

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

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Newsletter

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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and many thanks for all the cards and gifts sent to staff. It is lovely to welcome the children back and see them refreshed and keen to learn. You will be receiving your child's Curriculum Newsletter to let you know what the children will be learning this term and an invitation to Maths Open Mornings so you can see how maths is taught. Class teachers will also be sending home an 'Autumn Term Assessment' information sheet so you can see how well your child progressed last term.

We had a wonderful end of term - EYFS, KS1 and KS2 gave super Christmas performances. We were incredibly proud of all the children and many parents and visitors commented on the quality of the singing and the acting which was exceptional.



KS2 'Gimme Gimme Gimme'



Christingle

Thank you to Rev Sue for a magical Christingle Service at St. John's Church and to all our families who joined us.



Christmas Lunch



The children had so much fun at the Christmas lunch and class parties; a massive thank you to our PTFA.



Our Christian Value for this half term is 'Hope'. In worship the children have been thinking about their hopes for a better world and how they can do something about it.



Many thanks for completing the Parental Questionnaire's last term -129 were returned. The information will be shared with governors at their next meeting and with yourselves very soon. Although 97% agreed that school keep them well informed, a few parents suggested it could be better and we will try our best. However a lot of time and money goes into producing this fortnightly newsletter which can also be accessed on our website and we know that not all parents are reading or receiving it due to the volume of telephone calls we receive about information already sent. Similarly, although Mrs Williams has sent Parentpay messages about **all** after school clubs, she has still received numerous phone calls. Please read all Parentpay texts or emails that come through and keep us informed of any telephone/email changes. School pays for texts to be sent to parents, but it doesn't cost parents. If we work together I'm sure communication will be even stronger.



Digging for the Community

As part of the #iwill campaign to encourage young people to get involved with their community, the Rotary club invited our Year 6 Eco Club to get their hands dirty and help plant 100 trees at the Rockwell Nature Reserve. As part of the Green Tree Schools Award, our Eco Club have used their initiative and ideas to organise and take part in a number of events to raise awareness of ongoing environmental issues.



Parking Reminder

A number of parents have complained about irresponsible parking of cars on yellow lines outside of school which is causing a danger to our children and parents. Be warned we will pass on registration details to the relevant authorities so please ensure that other family members picking up children are aware.



Mr Quinn has a new Board Games afterschool club for KS1 & KS2 on Tuesdays.

This is replacing last term's Basket Ball Club. There are just a few places available for the Sing & Sign Club on Monday's. Please call into the office if your child would like a place (first come first serve basis).



Next week your child will be bringing home the new menu for the Spring and Summer. Please return your meal choices by Friday 25th January 2019. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking to reorganise our EYFS play area and would like any donations of the following:

- * small tents
- * any good decking type wood
- * old metal utensils
- * fabric

If you can donate any of the above please contact the school office or see any Nursery staff. Many thanks.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Well done to all 73 children who managed to achieve 100% attendance last term or achieved over 98%, despite all the nasty bugs going around! Our overall attendance for last term was 96.90% and every class apart from Reception achieved above our target of 96.4% - fantastic!

CLASS	%	POSITION
Reception	94.89	7th
Year 1	97.00	5th
Year 2	97.05	4th
Year 3	98.16	1st
Year 4	96.65	6th
Year 5	97.35	2nd
Year 6	97.18	3rd

Fun with Maths

A FREE course for parents, grandparents and carers to understand current methods used in school through fun games and activities to support your child's maths.

St John's CE Academy
Starting Tuesday 15th January
5 week course
1pm - 3pm

Call into the school office to book a place.

Are you a parent or carer of a child with additional needs?



We would like to invite you to come and share what you think about the services you currently access and what you feel is missing or could be improved.

Where: Pease Suite in the Dolphin Centre
When: Wednesday 23rd January 2019
Time: 10.15am until 2pm

This event is free, lunch will be provided along with a goodie bag as a thank you!

To book a place please go to:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/your-voice-matters-parent-carer-event-tickets-535336004400

Any questions or would like more information ring Donna or Joanne on 03000051213

DATES FOR DIARIES

18.1.19	MP Jenny Chapman visiting Y6 - 9.30am
22.1.19	Maths Open Morning - 9 - 9.30am
23.1.19	Maths Open Morning - 9 - 9.30am
24.1.19	Maths Open Morning - 9 - 9.30am
24.1.19	Collective Worship with Major Shirley (Salvation Army)
1.2.19	Theatre performance of 'The Selfish Giant' in school - no money required
5.2.19	Internet Safety Day 'Working together for a better internet'
15.2.19	Break up
25.2.19	Return to school
3.4.19	Open Evening & Afternoon for Y1, Y2 & Y3
4.4.19	Open Afternoon for Y4, Y5 & Y6