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St John's Church of England Primary School

Weekly News

Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

The children have produced some entertaining and creative work this week focusing on Michael Rosen. This well known poet has been entertaining families for many years with his 'We're all going on a bear hunt' being particularly popular with young children inside and out of school. On a personal note, I have read poems from his book 'Quick let's get out of here' to many pupils in my teaching career. I was introduced to this collection when I was at Primary School in Year 5! His Eddie poems were a favourite - which demonstrates how memorable poems can be in people's lives.

My thanks go to Ben and Henry who represented the school superbly at the weekend at the Remembrance parade. The weather was absolutely horrendous but both boys were superb ambassadors, despite being extremely soggy by the end of the service! Mrs Cook accompanied them to the event, which I am very grateful for.

With the November events out of the way, the children are already beginning to think about the Christmas events. Over the next few weeks the school choir is in high demand, and children in the lower school will be starting to rehearse ahead of their play and the nativity service. The standard of design with the Christmas Card design competition was sensational - fingers crossed that one of our students is the chosen entry for the town council.

Wishing you all a super weekend.

Kind Regards Olly Priestley - Headteacher

Certificate Winners:

Windsor - Ky'ren
Attenborough - Ashley
Mandela - Valentina
McCartney - Rebecca
Simmonds - Sofia-Rae
Hawking - Zeah
Pankhurst - Molly
Rashford - Ollie F
Medal—YR Scarlett R
R1 Finn

Attendance

The new OFSTED framework has been released and one of the areas is prioritising pupils' attendance and punctuality, as well as their positive behaviour and attitudes to learning, so that pupils benefit from the education and experiences the school offers.

As a school we will offer support whenever we can, please contact us if you are in need of help or advice.



Safeguarding/Well being:

With a change in the amount of daylight, there is a significant risk of moods being affected with a lack of vitamin D. With the weather unpleasant, there is increased desire to stay inside, but the lack of natural light during the day can cause adults and children to feel low. At the weekend make every effort to try and get outside even if the weather is poor to support the well being of the whole family.

Sharing joy and hope in the community

Weekly House Point Winner: ST PATRICK

Non-uniform day

Thank you for all your support today, we have received £91.79 via Scopay and £20.30 in cash. We will be counting the pennies sent in to create the picture next week and will let you know the result in the next newsletter.

Armistice Day

The whole school gathered and Mr Priestley lead the assembly explaining to the children the importance of celebrating Armistice Day and always remembering those who gave so much in all wars. The whole school then stood for a 2 minute silence, with the two Head Girls holding the poppy wreath.

Throughout the day children created artwork and wreathes, made poppies on the iPad, wrote poems and watched videos about Armistice Day. The children talked a lot during the day, and we spoke about how much we appreciate those that

gave so much during the war, including the animals, and how much they demonstrated the values that mean so much to us at school especially Respect, Endurance, Service and Compassion.

Our thanks go to our head boys who represented the school at the service in Wellington Park on Sunday, laying a wreath on behalf of the school.

We will let you know how much was raised for the British Legion through poppy sales as soon as we get it.



Thursday 11th December

'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper day happens to fall on the same day as St Johns's Christmas lunch day this year. More information will follow closer to the time regarding this date.

Upcoming events:

29th November	Choir at Wellington Lights switch on
4th December	Christmas Disco
8th December	Choir at Wells Cathedral
9th December	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
11th December	Christmas Lunch
11th December	Wear a Christmas Jumper £1
17th December	9.15 iRock Concert-parents of participating children only
18th December	1.30 Christmas Service in Church
19th December	Last day of Autumn Term-finish at 2pm. No after school club.
5th January	First day of Spring Term
16th-20th February	Half Term
26th March 1.30	Easter Service in Church
2nd April	Last day of Spring Term
20th April	First day of Summer Term
25th-29th May	Half Term
9th June	Sports Day
15th July 9.30	Y6 Leaver's Assembly in Church
17th July	Last day of Summer Term

Friends of St John's Christmas Disco

The Christmas Disco will be held on Thursday 4th December-more details to follow.

Certificate of Appreciation for St John's C of E Primary School

With heartfelt gratitude, we thank you for your generous donation of **139.2kg** during **Harvest 2025**. Your support brings hope and makes a significant difference in our community.