



November and Christmas Events at St John's



We have a number of events coming up for children, parents and families.

Family Breakfast – Thursday 27th November 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.

Mr Thomas will be happy to talk to families about our PSHE curriculum (Personal, Social and Health Education) which helps children learn about healthy relationships, keeping safe online and in the real world – road safety, fire safety etc., looking after our bodies and minds and learning about caring for the world and jobs/careers. Governors have recently looked at a new Relationships Education Policy and would welcome your views – so this will all be available for you to look at and comment on, along with lesson plans so you can see what teachers may be covering.

After the breakfast Lauren from our Mental Health Support Team will be running a free short workshop on helping your child manage worries and concerns – so if your child is a ‘worrier’ then do stay on and learn some new ways to support them. At the breakfast KS1 and EYFS parents will be able to collect **2 tickets per family for our Christmas performance on Tuesday 9th December**. There will be 75 tickets for the 10am and 75 for the 2pm performances. You can choose which performance time you would like tickets for. After the breakfast, they will be available from School Office between 9-9.15am or 3.30-3.45pm.



Can you help us get ready for our 'St John's Festive Fun Hour'?

We will be having a whole hour of stalls, games and Christmas fun after school on Thursday 11th December. Can you help us by donating:

- Chocolate (any type, size)
- Unwanted small gifts of any kind
- Sweets (any type, size)
- Unwanted, clean soft toys that need a new home
- Chocolate coins
- Other Christmas gifts you would like to donate and we can use for prizes.

On Friday 28th November we are having a non-uniform day. Children can bring in any donation from the list above and wear their own clothes. Our Festive Fun Hour will raise money for School Council (children) to choose new lunchtime activities for all to enjoy.

Friday 28th November – Non-Uniform Day for Festive Fun Hour Donations

Family Pantomime Trip – Friday 5th December (after school)

Mrs Knight has organised tickets and transport to Beauty and Beast Pantomime at Bolton Victoria Hall. This is an opportunity to go to a panto if you don't have travel of your own. As a company, Icon Training are paying for the coach. This means the cost will be only £7.50 per ticket (you need to buy a ticket for all going including children). The coach will be leaving from school at 5.30pm and should return around 9.15pm. There are 27 places available and they can be secured by payment – we can't confirm a place until money is received. Children have to be accompanied by an adult. Please email the School Office and let them know how many places you would like and they will send you a payment link. Places are only confirmed once payment is received.

EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance – Tuesday 9th December at 10am or 2pm

Nursery and Reception will be performing a number of 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 about 45 minutes, so those attending will see both EYFS and KS1. You will be able to collect children at the end of the afternoon performance. Entrance is by ticket only (see overleaf for how to collect them).

Whole School Pantomime – Cinderella – Wednesday 10th 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.

Festive Fun Hour – Thursday 11th December 3.30-4.30pm in the Hall

Each class are running a stall or game to help us all have some fun and raise money for school equipment.

KS2 Christmas Service in Church – Thursday 18th December at 10am – families welcome

Y5 will be telling the Christmas story, each class (Y3/4/5/6) will present a special song and we will be joining in carols as a whole school community. Come and join with us as we think about Jesus as the reason for the Christmas celebrations.

Friday 19th December – school closes for the break at 2pm

There will be other activities such as a special Christmas lunch, Santa visit and Christmas quiz – children will have lots of opportunities to enjoy this time of year.