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Weekly Newsletter

This is our final newsletter of the term and there are so many things to be thankful for!

Firstly I do hope you enjoyed watching the Christmas production as much as we enjoyed performing it. Well done to everyone involved in putting on such a fabulous play with a special Christmas message.

It is not the size or the cost of the gift that matters it's the thought inside our heart that really counts. I do hope we all remember this in our lives this Christmas. We were so proud of the fabulous performances given by all the children.

Thank you to Mrs Craven and her team for organising the refreshments at every performance.



Carols at Quinnettes

I would love to share with you a super email that we received from Quinnettes following the carol singing.

"I just wanted to thank you and the school so much for singing at Quinnettes last week. It is such a lovely event which the Residents and all who attend just adore. Thank you for all the hard work in rehearsing the children. We raised £120 for Shooting Star Chase Hospice which is great." Alison Beattie

Secret Santa

Santa's elves have been busy again ensuring "Secret Santa" takes place, so your children got the opportunity to shop in school for that present you have been longing for all year! Thank you to the fantastic PTA team for organising and wrapping.

A few reminders

As events for the term draw to a close there are just a few reminders:

On Tuesday 18th December we are in church rehearsing in the morning therefore children need to arrive in school in uniform. The children can bring party clothes to dress in for Christmas lunch and the fun afternoon. This may just be a Christmas jumper if you prefer.

The Christingle service takes place on Wednesday 19th December; the church will open at 8.30am, with the service beginning at 9.00am. The significant change this year is that children do not need their book bags or water bottles that day. All children will be walked back to school by the school staff after the service. At the Christingle there will be a retiring collection for charity which this year will be "The Children's Society."

Please can I remind Year 2 children that long hair needs to be tied back for the Christingle service as we will be lighting the candles.

The school day finishes at 2pm on this day.

We also have a message from Rev. Clare about services at the church and we would encourage you to consider using this during the Christingle service.



"St. John's church is aiming at becoming more welcoming and friendly for children and families. As part of this, there is now a new baby area in the left hand side of the church called Baby Bulbs. This area is available for both school and church services with ease of access to the church room's facilities."

The end of term is also a time for reflection and for us, the end of the term will see us reflect on some fabulous times we have had with our members of staff. We wish Mrs Kibbler a successful move over the Christmas period and a great start to her new job in January.

Mrs Blagdon we hope will send us some postcards as she enjoys adventures in the big wide world. We thank her for all her many years of commitment to St John's school.

Mrs Morris is successfully recovering from surgery and wishes she could be with us for the end of term - we are sure we will see her again in her new role with the diocese very soon. We thank her for the very busy year she has spent with our school, her passion to improve resources and opportunities for sport along with developing our exciting and challenging curriculum.

Our committed governing body have been commended by "The Good Shepherd Trust" for their thorough work and dedication to St John's. They all give so much of their time and energy to work for our school voluntarily. Thank you very much.

Additional important information:

An important reminder for parents of children in Badgers class - Please ensure you have applied online for a Year 3 place by January 15th 2019.

Families with younger siblings hoping to start Rabbits in September will also need to apply online by 15th January 2019 - these applications should be accompanied by a completed Supplementary Information Form, which can be downloaded from our website and should be returned to the school office. You will find a poster on the parent's notice board outlining the whole procedure.

It just remains for me to say that we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all safe and happy at school on Monday 7th January 2019.

Marion Stevens
Senior Teacher

Dates Box:

Tues, 18 Dec	Christmas "Fun Day" - further details to follow	
Wed, 19 Dec	9.00am 2.00pm	Christingle Service - further details to follow Last day of Autumn Term - school closes for the Christmas break
Thurs, 03 Jan	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Fri, 04 Jan	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	
Mon, 07 Jan	8.30am	First day of Spring Term 2019
Mon, 07 Jan	3.00pm - 4.00pm	SportsKids Club starts (all Yr groups)
Tues, 15 Jan		Closing date for applications for Year R and Year 3 admissions for Sept 2019
Tues, 15 Jan	3.00pm - 4.00pm	Cookery Club starts (Yrs 1 & 2 only)
Wed, 16 Jan	3.00pm - 3.45pm	Spanish Club starts (Yrs 1 & 2 only)
Tues, 05 Feb	2.30pm	Fox Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall - all Fox Class parents welcome
Wed, 06 Feb	2.30pm	Badger Class Assembly + "Stay & Share" in the hall - all Badger Class parents welcome
Fri, 15 Feb		Last day of half-term - school closes for 1 week
Mon, 25 Feb	8.30am	First day after half-term

