



# St John's News

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I don't think it is too late to be saying that just yet! What a stressful start we had to the new school year with all that snow and ice! Thankfully we managed to stay open throughout the week and very well done to the overall majority of children who also managed to make it into school for the whole week, I am very proud of you!

We have lots of exciting curriculum events going on this year so keep your eyes on the Dates for Your Diary section of the Newsletters where we will endeavour to keep you up to date. We are starting off this year with a very special 'Vision Day' for the children tomorrow. This will be to really look in depth into what we do at St John's and why we do what we do! Our school Vision, as you know, is *"Where everyone shines with God's love"*, this is based on the Bible quote, *"Let your light shine"*, (Matthew 5.16). St John's ensures that each and every child is given as many opportunities to shine in every way they can at school, and that they are all special in our eyes and in the eyes of God. We are very much looking forward to a special day of lovely events. Don't forget to ask your child about it when they come home.

What a fabulous start we have had this year already!

Miss Parker

## Attendance

National Target for Attendance	Percentage Attendance For the Period 03.09.24 - 10.01.25	
	<b>96%</b>	Robins
Heron		94.2
Kestrels		94.6
Kingfishers		91.7
Falcons		96.5
<b>Owls</b>		<b>98.8</b>
<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>		<b>94.8</b>

Attendance is still slipping a little due to all the bugs that are currently going around. We have dipped slightly below the National Target overall so need to improve. Please keep school updated about any illness and absences – thank you.

Owls remain at the top of the leader board with a very impressive 98.8% attendance – WELL DONE!

Don't forget our great incentives for good attendance such as, our monthly raffle for each child who maintains 100% attendance throughout the month. Their names go into a draw to win a prize from the Attendance Treasure Chest! Plus our weekly Bird Token award for each class with 96% attendance or above – all the tokens will go into a draw at the end of each term for a chance to win a non-uniform day and a VIP Afternoon Tea! Any class achieving 100% weekly attendance will be awarded 2 Bird Tokens, thus improving their chances of winning the VIP tea.

**100%**



## SCHOOL VALUE

**Our school value for this half term is 'Perseverance'**

All the children know this as, never giving up - such a good motto, even when things seem hard - never give up.

"When we have learned not to give up, it shows we have stood the test. When we have stood the test, it gives us hope." *Romans 5:4*

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Remember, our school day starts PROMPTLY at 8.55 a.m. so all children need to be in school already at this time, not just arriving. Be in line for 5 to 9! Thank you to all parents who do get their children here on time.

## CHURCH EVENTS

We are due to go to the Education Sunday Service at Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January – please do join us. We need some readers and children to share some prayers. We will also be singing a joint song with the children from St Bartholomew's, so it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible. Parents may choose to drop off their children or stay and attend the Service, which starts at 10.00 a.m. and will finish around 10.45 a.m. Thank you in advance for your attendance at this special school service event.

## LET'S GO SING

It's your last chance to get your Let's Go Sing tickets for the Owl Class. Let's fill that hall! It's going to be a truly magical event. If you have any problems, please let me know.

## Friends of St John's Christmas Fair

What a wonderful event this was, and I can't thank you all enough for your generous donations and spending. We raised £1109 for school funds and all of this money will go directly back to the children at school. Thank you!

## SANTA DASH

This was a fabulous event, raising £196 in total. You may have seen the 'thank you' letter from Alder Hey on our school Facebook page. If you are not a member of this, please follow us as I often put updates about events and school days on this page. You are missing out if you haven't see it!



## **FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S**

The Friends Committee held their Annual General Meeting last night and we have appointed some new Committee Members:

Miss C Ellison, (Teaching Assistant in Robin Class), is the Chair.

Miss R Dodd, (Parent of Y1 child), is the Secretary.

Mrs S Vooght, (Office Manager), remains the Treasurer.

We also have a number of members who regularly attend the meetings and who organise the events we hold in school. We are very much looking forward to the events that are coming up. Events in the planning stage include a 'Family Games Night' on 13<sup>th</sup> February and an 'Easter Bingo' on 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

We are always looking for more volunteers so if you would like to join the committee, please join us at the next meeting on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 4.30 p.m. at school. This will be a planning meeting for the upcoming events.

I am giving a personal thanks to all members of the Friends Committee for all the work they do for the school. They have raised a fantastic amount of money lately and it certainly helps to buy 'nice' little things in school, as well as go towards bigger purchases, such as a new sound system. If anyone knows anything about sound systems, please see Miss Parker. So, THANK YOU FRIENDS FOR WHAT YOU DO!!!

### **Online Safety**

Keep an eye on the school Facebook page as Miss Parker shares a weekly fact sheet about keeping safe online.

When was the last time you checked your child's phone or internet use? Do you know who they are chatting to or what they are sharing? Please check!

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

### **FRIDAY WORSHIP**

We will continue with Friday Worship this week, invited parents only to attend please. Thank you.

### **Mental Health Week: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> February**

We will be celebrating this year's Mental Health Week with different activities in school. More information to follow.

### **CAREERS WEEK – FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> – 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Would anyone like to come in and talk to a class/classes about their work? We are interested in ANY and EVERY job! Please contact Mrs. K Smith if this is of interest to you. The children would love to learn about the opportunities there are out there for them to do when they are older, so, the more the merrier!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan:** In School Christian Values Day, (Vision Day).

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Education Sunday Service at Church.

**Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Chinese New Year.

**WC: 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Children's Mental Health Week.

**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Safer Internet Day.

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Book Swap Day - Wear What You Love Day! (Details to follow).

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** School closes for half term.

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb:** School re-opens.

**WC: 24<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Careers Week.

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Young Carers Charity Day.

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Let's Go Sing Concert.

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Non-Uniform Day - please bring in an Easter Egg or Easter related chocolate for the Easter Egg Bingo evening.

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr:** Easter Egg Bingo. (Details to follow).

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Apr:** End of Term - School closes for Easter.

**Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr:** INSET Day.

**Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr:** School re-opens.

Please keep an eye on these dates as they are added to and changed sometimes at short notice. We do our best to keep you informed so please make sure your mobile number and email address is up to date on our records so that we can text/email you.