



St. John's Catholic Primary School

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2019

'May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.'

Psalm 20:4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term at St. John's. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas period and a happy new year.

Thank you for all your support over the last term. Many of the events would not have been as successful without your participation. A big thank you to the P.A for all their help and wonderful ideas that have helped to raise so much for us.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS

SPRING

Monday

Fitness Club

Tuesday

Times Tables Rock Stars (Yr 2 – 6)

Lego Club

Wednesday

Smart Moves

Prayer Group

Thursday

Reading/ Book Club

Choir

Friday

Games Club

Fairtrade Week

This term we will be focusing on Fairtrade.



We'll be looking at this through our R.E lessons and general teaching. However, this is an opportunity for you to share with your children your understanding of Fairtrade and look out for signs and symbols as you go shopping.

Year 4 Science

At the end of the Autumn term, Year 4



had the opportunity to learn more about electronics and how to create their own torch. The children were very excited.

A big thank you to Mr. Peters for imparting his knowledge. A wonderful lesson.

Sporting Events for the Spring Term

At St. John's we are very lucky to be able to take part in a range of different sports throughout the year, with many of the older children going on to represent the school:

24th January 2019 - Sports Hall Athletics

4th February - Boys Football at St. Christopher's (Year 5 and 6)

12th February - Girl's Football at St. John's (Year 5 and 6)

14th February - Speed Stacking Tournament at Knights Templar (Year 3)

We wish all those competing the best of luck.



Name the Room Competition

After an intensive day of voting by staff and children, the winning names for the 2 new sensory rooms are:

The Escape (Jemima - Year 6)

Rainbow Room (Felicity - Year 1)

These names will be proudly displayed on the doors of each room, closer to being finished.

Work is still taking place on both of these rooms but there have been major changes already. The Rainbow Room has a lovely bright sensory board, bean bags and rugs, along with a woodland mural up on the wall. There have been many visits from passing children wanting to sit in the pod chair and play with Winston, our resident toy dog, who even has his own bed!

The Escape is coming along very quickly. The colour changing water bubble wall is up and the pressure tiles and carpeting are complete. The last parts of electrical work just need completing before it is ready for use. The children are looking forward to testing out the glow pads and pens to do phonics work, and using the light up toys and optic fibre waterfall.

A huge thank you to Mr Bevan who gave up so much of his time to help us with DIY work and to Mrs Lodge and Miss Charles who were busy painting and attaching items to the sensory walls before Christmas.

Visitor to School

On Wednesday 12th December, the school had a special visitor to take our assembly. Mr Gibbs very kindly offered to come in to talk to all the children about Multiple Sclerosis. He presented an interesting and informative talk about what life is like for him and his family when living with this condition, which affects the brain and spinal cord. The children listened beautifully and asked some very pertinent questions. We all feel a lot more informed about Multiple Sclerosis after Mr Gibb's visit. It was lovely to see the children learning to be inclusive too. Should you wish to find out more yourselves, please refer to the MS Society's website.

After School Clubs

Monday

Boosters (Year 6)

Thursday

Choir (Until Feb)

Boosters (Year 6)

Football (Girls and Boys – Years 4,5,6)

Friday

Netball (Yr 5 and 6)

Looking Ahead

January 2019

7th – Return to school

10th – Whole School Mass (In School)

24th – Sports Hall Athletics – Year 5 + 6 (Selection)

28th – Young Voices

February 2019

4th – Boy's Football @ St. Christopher's

6th – Number Day – N.S.P.C.C

– Year 4 Adoration in Church with St. Thomas Moore

Reminder

Just a polite reminder for all children to be dressed in the correct uniform. With the weather getting colder over the next few weeks, it is imperative that the children bring a coat into school.

Thank you for all your support.

