



St John's Community Primary School and Nursery



Monthly Newsletter December 2021

Dear Parents,

It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas! With all the challenges of the last 18 months it feels great to see the children enjoying some Christmas magic and getting excited about this time of year. You may have noticed our Christmas Tree forest- if you are looking for the perfect tree, look no further! Please come along this weekend to walk amongst the trees and select yours to take home. Santa will be dropping in to chat to the children and we hope (weather permitting) to have a local band playing some festive music. There will be hot food and drinks on Saturday and Raffle tickets on sale. I hope to see you all there.

If anyone is able to come and help the PTA by giving a few hours to help sell the trees please let me know or turn up from 9.00am onwards, wrapped up warm! Saturday or Sunday.

At the end of this term we will be saying good bye to Mrs Abramson- our SENCo. Mrs Abramson has been amazing over the past several years supporting pupils with additional needs and their families. She has ensured that staff feel confident to meet the needs of all pupils and the children get the right support at the right time. We are going to miss her expertise enormously and we wish her all the very best in her new role working with the Local Authority. I am delighted that Mrs Medler our Year 3 teacher has taken on this role and will be our school SENCo from January 2022. Mrs Medler has been working alongside Mrs Abramson for several weeks to ensure she knows the children and families and there will be a smooth transition.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Dent who will be starting her Maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the very best and look forward to hearing all about the new family member in due course. Mrs Dent will be back with us following her maternity leave. Mrs Crouch will be covering as Reception class teacher on Wednesday to Friday from January 2022.

Finally it remains for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas. This past year has been one of the most challenging for me as a Headteacher and I can honestly say it would not have been possible if I had not been supported by such a fabulous team in school, such wonderful children (that make everything worthwhile!) and such supportive families. I hope you all have the very best Christmas with your loved ones.

Rebecca Quinn

Dates for your Diary

December

13th—Years N & R Christmas Party
14th—Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
15th—Years 3 & 4 Christmas Party
16th—Years 5 & 6 Christmas Party
17th—Last day of Term

January

6th—Children return to school
6th—Classes R—6 visit to the
Pantomime at Theatre Royal
19th—School Photos

February

7th—10th—Year 5 Bikeability
11th—Last day at school
14th—18th -Half Term
21st—Children return to school

March

1st—Class Group Photos
9th—11th—Year 4 Residential at
Horstead Centre
21st & 22nd—Year 2 Residential at
Aylmerton Outdoor Centre

April

1st—Last day of Term
20th—Children return to school

May

2nd—Bank Holiday—School Closed
27th—Last day at school
30th May—3rd June—Half Term

June

6th—Children return to school
13th—17th—Year 6 Residential to
Hautbois Activity Centre

Swimming

Year 5 will continue swimming every week until Monday 13th December.



Year 4 will be swimming from Monday 10th January—28th March 2022.

Please ensure your child has their swimming kit, including a hat, a towel and a suitable coat to walk to and from Broadland High School for these sessions.

Dick Whittington at Theatre Royal

Thursday 6th January 2022



Payments now overdue for the Reception—Year 6 visit to see Dick Whittington at the Theatre Royal on 6th January 2022. **Please log into your ParentPay account to give consent and make payment.** Thank you.

Christmas Cards:



Each classroom will have their own collection box for the children to post their cards into. All cards need to be brought into school from **Monday 6th December - Friday 10th December** to enable us to sort them, they will then be handed out on the last day of term. Children can only send cards to others in their class so there is no crossing of bubbles.

Christmas Lunch Day Reminders

Monday 13th Reception

Tuesday 14th Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 15th Years 3 & 4

Thursday 16th Years 5 & 6

Children may wear party clothes to school on the day of their Christmas Lunch.

Christmas Lunch will be served to children on their party day only, and on the other two days they should have a home packed lunch or pre-ordered a school packed lunch.

Christmas School Sugar Collection

For the homeless and hungry, families in crisis, and those seeking refuge from domestic violence in East Anglia.

This Christmas our school will be collecting sugar to support a local appeal, "Sugar for Shelters". Every year Norfolk and Suffolk school children donate sugar to help homeless and needy people throughout the county at Christmas. (The total last year was an amazing 6 tonnes!). Sugar for Shelters is a part of the Buckingham Emergency Food Appeal (BEFA). This NORFOLK farm based Christmas Food Charity, founded by Norfolk farmer Mike Buckingham in 1985, provides the food for more than 5000 Christmas dinners. Schools help Sugar for Shelters by collecting bags of sugar for the homeless, needy and vulnerable in local shelters. Huge amounts of sugar are needed and make a REAL difference in Shelters and Food Kitchens throughout Norfolk and Suffolk in the cold days of winter and particularly over Christmas. Collecting sugar is simple and affordable and helps children focus on the spirit of giving at Christmas. British Sugar will match the schools' donations of every kilo of their brand of sugar (Silver Spoon) up to 2000kg! We do hope that you and your child can help the homeless and needy by bringing in a bag of sugar to school by Friday 10th December.

Please hand to Mrs Steele on the school gate

Thank you for supporting the Appeal at this special time of the year.



Christmas Jumper Day—Friday 17th December

On Friday 17th December we are having a Christmas Jumper Day at school for just a £1.00 donation. All money raised will go into School Funds. If you haven't got a Christmas jumper then you can still join in by decorating your own jumper with tinsel or Christmas pictures.

Please note: The rest of the children's clothes should be school uniform, this is not a casual clothes day. There will be a bucket on the gate for your donation.

SJSA—Charity Christmas Tree Sale

Nothing but quality trees from 4ft - 13ft To help you pick the perfect tree. Each one is displayed without netting and pegged in the ground to keep them fresher for longer!
Creating a wonderful winter wonderland for everyone to enjoy!

Don't forget to vote for your favourite Christmas elf! The year group who created the winning elf will receive a special prize!

Two amazing Christmas hampers up for grabs! £1 per raffle ticket, with the winner being notified on the last day of tree sales!

Saturday 4th December - The main event!

Father Christmas will be handing out sweet treats at 11am.

Christmas carol singing.

Hot drinks, Archers Butchers Jumbo hot dogs, burgers & bacon rolls available.

Sunday 5th December -

Festive Music.

Saturday 11th December -

Hot drinks, bacon rolls & burgers available.

Festive music.

Subject to sell out

Sunday 12th December -

Festive Music

Subject to sell out



Limited trees available so don't delay! Card payments accepted

Thank you all so much for the many kind donations for the SJSA Christmas Hamper Raffle.

We are still short of helpers, particularly on Sundays. If you can spare an hour or two please come along and lend a hand.

Finally a big thank you to all those who have helped so far with SJSA seasonal event.
Without you they could not happen.



Wishing you all
A Very Happy Christmas and New Year
from everyone at St. John's.



The first day of Spring Term in School is
Thursday 6th January 2022.