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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

I write this letter today as we embark upon the period of advent where Christians are prepare for the celebrations of the birth of Jesus less than four weeks away. To celebrate this period, the church has brought a wonderful advent wreath to school for collective worship. Around the school the decorations are being put up and rehearsals for the KS1 school play are in full swing. Windsor class are already preparing themselves for the Nativity service, which is always a highlight of the school year.

This weekend is exciting for the Head Boy and Girl, Reece and Izzy, who will be switching on the Wellington Christmas lights at 6.00pm. I also encourage you all to head down to the town centre for 2:00pm where our award winning school choir will be performing and getting everybody into the Christmas spirit. Good luck to our maths team in the Wellington challenge as well - I'm sure Oliver, Juanita, Luke and Thamina will represent St John's superbly.

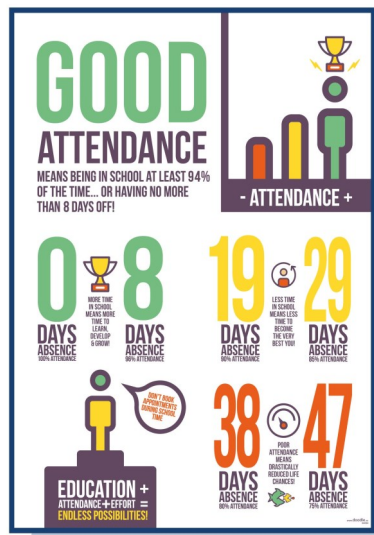
I am sad to report that there has been some damage to bikes in school in the last few weeks, where a couple have been tampered with. This behaviour does not align with our values and an investigation is currently in progress. The school is also exploring further security measures to ensure that property is respected and safe. Although children bring scooters and bicycles into school at their own risk, I am disappointed and apologetic that there have been problems. If there are ever concerns observed by families, please report them to the office whether in school hours or outside of school time.

Mr Priestley

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Bella & Hunter
Attenborough - Jeremy
Mandela - Lordina
McCartney - Reinhard
Hawking - Emelia
Simmonds - Lily
Pankhurst - Isla
Rashford - Daniel
Medal - Chloe (5)

Attendance:



Safeguarding/Well being:

With Christmas around the corner, many presents will involve the children being online in some capacity. Please ensure that all safety measures have been put in place to allow the children to access the internet in a safe way. This can include fire walls on broadband to block inappropriate sites - this can be done by time as well. Many games allow for online access but please ensure the children are familiar with only allowing communication with friends and family members rather than members of the public.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: **ST PATRICK**

CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON IN WELLINGTON

This Saturday the school choir will be performing at the Wellington Christmas switch on at 2pm on the big stage in Fore Street, please come along and support the children and get in the festive spirit. We are also delighted that our Head Girl and Head Boy have been given the important task of switching on the lights at 6pm.

RASHFORD CHALLENGE

The Rashford Cycling Challenge has been going well this week and the children have reached the half way stage, with 1024 miles left to go. So far they have raised £705 for 2Wish, and it is not too late to donate to this wonderful charity. If you would like to give your support please visit <https://2wish.enthuse.com/pf/schoolcyclingchallenge>

NO CRICKET ON 19TH DECEMBER

There will be no cricket sessions in school on Thursday 19th December, so can all children please come to school in full uniform, thank you.

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.

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.

Upcoming events:

19th December	Christmas Lunch-free to all pupils
19th December	1.30 Carol Service and Nativity in Church
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
30th June	School Closed for Staff Training
23rd July	Last day of Summer Term