



St. John's C of E Primary School NEWSLETTER



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We Aim To Serve Our Community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice, and by developing a community where everyone is valued and can continue to grow and learn to the best of their ability.
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November 2011

Well Done



Congratulations to everyone who took part in the cross country event on Thursday 20th October. It was very well attended with over 400 runners from school across Croydon. A big thank you also to all the parents who helped transport the children and who stayed to support. A particular well done to Ethan (Y6) who came 7th in his race and to Emma (Y3) who came 9th in hers. These were particularly great achievements when you consider there were over 100 runners in each of the races! Also well done to Aaron (Y4) and Emily Gunn (Y1 Ark) who completed a sponsored swim at Trinity for The Children's Dolphin Ward at Mayday Hospital. They raised an amazing £110! Aaron swam 1,000 metres (40 lengths), and Emily got her 10 metres badge!

Collective Worship

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term is the Old Testament. We will be reading well known and less well known stories from the Old Testament and thinking about the messages they provide. This will hopefully give children a greater knowledge and understanding of Christian teachings from the whole of the Bible, help them to understand that right from the beginning God had a plan and a purpose and show them that the Bible is full of amazing people whose actions and lives affect ours.



Movember

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men. Mr Adams will be supporting this charity and attempting to grow his own dodgy moustache! To find out more visit: www.movember.com or to donate visit <http://uk.movember.com/donate/find-member-results/> and look for Mark Adams.

Parking

Residents have contacted the school to complain about parents/carers parking in front of their houses and blocking their driveways. For the safety of everyone please make sure that you park safely and do not obstruct any driveways.



Harvest Collection



Thank you to everybody who took part in Crazy Hair and Hat day which formed our Harvest Collection this year. There were lots of amazing hairstyles and fantastic hats on display! Together we raised £195 for St. Phillip's school in Kenya.

Bring and Buy Sale

1st Shirley Guides are raising money to support children with cancer. They have organised two **Bring and Buy** sales. The first one will be taking place on Friday 11th November at 7.30pm -9.00pm in the hut behind Shirley Parish Hall, Wickham Road. The second sale will be held in the Tamberlin Room, on Sunday 13th November after the Remembrance Service at St John's the Evangelist Church. Please support these events if you can.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help in school. We will be contacting you shortly with details of the time and class we would like you to work with.

If you would like to help in school or to help on class visits you have to have a current CRB check. If you have a check which has been completed by another organisation within the past 12 months we are able to use this. If not we will need you to complete a CRB form so that we can complete our own CRB check. Please note that CRB checks can take a while to come back, so if you think there is a chance you would like to offer to help with a class visit at any time in the future, you need to have completed a CRB check well before. If you would like a form please contact Mrs Murphy in the office.



The Family Project



Providing Families with an Opportunity to engage in Social, Creative and Fun Learning Activities

Including: Art s and Crafts, Healthy Eating and lifestyles, Sports and Games, Computers, Discussions, Peer Support.

**Thursdays 3.30 - 5.30pm
Open Door Session.**

Promoting Healthy Family Lifestyles

Creating Opportunities for Families to Build Resilience, Improve Communication and Develop Relationships through Social Learning Activities

Croydon Youth Development Trust

**For further information please contact Lorna Hunt 020 8683 7254
lorna.hunt@cydt.org.uk**

Win a trip to the Olympic Park

If you are aged 10-16 you can enter a competition which is being run by the Mayor of London to win a bus tour of the Olympic Park with 30 of your friends. All you have to do is write a poem about what you think is the best thing about the Games by 30th November 2011. Discover 100 great things about the Games and enter at www.london.gov.uk/poetry

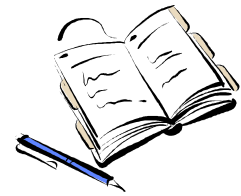


Family Lives

Family Lives provides a range of services to parents in Croydon.
Parentline For immediate support you can call Parentline 0808 800 2222 free from all landlines and most mobile networks, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They also have an email support service at parentsupport@familylives.org.uk
Free Individual Support Face to Face You can meet with a parent support worker. They offer one to one parent support sessions at a number of venues. To book a session call the office on 020 8655 2402. You can get up to 6 sessions with the worker who will listen to your issues, help you think of ways to change the situation and signpost or refer you to further support if needed.
Working with both parents (together or separated). If you would like to get some support around parenting issues and will access the support together call the Croydon office on 020 8655 2402

Parent Groups Autumn 2011

Parent Group	Dates and time	Venue
Bringing up confident children. Free crèche.	Thursdays Sep 15, 22, 29 Oct 6, 13 9.30-11.30am	Norbury Manor Primary School Abingdon Road, SW16 5QR
Understanding Children's Behaviour. Free crèche	Wednesdays Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Dec 7 9.15-11.15am	Tunstall Children's Centre Tunstall Road CR0 6TY
Understanding Children's Behaviour. Free crèche	Thursdays Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1 9.30-11.30am	Selhurst Early Years Children's Centre 23 Dagnall Park, SE25 5PL



Dates for the diary

Wednesday 2nd November
SJSA Trainers and Tiaras day
Thursday 3rd November
Prospective Parents' Meeting
7.00pm

Monday 7th November
Individual and Family Photos
Friday 11th November
Remembrance Service 9.15 in church

Wednesday 16th November
Year 3/4 Football Tournament
Friday 18th November
Year 6 to Britain at War Museum

Saturday 19th November
SJSA Christmas Fair
Friday 25th November
INSET day

Friday 2nd December
2.30pm Christingle Service
SJSA Christmas Discos

Wednesday 14th December
Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th December
Carol Service 6.30pm
Tuesday 20th December
Children break up
Parents invited to collect children from 2pm

Wednesday 4th January
INSET day
Thursday 5th January
Back to school

Week beginning 6th February
Parental consultations
Friday 10th February
Break up for half term
Monday 20th February
Back to school

Monday 27th February—
Friday 2nd March
Year 5 to Whitgift School Primary Project

Friday 30th March
Break up for Easter Holiday

Monday 16th April
Back to school

Wednesday 2nd May
Class Photographs