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Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 15th December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

One week to go until the festive break. Rehearsals have been in full swing and today has been the EY/KS1 nativity. On Tuesday it is KS2's turn. We hope you all enjoy the shows! Please remember that next week we finish on Thursday. **School is closed on Friday.**

Have a great weekend and be ready to go on Monday for the final 4 days of school in 2023.

Kind regards,
Mr Blackburn.

Christmas Fayre:

Thank you everyone who attended the Christmas fayres in school and church. We raised a staggering amount of £1448! Thank you so much for all your donations. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers that put the fayre together.

A big shout out to Mr Brooke and members of the congregation at St John's church for their help too. Our final thanks go to the staff in school, especially the office staff, who have also helped to organise the fayre over the last few months. Most of the money will be going towards renovating our playground equipment.

RSE Policy:

In the new year, we will be reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education Policy, a legal policy all schools must have. We previously asked for parents to come forward who would like to be part of the working party who will help staff to review it. Thank you to those who put their name forward. Mr Blackburn will be in touch. If anyone else would like to join the party then please contact the school office.

Dates for your diaries:

EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties – Monday 18th December

KS2 Performance – Tuesday 19th December - 2pm in Church

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 20th December

KS2 Christmas Parties – Thursday 21st December

School Closes – Thursday 21st December

School Reopens – Monday 8th January

School Closes – Friday 9th February

School Reopens – Monday 19th February

School Closes – Friday 22nd March



KS2 Snacks:

Many children in KS2 like to bring their own snack for playtime. Please can we ask that these snacks are healthy ones. This means pieces of fruit, flapjack or cereal bars. No sweets or chocolates should be sent into school and of course don't forget we are a nut-free school. Products containing nuts must **NOT** be brought into school.



Uniform Reminder:

Please can we remind you of our uniform policy. We like all children to attend school in the school colours - navy jumpers/cardigans, grey trousers/skirts and dark shoes or trainers. The children are proud to wear the uniform at St John's, so if you are buying any new uniform over the holidays, please purchase the correct colours. Uniform does not have to have a logo on but is available from Rawcliffes in Dewsbury.

Reading Friends:

Reading Friends training starts on Tuesday 16th January from 12 – 3pm in school. There is some free training, which is going to be provided on behalf of Kirklees, for anyone who does. We are really short on volunteers to come and listen to children read in school, which is a really valuable and rewarding experience. Please read and consider the flyer, which was sent with last week's newsletter, carefully. We would love for you to attend the training and look forward to you supporting the children in school.

ParentPay:

Please can all outstanding amounts on ParentPay be paid by **Thursday 21st December** at the latest. This includes payments for school dinners, rainbow club & breakfast club. Thank you.



Weekly Attendance

	89%
	92%
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	93%
	94%
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