

Friday 6th December 2024

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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

Once again I was an enormously proud Headteacher last weekend with the children of St John's shining throughout Wellington. Our team of Year 6 mathematicians Olly, Edward, Juanita and Thamina scored 75% in the Wellington Maths Challenge which was a terrific achievement. The award winning choir performed a half hour set in the middle of Wellington in front of a bumper crowd. It was a sensational performance from the children. And finally Reece and Izzy finished the day switching the lights on for all. Our children were definitely sharing joy and hope in the community.

It has been a very busy week in school with so much going on at this time. We have had a couple of Museum workshops for Years 1 and 5 which has been enjoyed by all. The choir have been performing another concert for a local residential home and children throughout St John's have been rehearsing for different plays and services in school. On top of this we've enjoyed cricket coaching again in Key Stage 2! Lots of smiles and pupils enjoying their time in class.

There is less than three weeks left until Christmas Day and I have been discussing in assembly the importance of giving and supporting loved ones at this time to help them feel the joy of Christmas. I would be delighted to hear any examples of pupils showing school values at home over the festive period.

Kind Regards

Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Hudson & Reggie
Attenborough - Valentina
Mandela - Walter
McCartney - Elsie G
Hawking - Whole Class
Simmonds - Ken
Pankhurst - Millie-Rose
Rashford - Zechariah
Medal - Evie (6)

Attendance:



Safeguarding/Well being:

The following is a link to the NHS website where there is information regarding well-being. Christmas can be a really enjoyable period of the year, but it can be enormously stressful with all the organisation, financial strain and also managing expectations from loved ones. Please have a read and find ways to help to ease any pressure that is being felt.

<https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST ANDREW

iROCK ASSEMBLY

On Monday afternoon the children enjoyed a very exciting assembly, led by James from iRock. All the children were encouraged to join in with songs, and a group of children accompanied the songs on the keyboard, drum and guitar. Children and staff thoroughly enjoyed this music-making experience. If you would like your child to have lessons and be part of a St John's iRock band, please contact the iRock team using the details that were emailed out to all parents/carers on Monday.

CHANGE OF DATE

Please note that the Christmas lunch is now on Thursday 19th December-you can book your child's meal on SCOPAY, there is no charge for this meal.

WEAR SOMETHING CHRISTMASSY DAY

On Friday 20th December we are inviting children to come to school wearing something Christmassy, a jumper, hair ties, some tinsel, or if you do not have anything please come in non-uniform. A donation can be made to 2Wish if you choose, thank you.

EARLY CLOSING ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of this term is Friday 20th December, and the school will be closing at 2.00pm. There will be no after school club on this day.

DROPPING YOUR CHILD AT SCHOOL

Once again can we remind you not to stop in the bus stop opposite the school. There was an incident this week when the road crossing controller was almost hit by a car pulling out of the bus stop.

POPPY APPEAL

We were delighted to hear from the Royal British Legion that this year the school raised £333.05! Well done and thank you to all who donated to this very important charity.

SMALL CRITTERS RESCUE

This Christmas Dexter is helping the Small Critters Rescue charity by collecting tins and packets of pet food. There is a collection box in reception if you would like to donate.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Many of the children took part in the competition to design the Mayor of Wellington's Christmas card this year. After much deliberation, five of our children were sent letters and certificates of merit from the Mayor. Congratulations go to Lydon, Aseye, Darcie, Darnia and Dilsha.

Upcoming events:

19th December	Christmas Lunch-free to all pupils
19th December	1.30 Carol Service and Nativity in Church
20th December	Wear something Christmassy to school
20th December	2pm Last day of Autumn Term
6th January	School Closed for Staff Training
7th January	First day of Spring Term
17th-21st February	Half Term
4th April	Last day of Spring Term
22nd April	First day of Summer Term
5th May	Bank Holiday
26th-30th May	Half Term
27th June	School Closed for Staff Training

Reece and Isabelle were given the privilege of switching the lights on in Wellington. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and for the whole community.



There was fantastic singing from our school choir as they performed in Wellington Town Centre for the Christmas Lights Switch On. Well done to them all for getting up on stage in front of a big crowd and performing so



beautifully. A special mention to our soloists who sang so confidently, you have certainly made us all proud.