was wonderful to take all the classes and a huge thank you to Mrs. Sheehan, Miss Ryan and all the staff and parents for helping take the children. Year 4 were also lucky enough to see a 'live nativity' at Gumley house. Both these trips were a lovely way to help us celebrate Advent.

Finally, on Friday we had a piano assembly– well done to all the pupils who played so confidently. A special thank you to Mrs. O'Connor for preparing the children so well.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
4th December 2023

R: Zainab & Xavier
Yr1: David & Eliora
Yr2: Eliyka & JC
Yr3: Helena & Albie
Yr4: Kuba & Julieta
Yr5: Alys & Alex
Yr6: Bernice & Ellis



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

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

The children in St. John'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	185
St Andrew	220
St George	130
St David	218
St John	270
Overall Winner	St John

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	5	98.3	2
2nd	4	97.2	4
3rd	3	95.3	8
4th	1	94.2	4
5th	Rec	94	2
6th	Nur	90.1	5
7th	2	89.3	6
8th	6	86.7	9







Congratulations to Year 5 on their 98.3% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates

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

Monday 18th December
- Christmas parties & Toy day (Kris Kinder gifts exchanged) Own clothes

Tuesday 19th December
- Santa's Grotto
- 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 Advent mass in church (parents welcome)
12:30 Choir singing at a care home

Friday 22nd December
1:30 End of term

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December

The School Council would like everyone to come into school wearing a Christmas jumper .

If you have not got a Christmas jumper, wear something festive and colourful.

The school council would like you to donate £1.

This will go to one of our chosen charities.

Nursery & Reception Nativity

Well done to all the Nursery & Reception children. What a great job they did sharing 'The Christmas story' on Wednesday morning to all their parents.

The children sang and spoke very well and seemed to have lots of fun.

A wonderful start to all our Christmas festivities.



The Pixie and the Pudding



It's Christmas Eve on the farm, and the chickens, pigs and cows are fast asleep. Inside the farmhouse, the fire is roaring and a delicious, steaming pudding is left out on the windowsill. When Charlie and her dad move to the farm from the city, everything seems to go wrong. Dolly the cow's in a grump, there's not an egg to be found, and even the cockerel has stopped crowing! If only they'd paid attention to the mysterious note left on their windowsill about a curious pixie and the pudding she likes to eat on Christmas Eve…

What a lovey time we had at Watermans theatre on Wednesday & Friday afternoons. The whole school were so fortunate to be invited to a free viewing of The Pixie & the Pudding. This enchanting musical brought a tale from Scandinavian folklore to life with puppetry, original music and a sprinkling of pixie magic. The children were amazing and had such a lovely time. A huge thank you to all the parents that helped with the trip.



Year 4 trip to Gumley House – 'Journey to Bethlehem'

Year visited Gumley House High school, where group of students from the Religious Education, Drama and Music Departments put on ***'Journey to Bethlehem'*** an amazing outdoor nativity, within the grounds of Gumley House School.

The children were given a passport to take on their journey to Bethlehem. Whilst on this journey, they met with Shepherds, Angels, King Herod, Jews of Luke's gospel and an Innkeeper. At the end of the journey, the pupils met Mary and Joseph at the stable and were able to pet the animals

The morning finished with carols in the main hall, and refreshments served by the Innkeepers!

It was a lovely experience and Year 4 were great ambassadors for our school, with their excellent behaviour and thoughtful questions.









Yr3&4 Stone Age workshop

On Monday, Years 3 and 4 took part in fun and interactive Stone Age workshops to support their history learning in class. They learned about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron age, as well as the lives of late Neolithic hunter gatherers. Both classes handled artefacts, completed quizzes and even made their own Neolithic house!

It was a very enjoyable day for all. More photos are available to view on google classroom.









Piano assembly



Congratulations to all the children who played at Mrs O'Connor's music assembly on Friday morning.

The children did such an amazing job, we have such a lot of talented pianists. They were very confident playing in front of all the children and their parents.

A huge thank you to Mrs O'Connor for preparing the children for the assembly.