# November Events at St John's



**We have a number of events coming up for children, parents/carers and families. We return from half term on Monday 2nd November.**

**Bonfire Celebrations and Safety Messaging including Thursday 5th November: Non-uniform day (wear sparkly or colourful clothes) for £1** donation – children will be doing some bonfire themed crafts to bring home along with a message about how to be safe around fireworks. Money raised will go to each class buying Christmas craft activities for our final special week in December.

**Training for our Y6s in preparation for high school:** This year we are taking part in a travel training programme for Y6s to help them be independent ahead of high school. Children will be working on travel and road safety skills for 3 weeks ahead of a training (supervised) bus and tram ride so they are confident using public transport. This begins on Thursday 5th November and will be weekly during November.

**Thursday 12th November: Cosy Reading Event in School Hall at 3.30pm:** A flickering (fake!) fire, beanbags, biscuits, books – what could be better than coming to read with your child for 5-10 minutes after school. Have a look at our selection of great new library books and chat to staff about book choices etc. Every child that comes will be entered into a raffle for a great book prize!

**Friday 27th November: Non-uniform day for an old teddy/soft toy donation:** We are getting ready for our Festive Fun Hour – please send an old teddy/soft toy you no longer want into school, if you can for one of our stalls.

**Clubs:** As this coming half term involves dark nights when clubs would end at 4.30pm we have moved our extra-curriculum clubs (apart from our girls' football team who are working with an outside coach) to lunchtimes to ensure maximum numbers of children can attend. This half term we have the following clubs: chess, board games, mindfulness colouring, reading, Lego and choir as well as a sports activity outside.

## December Events for your Diary



**Family Breakfast –Thursday 3rd December from 8am in School Hall:** Come along for breakfast and a chance to meet up with other families, chat to school staff informally and enjoy breakfast together. No charge – everyone is welcome.

Each year we offer an opportunity for families to look at our **PSHE and Relationships curriculum** which teaches children how to stay safe at home, how to stay safe in the

community and how to make happy and healthy relationships and friendships (kindness, respect and valuing everyone). For our older children in KS2 this includes age-appropriate body changes (puberty, needing to use deodorant) as well as in Y6 sessions from the School Nurses about where babies come from). If you can't make December Family Breakfast and are interested in seeing our curriculum, let us know.

**Radcliffe Hub opening – date to be confirmed:** Y5 have been involved in writing a song for the Radcliffe Hub opening and a selection of children from our school will be invited to the opening of the Hub to perform. We are really proud to take part in this and looking forward to ensuring all the children can visit the library. Y4 are booked into the swimming pool for lessons in Spring term too!

**Friday 4th December: Non-uniform day for chocolate donation:** We are getting ready for our Festive Fun Hour – please send a chocolate donation in for one of our stalls.

**EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance – Wednesday 9th December at 10am or 2pm:** Nursery and Reception will be performing Christmas songs and Y1 and Y2 will be retelling the Christmas Story. Their performances will follow on from each other with no interval – so the whole event will last just around 45 minutes. You will be able to collect children at the end of the afternoon performance.

**Thursday 10th December 3.30-4.30pm in the Hall: Festive Fun Hour:** Each class are running a stall or game to help us all have some fun and raise money for school equipment. Last year this was great fun with games, toys, chocolate and cakes. Come along with some £1 coins to spend.

**Whole School Pantomime – Aladdin – Tuesday 15th December:** The whole school will be watching a pantomime together. A huge thank you to the teaching staff who have raised the money for this event by mentoring trainee teachers and speech and language therapists this term.



**Final week in school of special activities:** more details to come but we will be having a special visitor delivering presents for all the children, our KS2 Christmas Service in Church to which all our parents will be invited, a Christmas lunch, a special interactive whole school Christmas quiz, Christmas crafts in every class and a chance to celebrate together as our school family.

## Friday 18th December – school closes for the break at 2pm

*Thank you for all your support in September and October, enjoy the half term holiday.*