



St John's Church of England First School

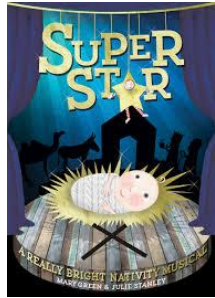
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Dear Parents & Carers

Christmas Performance

I am sure you will agree that all the children were fantastic in last week's performances. The children worked extremely hard and we received many complimentary messages about the standard of performance. Staff would especially like to thank parents & carers for their support in sending in costumes for their children.



Life Education Bus

Life Education
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The Life Education Bus will visit St John's on Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th January. Life Education is the UK's largest children's health education charity.

For each class group a session is delivered that is appropriate to the pupils' age and needs. Sessions are delivered by Life Education's own specially-trained Educators using a life-skills approach so that each year children increase their knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed health choices.

Topics covered include: how the body works, the importance of healthy diet and exercise, safe use of medicines, the risks of tobacco, alcohol and non-prescription drugs and emotional wellbeing (including bullying.) Emphasis is placed on teaching in a fun and interactive manner using music, sound and light effects as well as interactive technology and Life Education's life-sized illuminated model of the human body.

There is an information session for parents on Tuesday 9th January 2.45-3.15pm which you are welcome to attend.

Snacks

If your child is bringing in a snack for break-time, please could this either be a piece of fruit or decanted into a small named box - no wrappers please.

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Eco Schools

We are delighted to announce that St John's has been awarded our third consecutive Green Flag!

On Friday 24th November we were visited by Gill Hickman from the Eco Schools network. The School Council Eco-Warriors gave Ms Hickman a tour of our school grounds and told her about all the amazing work we do to look after the world around us. Ms Hickman was incredibly impressed with our pond, fruit trees, recycling and composting and enjoyed looking at photographs from last year's 'Bring a Bloom' day and hearing about our vegetable patches. She was also very impressed with how well the children articulated their understanding of why 'being green' is so important. She praised the way our curriculum incorporates strong links to environmental awareness and global learning.

Thank you to everyone for your support - it really is a team effort!

Local Community Christmas Singing

Pupils from Years 3 & 4 have been performing in carol singing events in the local community:

Year 4 pupils performed for the residents of Bennett Lodge and Year 3 at Allendale House. Both these events have become an annual tradition and are thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned.

Well done to all the children, and to the staff for ensuring they were so well rehearsed!!



Christingle Service

This will be held in St John's Church on Friday 15th December at 1.45pm. All parents & carers are welcome to attend. The children can be collected at the end of the service.

With regard to health & safety, please ensure that, where applicable, your child comes to school with long hair tied back and no adornments in hair please. Your support is appreciated.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Peaceful New Year.

Tuesday 2nd January 2018 is a training day; I look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K Anstey".

Mrs K Anstey
Head of School