



St. John's C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Fond Farewell

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Kennard at the end of this term. She is leaving us to become Inclusion Manager at Regina Coeli from 1st January 2012. Miss Kennard has taught at St. John's for five years and has taught all of the current Juniors! All of the Governors and staff, are extremely appreciative of the hard work that Miss Kennard has devoted to St. John's over the last five years. Although we are very sad that Miss Kennard is leaving, we are sure that you will join us in congratulating her on her new appointment.



*All the Staff
wish everyone a
very happy
Christmas, a
peaceful holiday
season, and a
very happy
new year!*



Well Done

Well done to the football team for their recent victory against Courtwood Primary School. The final result was 4-3 to St. John's. The Saturday morning football team also won their match against Christ Church with a 3-1 victory. Keep up the winning streak!

Staffing

Mr Adams will be on Jury Service at the beginning of next term. He hopes to return to school on Monday 16th January. Mrs Alcolea will be teaching Tiger Class while Mr Adams is away.



Christmas Celebrations

Parents/carers and families of Reception and KS1 were enthralled by the delightful performance of their children in 'Humph the Camel'. All the children were sweet and endearing and demonstrated their great skills as actors, narrators and singers.



Year 3 and 4 parents/carers and relatives were thoroughly entertained at the Christmas Sing-A-Long. The jolly Christmas Postman took them on a wonderful 'Christmas journey' through fairytale land where they met many characters including the Three Bears and even the Big Bad Wolf! Well done to all the children on their fantastic performances. Everyone was very proud.

Year 5 led the school beautifully in the Christingle Service which began our Christmas celebrations and then supported Year 6 with the Carol Service last Thursday. It was lovely to see the whole school come together in church for the wonderful Service which was led by Year 6. The children all sang and read superbly and made everybody feel very 'Christmassy'. The retiring collection from the Carol Service will be donated to The Children's Society.



Great Toy Raffle/Sale

Many thanks go to the Fence Society for generously donating a large number of toys. Some of the toys were sold in a toy sale and others were put into a Grand Toy Raffle which was drawn today. As in other years, it was moving to see some of the children selecting gifts for others during the raffle. The Toy Raffle experience yet again provided much more than just fun and raising money. It offered an opportunity to demonstrate the Christian values that we all share.



Year 3 Christmas Theatre Visit

On 14th December Year 3 went on a Christmas journey when they went to see Santa's Christmas Adventure at the Fairfield Halls. Emma Van Selm has written a report to tell us all about it.

'First we had to go on the bus, the 119 but only had to wait at the bus stop for four minutes. When the bus arrived we all got on, some of us went up stairs and some stayed downstairs. The bus travelled for a long time. It was a little crowded but it was OK. When we arrived near East Croydon station we walked past a couple of shops and then arrived at the Fairfield Halls. We went into the theatre and found our seats. It was empty when we got there but it filled up. It was quite funny when we heard the music playing because they were the same songs we had learnt for our Christmas sing along and so everyone was singing and joining in.

Then the actors came on stage—there was an elf called Charlie, he was quite funny and made us laugh. The story of the show was all about Santa and the lost reindeer. All of the characters had to go around the North Pole looking for Rudolf. Luckily they found Rudolf in the end and Santa did some magic tricks. The best part of the show was when out of the whole theatre, Amelia found a magic key under her seat! She and Miss Kennard had to go onto the stage and tell everyone that they believed in Santa Claus. All of us really enjoyed it and thought it was the best trip ever!



Christmas Instructions

Year 1 have been learning how to write instructions. Do you know how to have a perfect Christmas? Read on and find out!

How Santa delivers the Christmas presents

What you need

Reindeers, Sack, Sleigh, Magic dust

1. First get the elves to make the toys.
2. Put the presents in the sack.
3. Gather the six reindeer.
4. Throw magic dust on the reindeers.
5. Now fly up into the sky.
6. Then go down the chimney.
7. Then tiptoe through the house.
8. Now you put the presents under the Christmas tree.
9. Next go up the chimney.
10. Then go home.

Nathan Good, Ark class



How to have a good Christmas

1. Get out of bed and wake up Mum and Dad.
2. Run downstairs.
3. Scramble into the lounge.
4. Find the biggest present.
5. Rip the present open.
6. Make some hot chocolate.
7. Have your lunch.
8. Get a hot water bottle.
9. Watch the film James and the Giant peach.

Ben Challis, Noah class



Parent Pay

Please clear any outstanding amounts on your parent pay account before the beginning of the Spring term. Thank you.



Dates for the diary 2011-12

Tuesday 20th December

Children break up

End of term assembly 1.30pm

Parents invited to collect children from 2pm

Wednesday 4th January

INSET day

Thursday 5th January

Back to school

Friday 6th January

Skiping Workshop

Thursday 12th January

Additional Prospective Parents Meeting

(for those who couldn't make the previous date)

Wednesday 25th January

Croydon Swimming Gala Heats

Wednesday 8th February

Tiger Class visit to Build-a-Bear

Thursday 9th February

Break up for Half Term

NEW DATE

*** Friday 10th February ***

INSET Day

Monday 20th February

Back to School

Thursday 23rd February

Tiger Class visit to Shirley Library

Monday 27th February—

Friday 2nd March

Year 5 to Whitgift School Primary Project

Tuesday 6th March

Y4 visit to London Mozart Players

Wednesday 7th March and

Thursday 8th March

Parental Consultations

Friday 30th March

Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 16th April

Back to School

Wednesday 2nd May

Class Photographs