



St John's C of E Academy

Newsletter



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Our School Vision is:

Belonging Believing Becoming

Our Christian value for this term is:

Perseverance

Bible quote for this week is:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire

On Tuesday 12th November the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, Mr Edward Gillespie, the Queen's representative for Gloucestershire came and visited St John's as part of a wider visit to Coleford. He was accompanied by Mr Nick Penny, the town mayor, and Mr Roger Deeks, local historian and poet. Our visitors had a tour of the school, listened to our Year 6 children reading out the WW1 poems they had created and then joined us for worship to hear the whole school singing together.

Flu Vaccination

We have not yet received a date for the children to be vaccinated against flu, as the NHS are still struggling to get hold of enough vaccine. I have spoken to the school nurse today and she informed me that the vaccinations can be administered at any time up to January 2020. If you feel it is important for your child to receive this vaccination before January then you can go along to your own GP. However, the school nurse indicated that GPs are also finding it difficult to get hold of vaccinations.

If you decide to visit the GP and are able to get the vaccination for your child please can you let the school office know so that they can withdraw your permission slip from the school nurse clinic. This will ensure that your child does not receive a double dose of the vaccination.

Parents' Evening

Just a reminder that Reception, Ash, Chestnut, Hazel and Elm all have their Parents' Evenings next week and Beech and Oaks are the following week. If you have not yet booked a slot to see your child's teacher then please can you do so. If you are unable to make these dates please contact your child's teacher via the school office and they will arrange to meet you at another time.



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Christmas Plays

Please be aware that the dates of the EYFS/KS1 Christmas Play performances have been changed from Week commencing 9th December to WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 1.30PM AND THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER AT 6.00PM.

Christmas Meals

Christmas Lunch: WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 2019

Please can you ensure that you have returned both your parent and children's Christmas lunch choices by 22nd November. We are collecting this information earlier than usual this year as we are hoping to source our ingredients from local shops and producers and they will need plenty of notice to be able to supply us with what we need.

Christmas Parties: THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER, 2019

This year for the Christmas parties we will be having a Christmas party lunch as part of the normal lunchtime routine. St John's 'Olive Tree' kitchen will cater the party food and drinks, **this will be the only option for lunch that day.**

Mrs Beddington the Catering Manager and our office staff, Mrs Morton and Mrs Fulthorpe are working hard to make both of these events a real Christmas treat for all the children at St John's.

If your child does not want to have a Christmas dinner or a party lunch they can bring their own packed lunch into school on those days.

School visits and visitors

Since the last newsletter both Chestnut Class (Y3 & Y4) and Hazel Class (Y4) have visited the Skillzone in Gloucester. This is an interactive life skills village where people of all ages can learn how to keep themselves safe both at home and in their community. The children were very enthusiastic about the visit and learnt lots of useful information about making responsible choices.

If someone makes you feel uncomfortable on a bus then move closer to the driver.

Brianna

If you meet a dog in the park that you do not know then do not touch the dog.

Leland

The mock-up cell was a very smelly place!

Rachel

We learnt about the dangers of going down a dark alley.

Jasmine and Sarah



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*There was a house that showed
what could happen in a house fire.*

Noah

Armistice Day

On Monday, 11th November our whole school walked down to the Clock Tower together to take part in the Armistice Day remembrance service in the town centre. The school enjoyed being part of this community event and the service was concluded by St John's children singing some wartime songs.

Rockets Gym

On Wednesday, 13th November Oak Class (Y6) paid a visit to Rockets Gym. The children were taught how to use a variety of equipment whilst they were there. This was a taster session that was enjoyed by all.

Kind regards

Joanne Peaper
(Acting Headteacher)



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Dates for the dairy

Term 2

Tuesday 19 th November	-	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 th November	-	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Monday 25 th November	-	Beech & Oak Class Parents Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 27 th November	-	Beech & Oak Class Parents Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Monday 2 nd December	-	Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm
Wednesday 4 th December	-	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance 1.30pm
Thursday 5 th December	-	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance 6.00pm
Friday 6 th December	-	PTA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 10 th December	-	Panto visit to school 9.00am – 12.00
Tuesday 10 th December 1.00pm	-	4Front Theatre Company visiting school
Wednesday 18 th December	-	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 th December	-	Christmas Worship – Chestnut Class – Baptist Church 9.45am
Thursday 19 th December	-	Class Christmas Parties – Party lunch
Friday 20 th December	-	Parent's Christmas lunch 12.00 – 1.00pm
Friday 20 th December	-	End of Term 2 – School closes at 1.15pm
Monday 6 th January 2020	-	Start of Term 3