



St John's Newsletter

27th November 2020

An update from Mr Rubin...

It's been another action packed couple of weeks since I last wrote to you. We are rapidly approaching the Christmas season and whilst we know that things will be different, there will still be many similarities. Rehearsals are under way for our Nativity and Christmas play with our Early Years and Year One children. Our Year 2 children will also be entertaining us. Our plan is to live stream these events and details will follow.

Ms Bahi is working her Christmas magic throughout the school and, as always, our staff will be making sure that the children have a great time. Mr, Hurst has been working out the logistics and timetables for all of the fun in the weeks to come. Rest assured, he has included the class parties!

In the meantime, have a lovely weekend, stay safe and be kind to one another.



Compassion in Action

In the last newsletter we noted that our Value of the Term is Compassion. You will not be surprised to hear that our pupils are always doing something extra to help the people in their community.

Amy often walks home past a homeless person and wanted to give some of the food that we receive from The Felix Project to her to make sure that she had something healthy and nutritious to eat.

Thank you Amy. You are an excellent role model to others. It is so important to be kind and compassionate to people around us.

Thank you Federated Hermes

Thank you to our friends at Federated Hermes. They have donated £500 to our library. We will be sure to spend the money wisely. A number of their staff give up their time to read or work on maths with our children. In addition, Rowena who helps coordinate this also volunteers her services as a Governor.



Thank you!
Thanks to all of our kind and compassionate families we managed to raise £80.31 for Children in Need!



We now have 250 followers on Twitter. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. Please follow us @5tJohnsTower – it's a great way to see what is happening in school.



Collective Worship Update.

When times are tricky we look to find solutions so I am pleased to report that Mr. Bennett is still delivering Collective Worship through the wonders of technology as well as his weekly visits to specific bubbles. Last week, he talked about the Patriarchs of the Old Testament. We learnt about the story of Abram and Sarai and the births of Ismael and Issac. It was so interesting to hear about the links between Christianity, Judaism and Islam..



Class 4 Update

Children in Class 4 have been busy designing and making their own Christingles in class. Did you know that the word originates from the German word 'Christkindl' meaning Little Christ Child? It is used to celebrate Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. There were some very mouth-watering designs and certainly innovative.



Class 3 Update

It looks like Class 3 have really enjoyed their topic on Vikings. Their helmets, armour and shields are fantastic. I'm not sure who the scariest Viking is in this picture but there are plenty of candidates!

Oracy Update

Our children have been working hard to improve their oracy skills. You have seen how we practice at lunchtimes discussing a range of thought provoking questions. In these pictures, you can see members of Class 3 discussing with their friends whether they would rather be a wizard or a giant – there were many fabulous ideas! Class 6 can also be seen working on their presentations they are preparing for our former Chair of Governors Ian Graham who has been coaching the children. Children were asked to prepare a topic of their choice and talk about it for a minute using nothing but cue cards to support them. Thank you to Ian who has been so supportive with this project – it is really making a difference.

