

Attendance this week = 94.62%

St John's Weekly Newsletter Growing Together in Love and Respect

This month's value is:

Friday, 10th December 2021

Kev Dates

Dear St John's families,

My goodness what a tremendous week. As a school, in collective worship, we have spoken a lot about joy. My heart was definitely filled with joy this week, watching the youngest members of our school perform in front of an audience in such a calm and focused way and the reaction of their grown ups was a very special moment.

I am so proud of all the children and how they have shared their learning and school life with their families this term.

I know things are feeling a little bleak in the news at the moment but I hope this week's newsletter gives you a moment of joy.

We will continue to keep up with all the changes relating to Covid, in the meantime we will continue as we are.

Thank you everyone. as we approach the end of term, for helping us to be able to continue as we already doing.

Attached with the newsletter is a letter with details about events to the end of term.

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Mrs Samantha Da Costa Headteacher

<u>If you would like to speak with your child's</u> <u>teacher you can:</u> Catch them at pick up Telephone the office and ask for the teacher to make contact Send an email to the office and someone will contact you

Wednesday 15th December St John's School Christmas Jumper Day Children are welcome to wear festive clothing or accessories should they wish to do so.

Monday 20th December Year 2 Christingle with their families at St John's Church 9.30am.

One adult per child.

Tuesday 21st December Last Day of Term. School closes at 2pm. <u>No After School Club</u>

<u>2022</u>

Wednesday 5th January 2022 Inset Day - <u>School Closed</u>

Thursday 6th January 2022 Back to School for all children

Monday 14th- Friday 19th February Half Term- School closed

Friday 1st April 2022 Last Day of Term. School closes 2pm. <u>No After School Club</u>

Monday 4th - 18th April 2022 Easter Holidays- School closed



Nativity

The Year One and Reception children took place this week, the school hall was full of a combination of nerves and excitement and the children enjoyed wearing their costumes and sharing the Nativity story with their families and each other. Thank you for supporting your children with their first St John's Church of England Primary School nativity play.

Mrs Da Costa took a selection of photographs after each performance which have been uploaded to Google Classroom (Y1) and Tapestry (Reception).

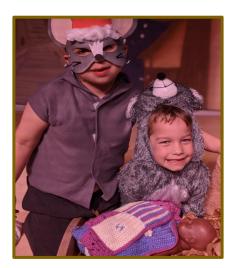












St John's Christmas Jumper Day, 15th December 2021

Next Wednesday (15th December 2021) is Christmas Jumper Day at St John's Church of England Primary School. A Christmas jumper is not essential. Christmas Jumper Day is an opportunity to celebrate the individuality which makes our school community so very special and wonderful. All Children are welcome to wear as little or much festive clothing as they feel comfortable with. Possible options include wearing festive coloured clothing, wearing an item of sparkly clothing, wearing festive hair accessories, pinning a piece of tinsel to a school jumper or cardigan top. Children are also welcome to wear their complete school uniform on the day. Please ensure that all clothing and footwear is suitable for a normal school day



Festive Celebrations at St John's School

Thank you to everyone for supporting our festive celebrations, these special events are part of a programme of events scheduled to take place throughout the school year.

It is important that we continue to work together to keep our community safe during the current Covid pandemic, therefore we ask that only **ONE family member attend per child.** Please wear a face covering unless except and please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.

Celebration	Year Group	Date	Time	
Christmas Jumper Day (no need to buy a Christmas jumper)	Whole School	15th December 2021	All Day	Pupils and staff only
Christingle	Year 2	20th December 2021	9:30am	One family member from Y2

Year One Dance Assembly

The Year One children expressed Joy, this month's value during a special dance assembly.





Jesse Tree Collective Worship

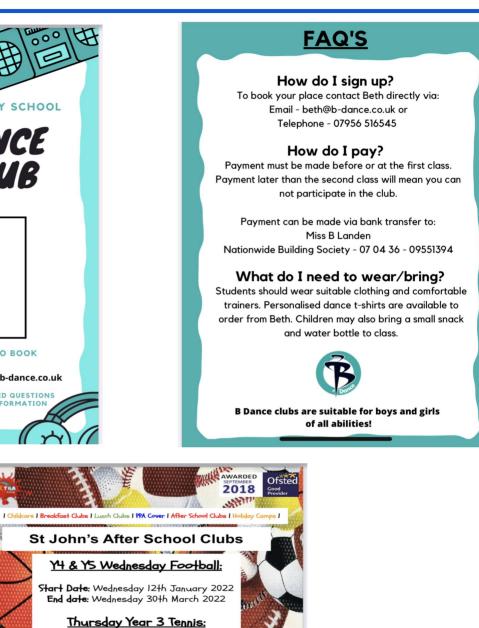
The Year Three classes learnt about The Jesse Tree during a recent retreat day. The children were delighted to have the opportunity to share what they had learnt during a special Collective Worship.



Extra Curricular Clubs

The following clubs are organised and run by external organisations and take place at St John's Church of England Primary School. Please contact the provider directly to book a place for your child.





Start Date: Thursday 13th January 2022 End date: Thursday 31st March 2022

3:15pm - 4:15pm

Book by 11th & 12th January

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Please go online to secure your child's booking: www.xtratime.co.uk CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Please then go to "School Sports Clubs" and then find the club you wish to book onto using the drop down box labelled "Select Your Child's School to Complete Your Booking Form"

Email: sportsservices@xtratime.co.uk

We run a Saturday football fun club every single week, all year round at Cassiobury Junior School for Ages 3-13 from 10am-12pm. Please see the site for more information and refer to our terms and conditions.

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Information for St John's Families

The Joy of Christmas: Thank you for your kind donations to the Joy of Christmas collection for the <u>Watford</u> and <u>Three Rivers Refugee Partnership</u>. There will be table outside school on Monday 13th December to collect final donations.



Medical Appointments: Please try to make appointments outside of school hours. If an appointment is for after 9:15am, we would expect them to come to school first to be registered and order their school lunch. If their appointment is before this, when you tell the office of the appointment please make sure that you tell us if they will be in school for lunch and what they would like to eat.

If your child has a medical appointment that has to take place during the school day, they should be away from school for the shortest time as possible.

SEND: Information about SEND support and resources can found on the <u>Inclusion Page</u> on the St John's Church of England Primary School website.

Admissions Consultation:St John's Church of England Primary School is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2023-24 and is seeking responses from parents/carers, schools and community group.

The consultation runs until 12th December 2021. Please view the **Consultations** page on our school website for full details. Comments should be sent direct to our school.

Past newsletters will be available as links on our school website. <u>https://watfordstjohns.org/info-for-parents/communication/</u>

Online Safety: For e-safety support and advice please click on this link Please click on the links below for more information on e-safety. Think you know Disney Wild About Safety Smartie The Penguin Childnet Safety Internet A useful guide to apps to help keep your child safe online