



St John's Catholic Primary School January 2017

Word of the Week
Words so far: humiliated,
hygienic, haphazardly,
incongruously, ire,
impressive,
jostle, jovial and
jeopardise

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." Proverbs 16:9

It is the start of another busy but thankfully much shorter term. Thank you for all the Christmas gifts and good wishes we received as staff and we hope you have an excellent 2017. Thank you for your responses about the South Road crossing.

As you are aware we are having a big push on learning behavior to support the work already done on growth mindsets. So if your child starts talking about fried eggs and feeling wobbly with their learning, don't be alarmed; it is all aimed at encouraging them to have a go and not be afraid of making mistakes.

Christmas Choir Concerts.

The school choir had a busy end to their term with several engagements to sing locally. The highlight was the Baldock Carol Concert where they joined other local choirs in our church to sing their hearts out. They were excellent and should be proud of themselves for representing their school so well. Thanks go to Mrs Chrysandreas and Miss Bailes for their hard work as choir masters.

History Day Tuesday 31st January

We are looking forward to the upcoming theme day and seeing all the exciting costumes. Themes are as follows:

- EYS 1&2: Castles & Knights*
- Y1: Victorians*
- Y2: Ancient Egyptians*
- Y3: Ancient Greeks*
- Y4: Tudors*
- Y5: WW2*
- Y6: Anglo Saxons*

Growth Mindset.

Thank you to those parents who attended the parents session about learning behavior.

There was a request for access to the resources suggested as part of the session.

Please find these below:

Websites

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>
- <https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-13128701>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zrtHt3bBmQ>

Books:

- *I Can Be Anything* – Jerry Spinelli
- *Someday* – Eileen Spinelli
- *You Be You* – Linda Kranz
- *Making a Splash* – Carol E. Reiley

App:

- My Fantastic Elastic Brain

Christmas Book Sharing

We had our first Christmas book share as children joined forces with other classes to share books. It was great to see children supporting each other and everyone keen to read.



Nativity

We had two excellent whole school performances of The Stable Boy with Year 2 excelling themselves in key roles. It was a great whole school occasion and even Santa himself appeared afterwards to add to the traffic chaos. Thank you for your support in both preparing the children and turning up to show your appreciation.

A Special Visitor

We were joined at the end of term by a special but very welcome visitor. Thanks to the PA who obviously have serious connections in the North Pole and made this possible.

Looking ahead

Keep an eye on our website for key dates but highlights include:

PA Meeting	16 th January
Speed Stacking Competition	17 th January
Cakes for Classes Y1-2	18 th January
History Day	31 st January
Sports Hall Athletics	2 nd February
Safer Internet Day	7 th February