

# The St John's Journal



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***'Together we have the roots to grow and the wings to fly!'***

## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to everyone for supporting this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The final total raised by everyone at St John's School was a fantastic **£143.11**.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for helping us to make this giant Pudsey out of a mountain of small change! The total raised for Children in Need was **£217.16**.



## BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair was a success last week and was very well-supported, earning us lots of lovely new books for the school library. Thank you to everyone who came to browse and shop.

## KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY: BORN IN A BARN

Huge congratulations to all of the staff and children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their wonderful Christmas performances of 'Born in a Barn'. I really appreciate all the hard work from my staff team that goes in to producing such fabulous entertainment.

Thank you for the generous donations made at the end of each performance, which reflects how much you also appreciated their efforts.

## KEY STAGE 2 NATIVITY: DON'T BE AFRAID & SEEDLINGS: 'JESUS' CHRISTMAS PARTY'

Children in Key Stage 2 and Seedlings have been very busy practising for their performances of 'Don't Be Afraid' and 'Jesus' Christmas Party' next week too. They can't wait to show their families what they have been working so hard on!

## SCHOOL CHOIR

The School Choir sang for 'Frome Third Age' at the Assembly Rooms this afternoon. We are all very proud of the way they have shown respect and friendship as they have represented our school.

Not only did they sing beautifully, earning a lot of praise from the members, but they also brought back an unexpected donation for school from them too.

Congratulations Choir children on your first paid gig!



## **CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

Due to all of our fantastic Nativity Performances, we are unable to use the school hall for Christmas parties this year. Classes will hold their own mini parties in their classrooms on the dates shown below. Children need to be in school uniform for their party day, as they are having a non-uniform day on their Christmas lunch day. It is not the end of the world, if mistakes are made with uniform or non-uniform; we just ask that all children are in school uniform for church on Friday. If children have PE on Friday, please can they wear normal black PE joggings or leggings and trainers, and have their school jumpers and fleeces on their top half.

Seedlings	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	(School Uniform)
Year 1	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	(School Uniform)
Year 2	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	(School Uniform)
Year 3	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	(Non-uniform – as it is also Christmas Lunch Day)
Year 4	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	(Non-uniform – as it is also Christmas Lunch Day)

## **SOFT TOY RAFFLE**

Children on the School Council have organised a Christmas draw to win fabulous soft toys knitted and kindly donated by a friend of Mrs Marsland; tickets are now available to buy on Parentmail for £1 each.

Tickets must be purchased by 10am on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and winning tickets will be selected at random on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.



## **MRS MARSLAND'S CHRISTMAS JUMPER COMPETITION**

There's still time to get your entries in! The deadline is the end of next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and winners will be announced on Wednesday. Just design a jumper for Mrs Marsland a matching bandanna for Leo, make sure your name is on your entry, and hand it in to staff on the front desk.

## **SEESAW**

We have recently reviewed how we are using our remote learning and communication platform, Seesaw. When we introduced the system, we used child remote learning codes to enable children to complete learning activities on Seesaw. Now we don't need to provide regular remote learning, we are using Seesaw as a way to communicate with families about their child's learning each week. As such, we have changed the way you access the system, so you are accessing it as a 'family member' rather than as your child. If you have more than one child at the school, you will be able to switch more easily between children and see records from previous years as well as the current year.

Please click the link sent out recently on your ParentMail. The same link can be used for both parents to set up accounts but please note we can only approve access for those with parental responsibility for the child.

## SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

If you have a child moving on from Year 4 to middle school next summer, or a little one starting in Reception next September, don't forget to get your application in on time. The deadline is January 15th.

## CHRISTMAS POST

Our Christmas Post Service will be up and running next week. There will be post boxes in the classrooms and one beside the hall doors by the front desk for staff not attached to a class. Children can post Christmas cards to their friends (and to staff) and our elves will sort them and deliver them to classes. It's very important that envelopes are clearly addressed with the name and the class.

## JOIN US AT CHRISTMAS

We will be having our usual end of term service in church at 9.30am on Friday 16th. Family and friends are all welcome to come along and join us.

Also, the School Choir will be singing in the Candlelit Service at St John's Church on Sunday 18th December at 6.30-7.30pm. Please come along if you can.

## DIARY DATES

12.12.2022	Key Stage 2 Nativity Performance to School (10.15am) Key Stage 2 Nativity Performance to Parents / Carers (2.00pm) Choir Practice (3.15 – 4.30pm)
13.12.2022	Key Stage 2 Nativity Performance to Parents / Carers (9.15am) Christmas Lunch – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (Christmassy Non-Uniform) Key Stage 2 Nativity Performance to Parents / Carers (Children to return to school and doors will open to the audience at 5.30pm. Performance will start at 6.00pm. The performance is just under an hour long, so children who do not have parents in the audience will need collecting by 7.00pm.
14.12.2022	Christmas Lunch – Year 3 and Year 4 (Christmassy Non-Uniform)
15.12.2022	Reception Nativity Performance to School (9.30am) Reception Nativity Performance to Parents / Carers (2.15pm)
16.12.2022	End of term Carol Service in Church (9.30am) Last day of term
18.12.2022	School Choir singing at St John's Church Candlelit Carol Service
03.01.2022	School Closed to Children for Staff INSET Day
04.01.2023	First day of spring term

*At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority.*

*We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.*