



**St John's**  
CE Primary School

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## December Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are nearly at the end of our first term this academic year with only four days left to go - and what a term it has been. We have so much to celebrate and there is lots of information about our achievements this term below. We hope that you all have a happy and blessed Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in January.

Mrs Cook

### Staffing Changes

We are very sad to tell you that Mrs Dyson - our Reception class teaching assistant - will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Dyson has been working with us for over 2 years now but has decided that she wants to go back into teaching and so will be pursuing this after Christmas.

We are, however, delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs French as an EYFS teaching assistant for the next two terms. Mrs French has recently qualified as a Level Two Teaching Assistant and has completed her placements with us here at St John's. She will be working mainly in nursery which will allow Mrs Knight to support with covering different classes in the afternoons and supporting in the Reception class in the morning. Mrs Knight is a Higher Level Teaching Assistant and is really looking forward to working across EYFS and KS1 and the children can't wait to work with her.

### Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Fair - we have raised and banked over £1250. Unfortunately, we are aware that at least £30 was stolen from one of the stalls during the evening. This means £30 less going towards supporting your children - and also means that we will need to spend some of the money raised on money belts so that this does not happen again. Mrs Chesters and Miss Roe put a huge amount of time and effort into organizing our fair - and it is very sad that this time and effort has not been respected by everyone.

### Rights Respecting School Bronze Award

We are hugely proud that we have been awarded the Bronze Award for Rights Respecting Schools. This is linked to the UNICEF Rights of a Child. Through earning this award together young people and the school community learn about children's rights, putting them into practice every day. The Award is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults do. In Rights Respecting Schools children's rights are promoted and realised, adults and children work towards this goal together.

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There are four key areas of impact for children at a Rights Respecting school; wellbeing, participation, relationships and self-esteem.

The difference that a Rights Respecting School makes goes beyond the school gates, making a positive impact on the whole community.

Children are healthier and happier

Children feel safe

Children have better relationships

Children become active and involved in school life and the wider world

We will now start working towards our Silver Award and look forward to sharing news of our journey towards this with you.

#### Lateness

We are conscious that several pupils are consistently late. Please remember that the gates open at 8.40am and doors open at 8.45am. Everyone should be in class by 8.55am. Learning starts straight away at St John's and several children are missing out on important parts of their education by being consistently late.

#### PE Days for Y1-Y6

We will continue with pupils in Y1 to Y6 coming in their PE kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note that PE uniform is white t-shirt, black leggings or jogging bottoms and school jumper. Children who come to school in nonuniform jumpers will be given a school one to wear for the day. Red or school fleeces may also be worn in place of a jumper.

#### Snacks

A reminder that children should not bring snacks in for break times. If your child has a packed lunch then this will be eaten at lunchtime. All children have access to fruit at breaktimes for a snack. Please also note that due to severe allergies in the school no nut products are allowed in school - this includes chocolate spread with nuts in eg Nutella.

#### Spring - Diary Dates

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February - 10am - Christingle Service - St Thomas' Church - Reception to Y6

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - 8am - Family Breakfast - School Hall - All Welcome

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February - 4.30pm-5.30pm (EYFS and KS1); 5.45-6.45pm (KS2) - School Disco

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Y5 Swimming at Bury Swimming Pool (every afternoon)

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March - 8am - Family Breakfast - School Hall - All Welcome

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March - 3.45pm-6.10pm - Parents/Carers' Eve

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 10am - Easter Service - St Thomas' Church - Reception to Y6

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