



Love, Friendship and Forgiveness.



ST JOHN'S FIRST SCHOOL NEWS  
'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'  
1 John 4:7



11th January 2023



Dear Parents/Carers

Although we are well and truly back into the routine of school life, I would still like to wish you a very Happy New Year and a big welcome to the term. We have been discussing with the children what the new year may bring and how they might challenge themselves further by building on their wonderful achievements from last year.

I have also asked the children for their ideas for whole school improvements or changes. These will then be developed through the school council over the coming term.

Building on our work on the behaviour ethos we are looking more closely at the sparkle charter and our rewards system. You will have received a link to a pupil survey on Google Classroom asking the children their opinion on the current reward system. Please direct them to complete this if they haven't already. Reception children will receive this today via parentmail.

Best wishes

Mrs Reeves-Smith

#### Some of the new ideas for 2023

'I think there could be a singing club'

'A reading competition, how many books can you read?'

'Hold a class or whole school lego building competition'

#### Half Term Value

##### Courage

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1.9



## Miss Smith

We are delighted to announce that Miss Smith was one of the winners of the Unsung Heroes competition run by the Trust central team. Entrants were nominated by colleagues who wanted to show their appreciation. The Trust had 200 nominations, many of our heroes were nominated multiple times.

## Mr Herrington

We welcome Mr Herrington who will be working mainly with Snow Leopards for this half term.



**A big thank you to the School Council and Worship Teams for their hard work in the Autumn Term.**  
We are in the process of nominating new teams for this term.



Some of their thoughts about being on the team were:  
'You get to make the school stronger' Freya  
'You get to visit places' Hannah



Snow Leopards entertained and chatted with the residents of Bennett Lodge.



Friend's of St John's (PTA)  
Thank you!



Some of the winners of the Christmas bauble competition. Enjoying our party food.



Over the next few days the children will meet Harold the Giraffe.





### Harold

Harold is very shy but looks forward to seeing the children, especially his friends he has visited before. The younger children are encouraged to help him to stay healthy, to learn what to do if someone isn't feeling too well, and to give him advice when he has problems with his friends. They generally have a great time together and in addition to helping them remember what they learnt before, Harold tells the children jokes and sings them songs. Even when the children are older they still think Harold is "cool" and have respect for his wisdom and knowledge.

### Attendance

*Well done again Pandas*

 	
<b>Class Weekly Attendance</b> for Week beginning 02nd January 2023	
Elephants	98.9%
Giraffes	95.4%
Dolphins	97.4%
Pandas	100%
Snow Leopards	90.3%
Whole School	96.3%

### Dates for your diary

#### January 2023

**Wednesday 11th Thursday 12th** Life education visit  
Parent/Carer session on Wednesday 11 January at 2.45pm

#### February

**Friday 10 February** Celebration of learning 2:45 – 3:15 pm

#### Monday 13th - Friday 17th February - Half Term

**Monday 20th February** - Staff training day (no children in school)

#### March

**Wednesday 1st March-** Elephants' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

**Thursday 2nd March-** World Book Day

**Wednesday 8th March-** Snow Leopards' Class worship  
Parents invited 9-9.20am

#### **Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th Parent Consultations**

**Wednesday 15th March-** Pandas' Class worship Parents invited 9-9.20am

**Wednesday 22nd March-** Dolphins' Class worship Parents

invited 9-9.20am

Wednesday 29th March- Giraffes' Class worship Parents  
invited 9-9.20am

***Friday 31st INSET day- no children in school***

**April**

Easter Holiday Monday 3rd April- Friday 14th

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