

St Johns CE (VC) First School

Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017



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DIARY DATES 2017-2018



Sunday 26th November	-	Brewood Lights switch on
Monday 27th November	-	Trial new lunch provider
Thursday 30th November	-	Immunisations
Sunday 3rd December	-	Christingle service, 10am St John's Church
Monday 4th December	-	In school pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'
Thursday 7th December	-	Oaks carol concert, St John's Church 6pm
Monday 11th December	-	Library bus
Tuesday 12th December	-	Acorns and Saplings Nativity 6pm
Wednesday 13th December	-	Children's Christmas dinner
Wednesday 13th December	-	Acorns and Saplings Nativity 2pm
Thursday 14th December	-	Whole school Snowdome visit
Tuesday 19th December	-	Break up for Christmas
Friday 12th January	-	Young Voices
Monday 22nd January	-	Library bus
7th-9th February	-	Scholastic Bookfair
Monday 12th February	-	Library bus
Thursday 15th February	-	Half term
Friday 16th February	-	Inset Day
Thursday 1st March	-	World Book Day
Monday 5th March	-	Library bus
Wednesday 14th March	-	Wolgarston Dance Festival
Thursday 29th March	-	Break for Easter
Wednesday 25th April	-	Oaks class to Kingswood
Friday 25th May	-	Half term
Friday 6th July	-	Languages Day
Thursday 12th July	-	Transition day
Friday 20th July	-	Summer hols

School Policies

Our policies are reviewed on a regular basis and statutory policies can be found on the school website or requested from the school office.

Attendance

Well done to the following classes for the week ending 24th November 2017

Acorns	94%
Year 1	94.55%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.95%
Year 4	95.83%

Whole School Year 96.59%

**Our target for the year is
98.5%**

Child of the Week

Well done to the following children week ending 24th November 2017

Acorns	Lilly-May
Saplings	Tiffany
	Hope
Oaks	Harry C
	Evia

Headteacher Award

Well done to Joel for achieving this week's award!



Christingle

There will be a Christingle service in St John's Church on Sunday 3rd December at 10.00am

It would be lovely to see you there as children will be making Christingles in school for the service.



Punctuality

Can we remind parents that the classroom doors open at 8.50am and children should be in class and ready to start learning at 9.00am.

Any children arriving after this time should be brought via reception and signed in with the reason for being late.

THANK YOU

Brewood Lights



Brewood light switch on takes place on Sunday 26th November

Members of Oaks class will be performing at 3.50pm

You should meet Mrs Myatt in the Jubilee Hall at 3.30pm





Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December

Children will be served a traditional Christmas dinner on this day or a Quorn roast as the vegetarian option. Please place your order on Parentpay by Friday 1st December at the latest

2018-2019 Inset dates

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Friday 26th October 2018

Friday 15th February 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019

A copy of the full term dates can be found on our website

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Flu Immunisations

A reminder that flu vaccinations will be given in school on Thursday 30th November for those who have handed in a consent form. More information can be found using the link below:

<https://www.staffordshireandstokeonrent.nhs.uk/Services/school-Age-immunisation-team.htm>

If there have been any changes to your child's health since handing the form in please seek guidance from the immunisation team.

Our 'Friendship Day' raised

£62.65 for the charity

Kidscape

Thank you to everyone for your donations



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 15th December

Children can wear their Christmas jumper instead of their school jumper with normal uniform for a donation to Save the Children



BBC
Children
in Need

St John's raised

£148.80

Well done to everyone



New Lunch Provider Trial Week

We will be trialling the new lunch provider next week.

As usual if you haven't pre-ordered a meal for your child they will only be able to order the main choice.

We welcome you and your child's feedback following the trial.

SANTA CLAUS
NORTH POLE

Acorns and Saplings children will be writing to Santa next week and should send a self-addressed envelope with a stamp on it into school in order to get a reply from the North Pole!

Reverse Advent Calendar

The season of Advent is fast approaching and so we have decided to set up a reverse Advent calendar. The idea of this calendar is to put something in rather than getting something out, however we will not be asking for items on a daily basis as we appreciate this time of year is a costly and busy one. Whilst we continue to support the shoe box appeal for overseas, we thought it important to support people who are facing difficulties locally and therefore our donations will go to The Good Shepherd in Wolverhampton.

We hope to collect a variety of items in order to make several boxes up, items can be brought in any day of the week but we have divided them into categories

Week 1 Monday 20th November - Tinned food
(Fruit, vegetables , soup, corned beef,)

Week 2 Monday 27th November - Toiletries
(Soap, toothpaste, shower gel,)

Week 3 Monday 4th December - Packets / sauces
(Pasta, biscuits, rice, curry sauce)

Week 4 Monday 11th December - Extras
(chocolate treats, gloves, scarves, hot chocolate powder)

Please note all items need to be new/unopened and in date, unfortunately we cannot accept any alcohol or tobacco products.

We hope you will help us support this effort in making a difference, if you have any queries please see Mrs Byrne or a member of the school Council.

Thank you in advance.



Thank you to everyone who have supported our recent school disco and Halloween party. The feedback from both was very positive. As a new group we are starting from scratch, so we are in the difficult position of having no money to support the school, which is why we are working hard to provide fun activities whilst doing vital fundraising. The school has asked us to support them in transporting the children to Young Voices in January, so we need your support to make this happen. Even if you just turn up and enjoy the fun.

We have lots planned for the rest of the academic year. We are working hard with the Bishops Wood Village Hall committee to ensure that we support each other, as a community, which we feel is very important.

Up and coming events:

Christmas Lights Switch On. Fantastic Raffle Prizes to be won. £1 a strip. Remember you can send your money into school and we will send tickets back to you. Or grab Kate Mills, Emma Playford or Barbara Sandland on the playground. We will also be doing a Water or Wine Stall on the night.

Family Christmas Party. We shall be running a tuck shop while watching all the fun. Free event so come along and support the village.

Christmas Quiz for the kids..



Do you know who is hiding behind Santa's beard and hat?



If the answer is yes then give our fun Christmas Quiz a go. £1 gets you a quiz sheet to take home and write the names of all the animated characters hidden behind Santa's hat and beard.

All entries with the most correct answers will be put into a draw and a winner will be announced during school assembly on Friday 15th December



Don't forget to find our Facebook page. We regularly update what is going on. And put up in class reminders too, to help out all of us busy parents.

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!
Please place your money in an envelope with your child's name on it and send it to the school office.

