



NEWSLETTER

9th November 2018

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter! Please see below for this week's news and information.

News from around the Classrooms

Peace Day



Today we marked 100 years since the end of World War One. We held a remembrance service this morning and the children all completed activities today about 'Peace'. The children in Reception made handprints and created a giant poppy.

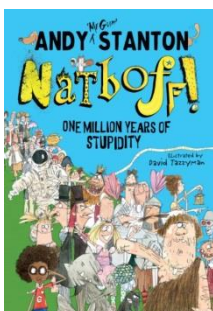


Year 5/6

This week the children found out that for their next project 'Can we build it?' they are working towards making scale models of the buildings they love and know. They started to think about how scale works and this ties in brilliantly with their current maths work on 3D Shapes. The children investigated scale models - including monster trucks - and then found out how many times bigger those things were in the real world. They also started to think about the things they are going to need to know to make their models and all the skills they are going to need to use. We can't wait to see the finished results later in the term!



Author Visit - Tuesday 13th November Years 3,4,5 & 6



We are delighted that Andy Stanton is coming to speak to us find out how an author comes up with ideas for his stories and then develops the writing process. He will also be sharing his brilliantly funny stories and we are so looking forward to meeting him.

There is no charge for this event. We are very lucky that we can pre-order books and Andy Stanton will personally sign them (see parent pay). Andy has also agreed to stay after school for an hour so you can also buy books then and still get them signed.

If your child is in 3/4 and would like to wear their Stone Age costume (just like the setting of Andy's book) they can bring their costume in a bag to change into.

Children in Need

We will be supporting Children in Need next Friday 16th November by having a 'Wear Something Spotty' non-uniform day, for a £1 donation.



Sewing, lest we forget....news from Needlecraft Club

Last term in Needlecraft Club the children used wool to have a go at tapestry stitch, finger knitting, hand spinning and weaving, as well as sewing buttons. This term they've been using felt and thread to make decorations and cross stitch. They've been putting their skills to good use already this week and have created these beautiful felt poppies for remembrance.



Notices

Celebration Assembly KS1

The following children in KS1 will be receiving certificates in assembly next Thursday 15th November at 9.10-9.35am in the hall:

- **Dragonflies** – Albert J, Stanley A
- **Kingfishers** – Domenico P, Callum H
- **Owls** – Dawid B, Clara A

Celebration Assembly KS2

The following children in KS2 will be receiving certificates in assembly next Friday 16th November at 8.55-9.25am in the hall:

- **Blackbirds** – Oliver B-B, Amelia Z
- **Kestrels** – Henry D, Emilia N
- **Robins** – Max Q-T, Isabela J
- **Otters** – Brandon T, Henry H
- **Badgers** – Oliver D, Colette B
- **Foxes** – Bella B, Josh K

Flu Vaccinations (YR-Y5)

Flu vaccinations are due to take place at school on 22nd November, an email has gone out to parents today containing a link for you to give electronic consent (or not) to your child

having the vaccine. Please ensure you follow the link and complete the consent form as soon as possible.

Anti-bullying week 12th – 16th November

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. In school we will be marking this with a launch assembly on Monday. During the week all classes will be learning about 'Respect', they will learn about how to show respect to each other, learn about difference, how to treat each other, and what anti-bullying is. Each class will choose their own anti-bullying ambassadors. Ms Atkin will be working with our anti-bullying ambassadors.

Parking

Some parents are putting children's lives at risk by parking on the yellow lines. Please do not park on the yellow lines. They are there for a reason, and that is to make the road safe for all people using it.

Mass at St Alphege's

Each Thursday morning one class will be attending Mass at St Alphege's, with the parishioners. Robin Class are attending next Thursday 15th November at 10am.

News from St Alphege's

Please see attached for this week's Church Bulletin from St Alphege's.

Also, please note that there is an information evening for parents of children in year 3 or above who are interested in finding out about the **First Holy Communion Programme** for 2018/2019 **TONIGHT at 6.30pm** in St Alphege's Church Hall.

PTA News

Christmas Cards

If you would like to order cards, or any other merchandise personalised with your child's design, please return the correct payment and order form to the PTA Mailbox in main reception by 3.15pm on Monday 12th November at the latest in order for us to get them printed and returned to you in time for Christmas! **Please make all cheques payable to St John's PTA.**

Film Night – 22nd November 2018

Don't forget to complete and return your form **with payment** to the PTA post box in the front reception area. Order forms are available from the school office.

Dates for Your Diary

12th -16th Nov
12th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week
Girls' Football tournament 12-4pm, Odd Down Sports Complex

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| 13 th Nov | Author visit – KS2 |
| 16 th Nov | Children in Need, non-uniform, wear something spotty |
| 19 th Nov | Y1 & Y2 Viking Day |
| 21 st Nov | EYFS parents' reading session 9:00am |
| 21 st Nov | Youth Speaks competition |
| 22 nd Nov | Flu vaccinations (YR-Y5) |
| 22 nd Nov | Film Night |
| 23 rd Nov | Inset day |
| 25 th Nov | Mass at Ss Peter and Paul, 10am – joint Parish and school Mass |
| 30 th Nov | Chaplaincy Team Commissioning Clifton Cathedral |
| 30 th Nov | EYFS Pirate Party Day |
| 5 th Dec | Y3/4 Parents' maths workshop 9am/3.15pm in Otters Class |
| w/c 10 th Dec | EYFS and KS1 Nativity |
| 11 th Dec | Y6 Life Skills |
| 11 th Dec | Nativity Play 1.45pm |
| 12 th Dec | Nativity Play 1.45pm |
| 12 th Dec | EYFS height and weight screening |
| 12 th Dec | Y5/6 Parents' maths workshop 3.15pm |
| 13 th Dec | Nativity Play 6pm |
| 13 th Dec | Y5/6 Indoor Athletics |
| 14 th Dec | Christmas Disco (PTA event – more details to follow) |
| 18 th Dec | Carol Service at St John's church 6.30pm (Choir involved) |
| 19 th Dec | Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm (more details to follow) |
| 21 st Dec | End of Term 2 |
| 7 th Jan 2019 | Inset day |
| 8 th Jan | Start of Term 3 |

Inset days

The inset days for the rest of this academic year are as follows:

- Friday 23rd November 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Friday 24th May 2019

School term dates can be found on the St John's website, www.stjohnscatholicprimary.org.uk; please do take a look for more news and information.

Best wishes

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