



Newsletter 20
9th February 2024

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God.'
1 John 4:7



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Disco last Friday and to Tesco for donating the snacks. Also, thank you to all of the children who attended. There was plenty of smiling, laughing, singing and dancing! This event has raised £330 for the school.

Miss Beckett told us all about Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. She reminded us how to keep ourselves safe when we are using the internet. The children all completed learning and activities in their classroom to develop their understanding further.

On Wednesday, Dolphins entertained us with the first class worship of the year. They shared what they had been learning in English, geography, science and music. We were very impressed with their knowledge of Sir David Attenborough, animals, food chains and their amazing haiku poems. We also enjoyed listening to their beautiful singing about everyone sharing our wonderful world. Please check when your child's class worship is in the 'Dates for your Diary' section below.

Mrs Struck has been busy collecting resources for the Sparkle Time Gardening Club. Haskins have very generously donated plant pots, tubs, compost and seeds! Thank you! We are really excited to see our school garden grow and develop.



I hope you enjoy your half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 20th February.

Best wishes

Miss Michelle Prince
Headteacher

Half Term Value - Perseverance



This week, we learnt about the disciple Barnabas. The name Barnabas means 'Son of encouragement' and that is exactly what Barnabas was, an encourager! He always saw the good in people and was never slow in offering help and practical assistance to those in need. The Bible describes him like this:

"Barnabas was a good man full of the Holy Spirit and strong in faith."

Acts 11:24

Sometimes we can be so busy with our own challenges and goals that we don't think about those around us who may be struggling even *more* than we are. When was the last time you encouraged someone to keep going to achieve their goal?



Friends of St John's

The cake sale and pre-loved uniform sale has been rescheduled to take place after school on Friday 23rd February.

To celebrate World Book Day this year, Friends of St John's will be hosting a book fair straight after school on Friday 8th March. Please put this date in your diaries!

There will be books for sale from Usborne, a chance for the children to spend the book tokens they will be given at school, and we will be joined by Martin Brown, illustrator of the Horrible Histories series.

Friends will be running a second hand book stall so you can grab some bargains. If you are having a clear out over half term and have any second hand books suitable for preschool up to year 4, please put them aside to bring into school.

Thank you for your support.

Parents Consultations

Parents Consultations will take place after the half term break. Appointments can be made through Parentmail and the bookings are now live.

Staffing Update

Miss Foster will be leaving St John's on Friday 23rd February to pursue a new career working with animals. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Foster for her contribution to the school and wish her every success with her new adventure.



Lost Property

Please ensure that your child's clothing and uniform are named so that we can reunite any lost items with their owner.

Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term Break

Monday 19th February - INSET Day

Tuesday 20th February

Dentist Talk for Y1 and Y2

Friday 23rd February

Cake and Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Tuesday 27th February

Dentist Talk for YR

Parents Consultations (Y1-4) 3:30pm-6:30pm

Wednesday 28th February



Class Weekly Attendance
for Week beginning 29 January 2024

Elephants	96.1%
Giraffes	94.7%
Dolphins	91%
Pandas	89.6%
Snow Leopards	97%
Whole School	93.8%

Pandas Class Worship for parents 9:00am
Parents Consultations (YR-4) 3:30pm-6:30pm

Thursday 29th February

Parents Consultations (YR only) 3:30pm-6:30pm

Tuesday 5th March 9:00am

Giraffes Class Worship for parents

Wednesday 6th March

Snow Leopards Trip - Marwell Zoo

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 8th March

Book Fair

Tuesday 12th March

Experience Easter at the Minster for Year 3

Wednesday 13th March 9:00am

Snow Leopards Class Worship for parents

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