

St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 24th November



Many thanks to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Patterson for planning some really exciting activities for our stay and play sessions for toddlers in our local area. We have held two sessions already and lots of fun has been had by all! Please come and join us if you can for our final session for this term which will be held next Friday 1st December. It's going to be a Christmas theme! Please pass onto anyone you know might be interested.



Open Afternoon

Just a reminder that we will be holding an open afternoon on Wednesday 13th December from 2.30 until school ends. This will be a chance for you to pop into your child's classroom and look at your child's books with your child and see some of the lovely work they have been doing.

Reception will be slightly different. Parents will be invited to come and play with your child in the classroom. Please take us as you find us as we are in the middle of Nativity plays and there are costumes hanging in all available spaces!

Chocolate reminder



Don't forget that donations of chocolate (big or small) can be made via class teachers or the office by Wednesday 29th November.

We would love to see you at the toy service on Sunday 3rd December in church.

Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility

Dodgeball

A big well done to all the Year 4's that competed in the School Games Dodgeball tournament at Stanley on Wednesday afternoon. They played against four other schools and left having won 3 of their matches. Everyone worked fantastically as a team and really enjoyed the event. A special mention to Sammy who was recognised for his showing of the School Games values throughout the completion.



Football report by Mr Willmott

The Year 6 football team faced Kingsmeadow in the cup quarter final on Thursday night. The game was tense and cagey to begin, with strong winds and a heavy down pour throughout. We took the lead through a swift counter attack down the left hand side which led to Fred finding Alex in the box who finished well. Kingsmeadow got a deserved equaliser shortly after and could have got another if not for a superb full stretch save from Mathew. Alex had two good efforts to retake the lead before half time. Firstly, being denied 1 on 1 by the goalkeeper before an amazing run saw his shot ending up just past the far post.

The second half began in the same way with more pressure applied as Fred forced a fine save from the keeper. Kingsmeadow grew in confidence and would have taken the lead if not for a brilliant goal line clearance from Tommy. Kingsmeadow did find the lead when a shot deflected heavily leaving Mathew wrong footed and the ball nestled in the back of the net. Within a minute of the restart, Fred found himself with time and space in the box and made no mistake in finding the back of the net to equalise. Luca was next to go close with a long range effort making the keeper work. The lead was then restored when Fred calmly poked home a rebound after a goal mouth scramble. Unfortunately, missed tackles and tiredness late on allowed the Kingsmeadow striker to be completely free in the box to make it 3-3 and take the game to penalties.

But it would be penalty shootout break for the boys, losing on sudden death. The boys can feel a little unfortunate not to have won but with another cup competition and the league there is plenty still to play for.



St. John's Superstars!

<u>Superstar Award</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>JOY Award</u>
<u>Evie</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Hallie</u>
<u>Kaleb</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Phoebe</u>
<u>Jasmine</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Layla</u>
<u>Nathan</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Aston</u>
<u>Ethel</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Alex</u>
<u>James</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Xavier</u>
<u>Tommy</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Chloe</u>

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

30th November- Year 5 start swimming

3rd December- Toy Service at Church (including chocolate donations)

12th December – Christmas Discos

13th December- Open Afternoon. Parents are invited to come into school and look at books.

14th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity Performance

15th December- Sponsored Relay and Winter Wonderland

18th, 19th and 20th December Christmas dinner and parties afterwards. Order tbc.

Attendance

Thank you for supporting the children to have good attendance! So much happens within the school day and the children really miss out when they are not in school. Have a look below to see which class are our winners this week. They will receive a special mention in assembly!

Reception 90%

Year 1 91.1%

Year 2 94.8%

Year 3 89.3%

Year 4 87.4%

Year 5 92.1%

Year 6 97.5% Winners

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