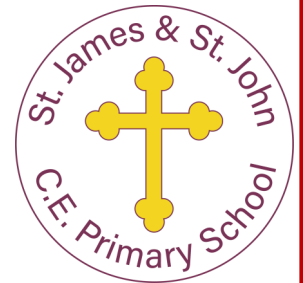


St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



Friday 13th December 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school is an exceptional place for children to learn. The personal development and the academic outcomes our children achieve are amongst the best in the country. As you know, our school belongs to a close partnership of five excellent schools. Working within this Partnership provides our school with the ability to offer our children an outstanding education. Why is this ?

- The large number of staff across the five schools means that we can provide very high quality and ongoing coaching and career development for our teachers
- Schools in partnerships such as ours attract the most highly qualified and ambitious staff because of the opportunities for development and promotion.
- Staff seek out our five Partnership schools as places to work and choose to stay, because of the high-quality curriculum which allows them to focus on planning for children's learning needs whilst having a reasonable workload.

Standalone one-form entry schools operating on their own are not able to offer this to pupils or staff. It is no coincidence that the majority of the Partnership schools are judged as Outstanding by Ofsted.

We are proud to belong to a partnership of schools that is being recognised as a model of outstanding practice to other schools by the local authority and the London Diocese.

With best wishes, **Mr Evans (Head of School)** and **Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)**



Christingle Service at St John's Church

Members of the choir 'shone', singing in a special Christingle service at St John's Church on Sunday with Mr. Miller (Choir Director) and choral scholars from the church. During the service, the children held their Christingle, their candles lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ.



Class Christmas Parties...

Children have enjoyed celebrating Christmas this week by having a special Christmas party. The children enjoyed playing party games, dancing, eating a delicious party tea and watching a Christmas film. A big thank you to members of the PFA for their help setting up the parties.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **13.12.2024**

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Y5** and pupils came to school every day; **Y5** really showed the school value of **Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance, this week. **James** and **John** (our attendance bears) will come and stay with **Y5** for the whole of next week :)

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school. Thank you for your help with



Important Dates for your Diary...



Monday 16th December - Nursery and Reception Christmas Party - children wear their own clothes. **Children picked up from Main Site at 3:15pm.**

Wednesday 18th December - Carol Service at St. John's Church (Y1 to Y6 pupils) - at 1:30pm - **all parents welcome!**

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th December - Last day of term. **Children finish school at usual 'pick up' time (3:00pm - Nursery; 3:15pm - Reception to Y6)**

Monday 6th January - Children back at school.

Our Prayer of the week...

Sunday marks the third Sunday of Advent...

Jesus,

You are peace even when there is hatred.

Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded.

Bring peace into our hearts, our classrooms and our homes.

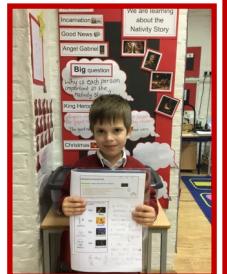
Amen



Children had great fun watching a pantomime performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' this week in the Main Hall, as part of our planned, special calendar of Christmas events.

Work of the Week!

Every week a brilliant piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). This week's brilliant piece of work is by **Alexandre** in Year 1.



Year 1 has been thinking about the Nativity story in RE. Their Big Question is 'Why is each person important in the Nativity story?' The class has discussed Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph and The Shepherds.

Alexandre worked hard to think about some examples of times when he showed kindness like Mary, patience like Joseph, care like The Shepherds and jealousy like King Herod.

Impressively, Alexandre went on to extend his thinking by writing about which Nativity character he would choose to be. He also used his knowledge of the Nativity story to explain his choice.

Well done, Alexandre.

Person of the Week!

Nursery - Amelia

Reception - Charlie

Year 1 - Alexey

Year 2 - Amira

Year 3 - Grayson

Year 4 - Sofia L

Year 5 - Eryn

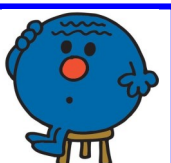
Year 6 - Isabella



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mr. Evans or Mr. Peters.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.





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