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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery



Weekly Newsletter 20th October 2023

Dear parents,

It has been a busy half term as always with Christmas fast approaching. Always makes me smile in school when we have to think about Nativities in August! So far this school year we have seen our year 6 pupils already develop very much into their role. Several of the class have taken on additional responsibilities which is impressive. Last week we asked those that wanted to apply for Head Boy and Girl roles-I am delighted to share the final decisions. Head Girl- Luna L Deputy Head Girl (two this year!) Pippa R and Debbie L- massive congratulations to those children and to all of the girls who did an amazing job- the decisions were hard! Head Boy- Ralph G and Deputy Head Boy- Isaac H- again really well done boys, we were very proud of your applications and everyone should be impressed with how they performed.

Our Reception children are all very much settled into school life and are all busy learning their first sounds and starting to read. All other year groups have settled in very well and you will be able to hear all about their progress at parents evenings after half term. If you have not returned your slip please do so asap.

The PTA are busy arranging Xmas tree sales and the famous STJA Christmas shop- please do donate any items you may have that can be added to the shop to add to this magical event for the children.

A polite reminder that we have a 'Kindness shelf' in the foyer- if you need a little assistance there are some staple items available to anyone that needs them- no questions asked please do just come in and help your self.

I hope you all manage to have a lovely half term and enjoy some time with your families. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th ready for Pumpkin carving!
Many thanks

Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

October

20th—Last day of school

23rd—27th—Half Term

30th—Pumpkin Party

November

7th—Parents Evening

9th—Parents Evening

10th—Flu Vaccinations (Rec—Year 6)

17th—Cluster Cross Country at
Coltishall Primary

17th—Children in Need Casual Clothes

30th—9am—Dyslexia Outreach
Coffee Morning

December

2nd—Winter Wonderland

12th /13th—EYFS & KS1 Production

14th—N & R Christmas Party

15th—1 & 2 Christmas Party

18th—3 & 4 Christmas Party

19th— 5 & 6 Christmas Party

20th—Christmas Jumper Day

20th—Last day of Term

January

4th—Children return to school

5th—Rec—Year 6 Pantomime at the
Theatre Royal, Norwich

February

5th—8th—Year 5 Bikeability

19th—23rd—Half Term

27th—Rec-Year 6 Class Group Photos

March

27th—Last day of Term

April

15th—Children return to school

Swimming

Year 5 will be swimming every week on **Monday**. 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.



Please ensure your child is able to remove their own earrings or not wear them to school on Swimming days.



Year 6 Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported Year 6 by coming to buy cakes. They raised £111.00. SJSA have agreed to double the amount raised to £222 This will go towards their Hautbois Activity Centre Residential.



Children In Need—Casual Clothes Day

Friday 17th November

Children wishing to take part should make a donation of £1.00 on the day.



House Points

Date	Bader	Cavell	Nelson	Sewell
08.09.23	49	58	47	30
15.09.23	160	137	174	130
22.09.23	116	103	127	132
29.09.23	245	256	245	199
06.10.23	221	259	253	197
13.10.23	229	181	203	163
20.10.23	192	125	101	155

Class Attendance

16th—20th October

Reception	95.80%
Year 1	94.62%
Year 2	96.92%
Year 3	95.35%
Year 4	96.16%
Year 5	94.97%
Year 6	95.34%



Christmas Shopping



SJSA are delighted to be able to hold a Christmas shopping event over 23rd and 24th November. The children will have the opportunity to choose, wrap & label (with helpers) and pay for their own gifts to take home and give to their loved ones on Christmas Day. From past events, we know the children get very excited to be able to surprise their families with a gift they have chosen themselves.

Children will visit the shop in their classes over the three days. It takes place during school hours. All items will be priced at 50p.

We need your help

If you're planning on having a pre-Christmas clear out, we would love your unwanted gifts, things you put aside to sell at a car boot, anything you think a child might like to buy for their Mum, Dad, brother, sister and any loved ones.

We need lots and LOTS of little items that would make lovely gifts - we have over 200 children in school and if each buys an average of 4 presents then we would need close to a thousand items!

As long as it is in good condition, and you think that it is something a child might like to buy, we would be grateful for it. **Please do not send in half used toiletries.**

Please bring any items into the office. Please let Mrs Steele know if you are available to help at any of the sessions.

Thank you!

(All proceeds to SJSA)

Winter Uniform

This is a reminder of our winter uniform which is to be worn from

30th October 2023—27th March 2024

Boys

grey trousers
white shirt (not a polo shirt)
school tie
green V necked jumper
black/grey/white socks
black shoes

Girls

grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
white shirt (not a polo shirt)
school tie
green V necked jumper/cardigan
black/grey/green tights or white socks
black shoes

The Foundation Stage uniform (Nursery and Reception Classes) remains unchanged.

You can purchase the following items from the School Office. Please add items to ParentPay.

School Ties £3.30

Large Book Bags £5.80

Small Book Bags £4.10

Would you also note the following:

Trainers should not be worn, and sweatshirts are not part of our school uniform except in the Foundation Stage. Studs are the only earrings allowed to be worn in school and these must be removed for PE and swimming. Hair accessories should be of an appropriate school colour and long hair should be tied back on PE days.

Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Please consent or decline using the link

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/norfolk>

A copy of the letter is available in the Newsletter tab on the website
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Session Date: 10th November 2023



Parent /Carer Café

Dyslexia Focus

Would you like some ideas about how to help your child with reading and spelling from a specialist literacy and Dyslexia teacher?
Would you enjoy meeting other parents for a casual get together?
Then this **FREE** event is for you!

Date: Thursday 30th November 2023

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Place: St John's Primary: School hall

