

St John's C of E Infant School
Enquiring Minds and Open Hearts
Number 6
23rd October 2020

Celebrate Success

Well we have laughed we have cried and we have celebrated our wonderful Mrs. Eckstein, please see below our tribute to her.

What an amazing term!

We are so pleased to have been together again, to count our blessings in God's wonderful world when it is so easy to get caught up in fear and anxiety that it can rule our lives.

Your children are our blessing they are kind, thoughtful, warm, caring, creative, imaginative and inclusive below are just some of the ways they have demonstrated all of these things this term.



IMPORTANT DATES 2020

2 nd Nov	Start of term
3 rd Nov	School Nurse - Dental Care
9 th Nov	Parents evenings School Cloud
12 th Nov	Parents evenings School cloud
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 TBC

Values News

Our focus value is Thankfulness - counting our blessings

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

Well to finish our focus value this term we need to make reference to the mountain of praise we afforded Mrs. Eckstein this week. The children wrote her leaving worship by giving words of praise to describe her and all her amazing teaching. The children realised she is a true model of our values and a great example of how to follow our rainbow rules so she most definitely needs a pot of gold award!

Below is our tribute to an amazing member of the St John's family.

Mrs. Lyn Eckstein has played a huge role at St John's school for the past 27 years. She has educated, nurtured and loved hundreds of children and can still remember them! She has read countless stories, sung songs made up dance routines. She has wiped the noses and tears of children and adults. She is well known for the removal of very wobbly teeth if a child asked her to. She has taught the very popular Tigger group. She has a passion for teaching phonics, handwriting and R.E.



She has supported many a new member of staff as well as newly qualified teachers. She has imparted her knowledge and wisdom sensitively and always encourages children and adults. She has seen many changes in that time which she has always handled with the upmost professionalism.

She has supported parents through many difficult times. She is well known for speaking with compassion and honesty which is always refreshing. She is both trusted and trusting, she is peaceful and a peacemaker. Lyn is a friend to many and for that we are thankful. She has done all of this and so much more.

In the most recent situations she had turned her hand to recording herself reading stories for children to watch, holding Zoom show and tell sessions with children during lockdown. She braved the virus to support groups of children in outdoor activity sessions when they couldn't return to school as she knew how important it was for them.

Lyn Eckstein has the most amazing open heart and an enquiring mind making her the ultimate role model of the vision and values we adhere to at St John's. It goes without saying St John's is losing a valuable member of its family but we know it is time for her to put herself first, to continue her adventures, to love life of a new kind. Words cannot express our gratitude for the vocation she has chosen for all those years for the impact she has had on so many. We wish her every happiness on her future adventures, she most certainly deserves it.

We know we have to let her go and share her with the world.

Look out world here she comes!

It seems only fitting to finish with a quote from the book she enjoyed reading to the children for many years, which happens to be the last lines of the last book Roald Dahl wrote.

"And above all, watch with glittering eyes

the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those

who don't believe in *magic* will never find it."

-Roald Dahl-

The Minpins

We presented her with a framed copy of this and we have a matching one for our library so there will always be part of her connected to us just like an invisible string between our hearts.

Thank you Mrs. Lyn Eckstein for always letting your light shine bright!

Dear Children and Families,

I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you to all the children and their families, for their fantastic gifts and cards - I've been overwhelmed by your generosity. I've also been very moved by your heart warming, loving messages - they mean so very much to me - thank you, thank you.

I feel I have been blessed to work with such incredible children and families and it has been a joy to have been a part of their early learning journeys.

How lucky am I to have been part of something that makes saying goodbye so hard!

I will miss you all very much.

Keep smiling, big hugs and lots of love.

Mrs Eckstein

We would also like to thank all of our families for the support they have given so far this term.

Your positivity in times of adversity, your kind words of support lift our spirits when we need them most and your generosity this term for all of the initiatives and charities is staggering.

You have helped St John's School, Macmillan, The White Chapel Mission and Haslemere food bank.



We are going to be trialling a new booking and video system for parent teacher meetings and details of this will be sent to you later this week and booking for appointments will open on Monday 2nd November.

Whilst the children have made a fantastic start to the year we also need to prioritise the importance of reading both them to you and you to them. We have therefore devised a little half term book challenge that we hope will inspire some creative reading over half term. It will be a very different holiday with limited opportunities to meet loved ones and visit places. Take this opportunity to visit the fantastic places you can be transported to in a book. We do hope it starts discussions with families and friends about their favourite children's books it certainly started a fun discussion between the staff! We have shared with you some of their favourites too.

We can't wait to see what unusual places to read you can try!

There will be a prize for the most creative place in each class.



Stay safe, well and wonderful,

From St John's Family


Community News




St Albans Hindhead
97 subscribers

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZkgadiz6ASqZZS-GzYcEmg>



Please remember you can join in with the church services from St Albans each week on Youtube



ST JOHN'S C OF E INFANT SCHOOL



St John's C of E Infant School is consulting on its admissions policy for 2022.
You can find out more about this on our website.
<http://www.stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk/Admissions>



Please provide any comments you have to us by midday on 14th December 2020

Paper copies of the proposed change, can be obtained by contacting the school office.
office: stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk
Barkind Lane,
Chert
Farnham
Surrey
GU10 2JE

WWW.STJOHNS-FARNHAM.SURREY.SCH.UK
EMAIL: OFFICE@STJOHNS-FARNHAM.SURREY.SCH.UK
CALL: 01428 713216

Due to a requirement to change the term "nearest school" in our admissions policy for 2022 we are now consulting on the proposed changes.

Please see our website for further information.

<http://www.stjohnsfarnham.surrey.sch.uk/Admissions>