



St John's Catholic Primary School

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When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments. John 6:12-13

It is well and truly autumn now. It is delightful to watch the children chase around the playground trying to catch the falling leaves. However, with the onset of the colder weather we need to prepare the grounds for winter. Next week, half term, Mr Baynham will be in school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and would welcome any help with weeding, tidying and other seasonal tasks. Please come along between 9 and 3 and lend a hand. Children are welcome with adult supervision. As the weather turns colder, all children need to have a coat with them at school as we do go outside even if it is lightly raining and the playground is a much colder place than the back of a car.

Can't wait for the newsletter? Regular posts about events are on the NEWS feed on our school website www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk

Spirituality Afternoon Tuesday 11th October



We were delighted to invite Year 4 from St Thomas More to share an afternoon with our year 4. The children were challenged to work out how we could share 40 biscuits between the 60 children present. This mimics the challenge of making our food resources feed 9.1 billion in 2050 instead of the current 7 billion. We had some fantastic insights from the children and the Catholic ethos of both schools was evident when most children thought fairness was the most important element in any decision making and were willing to make sacrifices themselves to ensure others were fed.



European Day of Languages Tuesday 26th September

This was a fabulous day and a chance for the children to learn a few phrases in another European language. The children in y1-6 visited all the "countries" across the day and were particularly delighted with the opportunity to experiment with Icelandic! Many thanks to Ms Bull for organising this and we hope to continue to celebrate the languages we have in school.



Mr Baynham successfully completed the London to Brighton Cycle Ride for Great Ormond St Hospital. A huge thank you to all who supported him and donated to his chosen charity.



Waste and recycling advisory body says 4.4m tonnes of household food waste worth £13bn was thrown away in 2015 which could have been eaten.

One of the most wasted foods at this time of year are pumpkins; bought, decorated and then thrown away. The school council will be trialing some pumpkin recipes this week so that we can give you some better ways of using those pumpkins.

Looking Ahead

17 th October 1:45-3:45	Cross Country at KTS
18 th October	Open Morning / Y4 to Parish Mass
18 th October	Netball Hartsfield
23 rd -27 th October	Half Term
30 th October	Flu Vaccinations
31 st October	Girls Football Tournament
1 st November	All Saints School Mass in Church
1 st November	Y2 / Y6 trip to Mosque
2 nd November 3:30	Tag Rugby Festival
7 th November 1:00 – 3:00	Y5/6 Table Tennis Tournament HBS
8 th November	Individual School Photos
8 th November 4:30 -7:00	Parents Evening
9 th November 3:25 – 5:30	Y6 Basketball Highfield
9 th November 3:30 -6:00	Parents Evening
15 th November	Cakes for Classes Y3&4
17 th November	World Day of the Poor