



St John's C of E Infant School Enquiring Minds and Open Hearts Number 5 9th October 2020

"Give thanks in all circumstances"

It has been an absolute pleasure to visit the classrooms over the past few weeks as Reception settle and make new friends, Year One making prayer sticks to remind them of all the things they are thankful for and Year Two who are celebrating black history month. We have so many reasons to say thank you to you all for your huge hearts and generosity. There is one last collection time at St John's church for donations to the Whitechapel mission on Saturday 10th October between 10 and 11am, thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

On Friday 16th October we will be making a collection for our school harvest collection which will be donated to the local foodbank as they are in desperate need. We will be asking children to share something they like with someone who has less than them. So please have a discussion with your child about what they would like to give, and make it meaningful. We will send you a recording of each class singing their own song of harvest celebration.

We asked a few weeks ago for donations to the school fund and we have been absolutely astounded by your response. On behalf of the children, thank you very much your generosity – it will have a huge impact.

Thank you also, to everyone for supporting the MacMillan Grab and Go coffee morning. You have raised an amazing £370.00! That is a fantastic achievement and we know they will be very grateful.



We are holding Open Days on a few Saturdays to show people around the school before they make their choice of school for next September. If you know of anyone looking for a school, please advise them to ring the school for an appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES 2020

22 nd Oct	Last day of term
23 rd Oct	INSET DAY
2 nd Nov	Start of term
3 rd Nov	School Nurse - Dental Care
9 th Nov	Parents evenings Zoom
12 th Nov	Parents evenings Zoom
13 th Nov	Children in Need Mufti-day
16 th Nov	Odd socks anti-bullying day
25 th Nov	Year 2 Advent workshop at Guildford Cathedral TBC
Dec	Panto cancelled!!
4 th Dec	Flu Immunisation
18 th Dec	End of term
4 th Jan	INSET DAY
5 th Jan	Start of Term
15 th Jan	Closing date for school applications
12 th Feb	End of Half-Term
22 nd Feb	Start of Term
23 rd Feb	Police visit
24 th Mar	Year 1 workshop at Guildford Cathedral
Cathedral TBC	

Values News

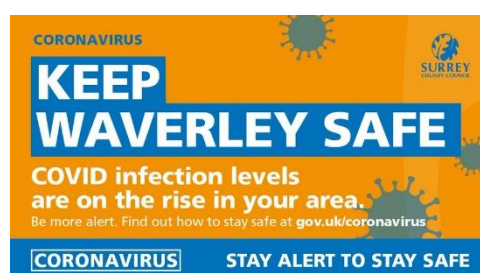
Our focus value is Thankfulness - counting our blessings

"Give thanks in all circumstances" 1 Thessalonians 5:18

We have been focusing on why and what we give thanks for at harvest.

We have looked at the Jewish harvest celebration of Sukkot, a time when Jewish people focus on what they are thankful for. At Sukkot Jewish people decorate a suko with fruit to remind them of things they are thankful for. We have decorated the tree in our hearts and minds space with oranges and lemons that show what we are thankful for.

Which foods are you thankful for?



This week there has been a press statement to say the cases of COVID in Waverley are rising and we are heading towards an area of national concern.

Please follow the laws and keep vigilant to keep everyone safe.

COVID-19 News

We have all been made very aware this week of the increasing number of cases and this includes in the local area. It is therefore time to remind ourselves of procedures.

If your child or anyone in your household is experiencing symptoms of COVID:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

You must stay at home, seek advice from 111 and obtain a test.

We know there is currently difficulty in obtaining tests but the advice remains the same.

Until you receive a test and the result the household must isolate, the patient isolates for at least 10 days and 14 days for all other household members.

We do now have a dedicated COVID page on the school website where you will find the relevant policies, useful links and documents.

Thank you so much for your efforts so far, we do already have a mixture of illnesses appearing and are grateful for your vigilance and swift actions.

If your child is not attending school, we do ask that you contact us by telephone on each day of illness so we can discuss their illness and any support that we can offer during their absence from school.

If we were to receive news of a positive COVID test result, we will not be giving out personal information about the case.

- We will work with the DFE, NHS and PHE to discuss the people who have been in contact with the case and those people will be asked to isolate. If the news of a case is out of office hours we may need to be cautious and isolate a larger group before discussions. Following guidelines this may then mean we can reopen to some people deemed to have been less at risk.
- You can find the flow chart we follow on the school website on our COVID page.

Please may I remind all adults to remain at a physical distance from each other. Some people are at greater risk and need us all to help keep them safe. If you wish to wear a mask on site then please do, children have adapted to seeing them worn now.

Stay safe, well and wonderful,

From St John's Family

Community News



St John's Harvest Appeal Donations please for the Whitechapel Mission

"As The Whitechapel Mission cares for an increasing number of our most vulnerable guests during the corona-virus (COVID-19) emergency, we remain committed to the health, safety and well-being of all. Our guests who are experiencing homelessness don't have the option to "stay at home" to avoid risk to themselves or others — so we are reliant on friends like you who choose to give generously" The Whitechapel Mission statement.

Delivery Instructions: Please deliver items in BAGS OR BOXES.

LOCATION	St John's Church	St John's Church	St John's Church	St John's Church
DATE	Sat 3 rd OCT	Tues 6 th OCT	Wed 7 th OCT	Sat 10 th OCT
TIME	10.00 to 11.00 am	8.30 to 9.30 am	8.30 to 9.30 am	10.00 to 11.00 am

Contacts: Hugh Trotter 07887 561297 hughtrtrotter@hotmail.com or John Brain 01428 712219

They are desperate for the highlighted items.

Tinned & Dry food	Toiletries	Clothing	Bedding
Ketchup	Deodorant	Underpants	Sleeping Bags
Brown Sauce	Body Lotion	Socks	Blankets
Runny Honey	Body Wash	Boxers	
Chocolate Spread	Ladies Make-up	Jeans 28-36	
Nuttella	Hand Cream	Trousers 28-34	Carrier Bags
Squash		Small Rucksacks	
Pot Noodles		Mens Trainers	
Biscuits		Mens Shoes	
Baked Beans			
Plum Tomatoes			
Sugar			
Coffee			
Instant Chocolate			

- 24% of rough sleepers have been on the streets for 2 years or more.
- 108,398 breakfasts served during this year, an average of 297 a day.(400 a day since covid)
- 5,638 different people used our services during this year.
- 2,457 people used our advice services during this year. 566 were women
- 24% of people using our services are under 26 years of age.
- 58 were referred to drug or alcohol programmes.

St John's School would usually hold it's Harvest service in the Church and support the collection for the Whitechapel Mission. They still really need and would greatly appreciate the support so if you could provide any of the required items it would make a huge difference to the lives of the most vulnerable people. The church has organised drop off times to hopefully allow school parents to find a suitable time.

In school we would also like to support the local foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations more news to follow about this soon.



ST JOHN'S C OF E INFANT SCHOOL



If you have a child starting school in September 2021 call 01428 713216 to book a socially distanced visit. We look forward to meeting you.

We wish to nurture and inspire open hearts and enquiring minds.

- Young learners between 4-7 years old
- Outdoor and forest school adventures weekly.
- Values led infant school at the heart of the community.
- Warm welcome to everyone
- Building a love of life-long learning.

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