



St John the Baptist C.E. Primary School

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Newsletter

Wednesday, 15th November, 2017

Dear Parents,

SIAMS Inspection Report

Many of you will know that St John's is a Church Aided School and as such, as well as an Ofsted inspection we also have an additional church school inspection every few years. The phrase "church school inspection" is a little misleading, as the inspection does not just look at things to do with religion and the church. The inspection covers;

- school standards and how we meet the needs of youngsters - across all subjects,
- collective worship and how it impacts on the school community
- how well religious education is taught
- the effectiveness of school leadership

In the last week of last term our church inspection took place and I am pleased that to be able to tell you that it found the school to be outstanding across all key areas of the school's work. Please find a copy of the full report which affirms the work of the whole school community and on that note I would just like to thank everyone for the contribution that they have made, and continue to make, to the success of our school.

This Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day



To support Children in Need we will be having a Special treat tuck shop – we will be selling malt loaf/school bars/fruit bars etc. All items will cost 50 pence (maximum spend £1.50) and all proceeds will be donated to the Children in Need Appeal.

Children will need to wear school uniform as usual but will be welcome to wear the Children in Need fundraising accessories such as the Pudsey Ears if they wish.

Pop In Information Sessions

Thank you to those who joined us last week for our Pop In Sessions, we hope you found them useful. Pop In slides for each year group will be on year group pages on the website by the end of the week.

Year 6 Trip to Duxford

As part of their history topic as they learn about the Battle of Britain, the Year 6s took a trip to Duxford Air Museum last week. They all really enjoyed the chance to bring their learning to life!



Year 5 Trip to the Space Centre

Last Friday the Year 5 classes visited the Space Centre at Leicester to help their learning as part of their Space Topic.



Isabella and Jasmine have written about their exciting day :

Year 5's Trip to the Space Centre

On Friday the 10th November, Year 5 went to the National Space Centre in Leicester in order to help the children with their topic of Space.

When the bus arrived at the Space Centre, we walked to the entrance and were amazed to see such a great big building with an unusual, bee-hive shaped Rocket Tower beside it. We really wanted to go inside the tall dome and go to the top as it was so high.

Full of excitement, we walked in and saw mesmerising space-craft that were attached to the ceiling and the stairs that lead to the tower.

When we had visited all of the zones, we were buzzing to find out about facts on planets, meteors, stars etc. and couldn't wait to find out more later.

After lunch, we raced ahead because we were so excited about heading up into the Rocket Tower. When we reached the top, we felt like real-life astronauts going into space because it was so high up it was like we were leaving Earth! In the Tower, we saw moon rock, found out about life in the 1960's and pretended we were astronauts inside a space capsule. This part was great fun as the smoke made it feel realistic and it was cramped so it showed what it was like to be an astronaut.

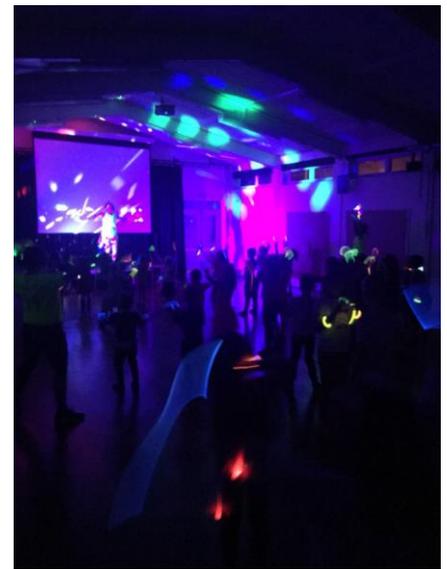
We also went to the Sir Patrick Moore's Planetarium, where we learned about outer-space, the human body and what astronauts do before/in space. It was such a huge screen that it made you feel like you were moving and we were zooming into outer Space! Being an astronaut would be really tricky because of all the dangers.

After that excellent experience, we finished the day off finding out a little more about space in all of the Zones. We found out about the Planets, which ones would float and how heavy we would be on them. The sun has such a huge gravitational pull! We played games on star constellations, went in a weather pod, mined moon rock and tried to land space-craft as well as finding out lots of information about astronauts.

Overall, the day was brilliant and we all really enjoyed our astronaut experience. This trip inspired many of us to continue learning about space; some of us even want to be scientists or astronauts when we become older and get jobs! Space is amazing!

Clubbercise Session

On Friday evening our Friends of School organised a fun virtual firework night for the children. Alison White, a trained Clubbercise instructor kindly offered her time to lead this event as the children put on their glow sticks, dimmed the lights and had lots of fun dancing the night away to their favourite tracks waving their glow sticks. A safe and fun way to celebrate fireworks night and exercise!



Parking Notice – please do not park in St. John's Care Home Driveway

Please can we once again remind you about parking considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. We understand that some parents are parking in the driveway of St. John's Care Home opposite school – please do not park there under any circumstances as access is needed at all times for staff and emergency vehicles.

Rotary Christmas Shoe Boxes

As we mentioned last week, following your fantastic support on our recent non-uniform day, each class of children have been able to put together several wonderful boxes of gifts for children far less fortunate than themselves. These boxes, along with boxes filled by staff and parents, a grand total of 55 boxes, were presented to the Rotary Club for distribution last week.



Non Uniform Day in exchange for Christmas Fair Raffle & Tombola Prizes

On Friday the 1st December we will be having our usual pre-Christmas Fair non-uniform day in exchange for raffle and tombola prizes for the Fair.

Unfortunately as this the day that our School Choir have been invited to attend the Local Schools Choir Competition over at Spalding Parish Church, we ask that our School Choir members going along to take part in this event still wear their school uniform for this part of the day, but are welcome to bring their own clothes to change into when they return to school. Thank you.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 9th December

As the weeks go by our Christmas Fair is getting nearer, and plans are well underway to organise the event :

If you are able to help with this organisation in any way or help on the day – please let us know! This is always such a fun and exciting afternoon and a lovely start to our Christmas activities which is enjoyed by everyone, and in order to be able to do this we do need as much help as possible!

All donations for raffle prizes are gratefully received – if you have links with any local businesses that may be happy to donate to support our school, we would be grateful if you could ask!

And as usual we will be asking for as much help on the day as possible – there will be lots of things to be done at different times of the day; setting up stalls, manning the stalls, tidying up, etc. A letter will be coming home shortly asking for volunteers - please sign up if you can – even if just for one hour, all help is very gratefully received. Thank you.



Do you have a business you would like to advertise in our Christmas Fair Brochure or do you know anyone else who would?

As usual we will be producing a small brochure that will be distributed to everyone who attends our Christmas Fair (don't forget – we have over 400 children in school; that's a lot of people!!).

We would like to offer **adverts** within the brochure for local businesses to advertise themselves. Would you be interested to advertise your business or do you know someone who would? The brochure will be an A5 booklet and a full page advert costs £15. If you wish to advertise, please email your advert in PDF format to Nikita at - nikitahol2004@hotmail.com and you will be invoiced for the payment – please note that no adverts will be included unless payment has been received.

Music Tuition

For children who take music tuition in school, please note that payment is due this week for terms 3 & 4. If you wish to cancel the tuition for terms 3 and 4, the deadline for this is the 23rd November. Thank you.

Year 6 PGL Payments

Just a reminder to all Year 6 parents paying for the PGL trip by instalments – another instalment is due this week - £45.00. Cheques payable to “St. John the Baptist Primary School” please.

Celebration Worship

This year we have changed the way our Award certificates will be presented and they will now be presented at the end of our Wednesday Collective Worship in Church.

NEXT Wednesday, 22nd November, the following **Key Stage 2** children will receive their awards in Church:

Chloe (5MB)
Isobel K. (5MB)
Maisie (5MB)
Patryk (5MB)



The following week, **Wednesday 29th November**, the following **Key Stage 1** children will receive their awards in Church:

Ashton (Rec)
Emilio (Rec)
Heather (Rec)
Lleyton (Rec)
Molly (Rec)
Noah (Rec)
Winston (Rec)

These presentations will take place at the end of our Church Wednesday Worship – so please go to Church through the gate and enter Church via the Church Lounge Door. Our service begins at 9.00 am. If you have any queries about these arrangements then please contact the school office.



Why not come and join our Wednesday Collective Worship in Church

This term our worship will focus on our values of – courage, forgiveness, compassion and justice. We hope that this term you might be able to join us for some of Worship on Wednesday at 9a.m. in church..

The pattern of worship for this term is as follows

22nd November – Key Stage 2

29th November – Key Stage 1

6th December – Key Stage 2

13th December – Key Stage 1

Tuesday 19th December – Whole School Carol Service 1.45pm

**Our new delicious Winter menu is now available
please remember to book your child's hot meals –
Please book meals for week commencing 27th November by midnight tomorrow.**

<http://hotmeals.st-john.lincs.sch.uk>



Telephone: 07784499965 during Kid's Club opening hours only.

Our Breakfast Club opens at **7.30 am** (£3.00 per session) and the After School Club runs until **6.00pm** (£6.00 per session).

Bookings should be made using the booking forms, which are available from Mrs. Gilbert, the school office and the school office.



Christmas Break Holiday Club

Our Christmas Holiday Club will be open
Wednesday 20th December to Friday 22nd December

Diary dates :

Don't forget to look at our new website for a full list of the year's dates and things happening in school....

23rd November

1st December

7th December

9th December

19th December

Year 6 visit to Christmas Unwrapped

Non uniform day in exchange for raffle & tombola prizes for Fayre

Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day

Christmas Fair – 12 noon till 3.00pm

Last day of Term 2