

**St John's C of E Infant School**  
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**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**2020**

# Peace be with you

The children have been practising their mindful skills, by being aware of their senses and using these to help calm their mind along with practising their breathing techniques. If you wanted to share a book together then here is the link to a beautiful book.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7o\\_ciE8fjo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q7o_ciE8fjo)

We know this year has been very tricky for everyone to raise money and a charity we have supported for many years is no exception, so we would really like to continue to support this charity. Usually we make this a super social event to welcome everyone to school and meet members of the local community. We are really sorry that this year we are not going to be able to make it a social event however we would really appreciate you helping us to continue making it a fundraising event. On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October the PTA have kindly agreed to organise a "Grab and Go" McMillan coffee morning event. We do hope you will enjoy a grab and go drink and cake at their stall on your way out. They will be wearing PPE whilst serving.



We do have some staffing news and I have to say that whilst we all knew that despite declaring she is still 21 for many years, Mrs Eckstein has taken the very difficult decision that she will be taking early retirement from St John's after in-excess of 27 years' service at the school. It is with great sadness that we will say goodbye to her on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and that we will have to do it in a COVID safe manner but we will see she has a super celebration! We are so very thankful for all the years she has given to caring for and educating children and adults!



## Values News

Our focus value is Thankfulness - counting our blessings  
"Give thanks in all circumstances" 1 Thessalonians 5:18

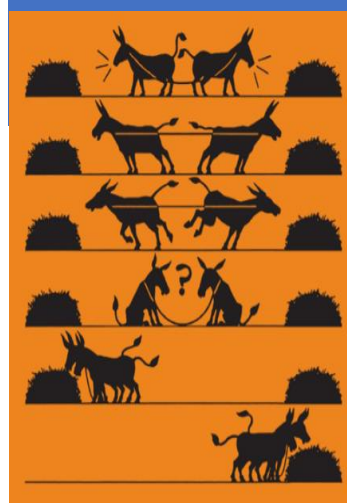
This has been a week to be thankful for peace. It was international peace day on Monday so we looked at why it is important to be thankful for peace.

We looked at this picture and discussed each stage and why being peaceful and working together was something to be thankful for.

We looked at how people behave and if you are peaceful and polite then people are much more likely to help you.

This weekend, notice times when you feel peaceful and be thankful for those times.

29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School Nurse - Handwashing
30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Reception class reading Zoom
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	National poetry day
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Individual photographs TBC
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Last day of term
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	INSET DAY
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Start of term
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	School Nurse - Dental Care
9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents evenings Zoom
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents evenings Zoom
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need Mufti-day
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd socks anti-bullying day
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 2 Advent workshop at Guildford Cathedral TBC
Dec	Panto cancelled!!
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu Immunisation
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET DAY
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of term
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Police visit - all years



### Afterschool care

Please can we remind everyone we have to keep accurate records of contact and ensuring adequate resources are available. Bookings have to be made a full week in advance for both breakfast and Hedgehog afterschool club. The system will not allow you to book a place if you are trying to book with less than a full weeks' notice.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience caused but it is one of the conditions in restarting the club in the current circumstances and we will continually need to review.

### 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



Come and grab yourself some tasty cakes and a take away drink on Friday 2nd October and help us raise money for a great cause.

**Date - 2nd October**  
**Time - 8.30 - 9.00**  
**Location - Staff car park**

Due to COVID restrictions this year, we can only operate a take away service so please help us to maintain social distancing by quickly moving out of the car park as soon as possible.



Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (205197), Scotland (SC038057) and Wales (205197). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC10814

A digital copy of the September/October edition of 'Families Surrey West' is available by following this link <https://bit.ly/2F9wJlg>



### 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 <sup>rd</sup> OCT	Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> OCT	Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> OCT	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> 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 [hughtrotter@hotmail.com](mailto:hughtrotter@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)
- 5,698 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.