



Attendance this week = 90.56%

St John's Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together in Love and Respect



Friday 21st January 2022

Dear St John's families,

My goodness so much can change in a week. We have had various announcements regarding Covid 19 from the Government which give us a sign of hope for the future. However, we are also seeing a rise in Covid cases both amongst St John's Church of England Primary School children and staff as well as within the local area.

I would like to take a moment to say a huge thank all the school staff. Today, we have been pushed to our limit to keep your children's day running smoothly. We have maintained their learning and are keeping everything running with very high levels of staff absence. Each and every one of our staff is doing extra, being flexible, helping out and putting your children first.

We truly hope that we begin to see a change for the better from next. Please continue to help us by following all the guidance. We have got through everything that has come our way so far and I know we can continue to do so.

In Love and Respect

Mrs Samantha Da Costa
Headteacher

Reporting Absence

Please call to the school office on **01923 255 017** to know if your child is unwell and unable to attend school.

Please leave a message if your call isn't answered. Please include

- Child's full name
- Class
- Reason for absence

Key Dates

Wednesday 26th January,
7:30-8:30pm
St John's Parents' Forum
Online via Google Meets

8th & 10th February
Update on Learning for all year groups.

Letters will be sent to all St John's families with detail on timings and how to book an appointment.

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

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

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

Tuesday 10th May 2022
School Class Photographs

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Half Term

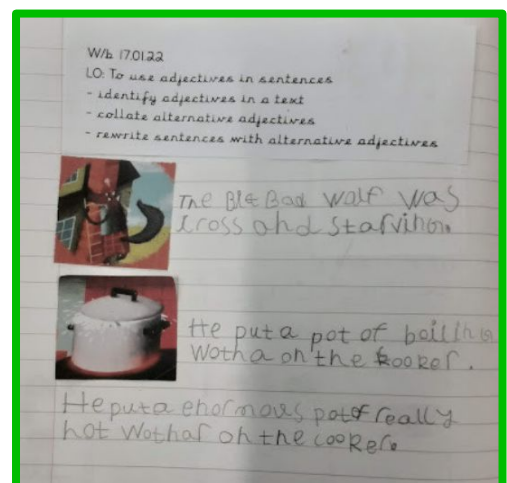
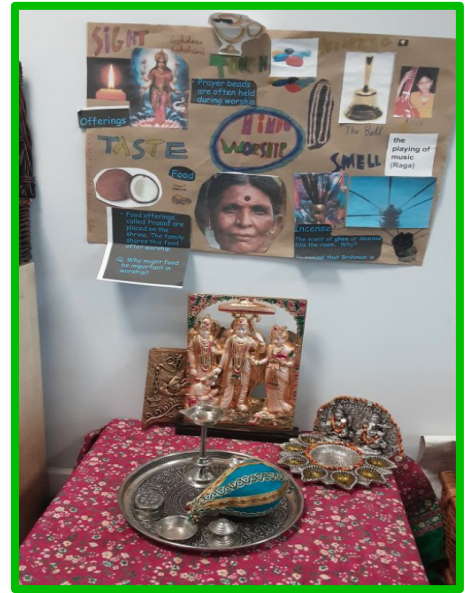
Monday 6th June 2022
Inset Day

21st July 2022
End of Term, School closes 2pm.
No After School Club

School Life at St John's C of E Primary



There was lots of exciting learning at school this week. The children learnt about different faiths, wrote short stories, read books about wolves, explored the world from new heights, discovered a variety of textures and viewed the architecture along Clarendon Road.



School Life at St John's C of E Primary



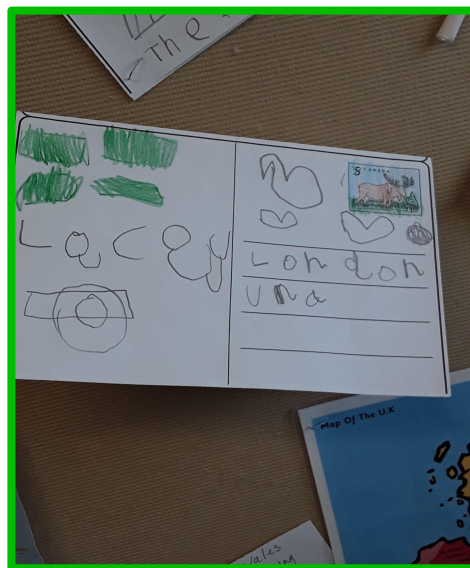
This week we have been looking at London as part of our topic. We read a story that showed there were 8 bridges over the River Thames, Ravel used the blue cloth to represent the River Thames and the kapla and blocks to make bridges.



The Reception children built a bus using the crates and we pretended that we were on a bus journey around London. We saw Buckingham Palace, Big Ben and Trafalgar Square.



In Reception, the children have been writing postcards from London. We've been really impressed with their efforts with their phonics and writing skills.



Information for St John's Families

Update on Learning

Update on Learning meetings are important meetings between individual St John's families and Class Teachers to discuss your child and their progress. The next Update on Learning meetings will take place via Google Meets on **Tuesday 8th February** and **Thursday 10th February 2022**.

A letter will be sent to all St John's families providing full details on how to book an appointment to meet with your child's Class Teacher.



St John's Church of England Primary School Parents' Forum

26th January 2022, 7:30-8:30pm

Parents and carers of children currently attending St John's Church of England Primary School are welcome to attend the online St John's Church of England Primary School Parents' Forum via Google Meets.

The meeting will be chaired by one of our Governors and a member of the school Senior Leadership Team. At times other members of the school community will also attend the meetings depending on the agenda items and what the school feels they would like to share with the parents & carers, such as new initiatives.

The Parent Forum meeting is an opportunity for parents & carers to share ideas and views on our school with the School Leadership Team and School Governors. It is not the forum to discuss concerns or complaints involving children, families or members of staff.

We will aim to have at least one Parent Forum every term. If you have any questions or ideas that you would like to raise at the forum, please email them in confidence to office@watfordstjohn.org using 'Parent Forum' as the subject.

Please visit [Eventbrite Website](#) to reserve your place at the forum.



Support for SEND families

Information about additional support available to St John's families can be found on the [Inclusion](#) page on the Watford St John's Church of England Primary School.

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Bag 2 School, Tuesday 1st February 2022

Bag 2 School collection is a fantastic opportunity to declutter your home, reduce the amount of pre used clothes that are sent to landfill all whilst raising important funds for our school. The Friends of St John's Church of England Primary School have arranged a [Bag2School](#) collection for **Tuesday 1st February 2022**.

If you have large amounts to donate, we will have a drive through donation at school between 6pm and 6:30pm.

Please fill bags with good quality pre owned clothing and shoes and bring your donation to school. More information about what can be donated can be found on the [Bag2School website](#). Please note that Bag2School no longer provide the bags, so any bags you have will do!

Home Learning

An overview of what the children will be learning at school this term can be found on the [Curriculum Information](#) page on the St John's Church of England Primary School website.

Home Learning Grids can be found on the [Communications and Homework](#) page on the St John's Church of England Primary School website.

