



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter 22 January 2024



Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3! It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school. Although the weather is slightly chilly, the smiley faces I see each day are enough to warm everyone up.

We are all ready for another exciting term at school. Year 6 have their trip to Seville to look forward to, Year 4 are having a Viking day, Year 2 have their class assembly and we will be celebrating 'Safer Internet Day' on 6th February. More details on all of these will be shared in the coming weeks.

As well as all of that, next week we are hoping to see the start of our sensory area being created. This is the area on the meadow outside Year 1.

We are looking forward to this area becoming a more useable space for our children.

Mrs Pullan

Polite Reminders



Please note that we are a nut-free school. Therefore can we kindly remind parents and carers to ensure no nut products are put in snack or lunch boxes.



As the weather is now turning colder, please ensure your child brings a named coat to school with them every day.



Please can we remind you that children do not need to bring in fidget toys from home. Those children who are identified as needing them will be provided with them in school.

Dates for your diary



- 29.01.24-02.02.24—Year 6 trip to Seville
- 30.01.24—Young Voices Choir trip
- 02.02.24—09.15 Year 2 Class Assembly
- 06.02.24—Safer Internet Day
- 09.02.24—14:00 Sharing afternoon
- 09.02.24—Last day of term 3
- 19.02.24—First day of term 4
- 20.02.24—Year 4 swimming
- 29.02.24—Year 4 Carrotty Wood

Prayer

Dear God,
Help us to remember that everyone is worthy of belonging, not because we are alike, but because we are all of value.

May we always include others so no one is left alone

Amen.

Special mentions—Week beginning 08 January 2024

- Reception-** Frederica and Phoebe for showing great teamwork and perseverance to make a circuit to light up the bulbs. Well done!
- Year 1-** Arthur P, for his great reading and for making good choices whilst sitting on the carpet during learning time. Keep it up!
- Year 2-** Sima, for working hard to develop her knowledge of 3D shapes and then using her new-found skills to help her peers.
- Year 3-** Noah, for working quietly and diligently, listening well and always trying his best.
- Year 4-** Ellie, for writing the most powerfully emotive poem in our independent writing called 'I am strong'. You persevered with learning new technology too. We are very proud of you!
- Year 5-** Erskine and Mats, for being good Samaritans at play and lunchtimes and helping another member of the class.
- Year 6-** Luca P, for being a good Samaritan helping a younger visitor to the school when they were in need.
- Petra, for being an amazing learning partner during our English work.

Well done to you all!

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Celebrating our children's successes



Last weekend Teddy, Etive and Felix from Year 3 represented The Sevenoaks Hockey Club U8 team at The Ashford mixed tournament.

They played 5 matches, did exceptionally well and had lots of fun! Great effort team!

Uniform reminders:

We have noticed a dip in the standard and smartness of school uniform.

Please remember:

- ◆ Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. Hair bands should be blue.
- ◆ Winter uniform includes a tie that should be worn.
- ◆ School shoes should be worn everyday, not trainers.
- ◆ All items of school uniform should be named.



Please refer to our [uniform policy](#) available on our website.

Thank you.

Special mentions—Week beginning 15 January 2024

Reception - Zephyr, for being kind and caring to your friends (and teachers!) and being an amazing role model to all!

Year 1- Rei, for making such an improvement with your maths and phonics recently! You have been a superstar!

Year 2- Max, for showing excellent focus during learning time and for including amazing alliteration when describing a firework.

Year 3- Annabel, for her mature attitude and always working well in class. We love your positivity!

Year 4- Freddie, for your thoughtful reflections in RE that show your understanding and empathy and your amazing poem in English that once again reflects your thoughtful nature. Keep up this great effort!

Year 5- Amelie, for persevering in maths when she found it challenging. Well done!

Year 6- Teddy, for being a supportive work partner and helping a new member of our school community settle in so well!

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