

# The St John's Journal



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

## **Welcome Back and Thank You!**

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school this week after the Christmas holidays; I hope you had a super time with your families. The children have returned to school looking very smart and ready to learn, settling back into school routines extremely well.

On behalf of myself and all of the staff, thank you for all of the wonderful Christmas cards and presents we have received from you; you have been extremely kind and generous!

Thank you, also, to the Friends of St John's, for organising and running the fundraising event during the last week of term, and thank you to all of you for not only supporting the event, but working with us to keep everyone safe.

## **Headteacher Awards**

It was lovely to welcome parents 'virtually' to our Headteacher Awards this afternoon, to celebrate their children's achievements. A massive well done to: Harry, Betty, Mip, Oliver, Teddy, Cassius, Lacey, Ella, Aya, Etta and Callum; you are all superstars!

## **Share My Work and Curriculum Information Sessions**

We are extremely excited to invite you all in over the next couple of weeks, so that you can share and celebrate the work your children have completed in the autumn term, and also to find out about their learning for this term. It is really important that you do book in for these sessions, so that we can organise the hall appropriately in advance each day.

## **Communication**

As you can see, our newsletter has changed its format, and we will only be issuing our newsletter, now 'The St John's Journal', once a month. They will not necessarily be published during the first week of each month, but will be published to tie in with the start and end of each half term.

We are going to move our weekly communication to Seesaw and Tapestry. By 5pm, each Friday, each year group will publish: a snapshot of the learning that children have experienced that week, the names of children who have received the Headteacher Award and the learning children will be moving on to the following week.

All of the letters we send out to parents are also published on the school website.

## **Our Governors Need You!**

If you have an interest in the strategic direction of the school, this could be a role for you. We still have a Parent Governor Vacancy, so please do contact us to find out more; we would love to hear from you.

## **A Request from the House Captains**

The House Captains are continuing to develop their plans for improving playtimes, and have ordered a new picnic table with interchangeable tops. One of the table tops is a road map, so the House Captains have asked if anyone has some small toy cars that they no longer play with, and are happy to donate them to the school, could they please bring them in.

## **An Exciting Term Ahead of Us**

We have lots to look forward to in the coming half term including, Board Games Club, Construction Club, Multisport Club, Year 2 Football, Year 4 Climbing and Archery Festival, and whole school Faith Week exploring the value of 'Love'. We also have some interesting learning ahead of us:

Reception	'Terrific Tales'
Year 1	'Home Sweet Home'
Year 2	'Heroes and Heroines'
Year 3	'What did the Romans Leave Us?'
Year 4	'Journeys'
Acorns	'Hope and Dreams'

Our Christian Value for this half term is a value shared with other faiths and non-faiths and is 'Hope'.

Our Learning for Next Week is:

Reception	English – Traditional Tales	Maths – One more and one less
Year 1	English – Continue our work on the book 'Beegu'	Maths – Addition and Subtraction to 20
Year 2	English – Writing and punctuating questions	Maths – Subtracting 2-digit numbers
Year 3	English – Roman Myths and Legends	Maths – Multiplication and Division
Year 4	English – 'How to Train Your Dragon'	Maths – Multiplication