



# NEWSLETTER

14<sup>th</sup> December 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

### EYFS & KS1



Congratulations to all the infants and staff for a wonderful nativity this week. The children were amazing, they spoke, sang, danced, shone and sparkled in every performance and put on a wonderful show. Well done for learning all those lines and for a magical performance last night.



### KS1 Christmas Party

Just a reminder that that the KS1 Christmas Party is next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>; children can wear mufti that day and they need to bring in a plate of food. They will have had Christmas lunch so not too much is needed! They can bring in a cracker too if they would like.

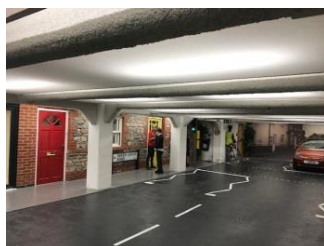


### KS2

This week KS2 were lucky enough to have an assembly with Father Bill, he talked to them about the message behind Advent and showed them the original Advent calendar: on a Jesse tree!



**Year 6** had a great time on Tuesday morning in their Life Skills workshop. They looked at lots of different hazards in everyday life and learnt some very important facts about staying safe in our homes, around town and on our roads.



### Year 5/6 Christmas Party



Year 5/6 will be having their Christmas party on the last day of term (Friday 21<sup>st</sup>) can children please bring a paper plate of party food and a cracker - all named please. Please remember we are a nut free and a fish free school. Children can bring party clothes to change into for the afternoon if they so wish.

### Y3/4

#### Times Table Rockstars

Well done to our Times Table Rock Band.



Congratulations to this week's Battle of the Bands

Winners: Fantastic Foxes & Kool Kestrels

Also a big well done to our Most Valuable Players: Nameeta N, Cara K, Hugo DK, Daniel K.

The next round of our Battle of the Bands will be after Christmas.

### Year 3/4 Christmas Party

Years 3 and 4 will be having their Christmas party on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December; can children please bring a paper plate of party food and a cracker – named please.

(Please be aware that there are severe food allergies in these year groups so remember we are a nut free and fish free school). Children can wear home clothes to school on the day of the party.



### Christingle

Please can all children make a Christingle this weekend and bring them into school for our Christingle services (EYFS & KS1 – 19<sup>th</sup> December; KS2 – 20<sup>th</sup> December). Parents are warmly welcome to these services both of which start at 9:00am in the school hall. Instructions on how to make a Christingle are attached.

## Notices

### Carol Service at St John's Church

Our choir will be singing at the carol service at St John's Church next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. All are welcome to this wonderful event, which is shared with St Mary's and St Gregory's.

### Dance Umbrella dates and extra opportunity to Dance.

We have secured a 3rd slot for Dance Umbrella 2019.

All our Yr 2 pupils will be preparing in their PE lessons a dance to perform on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Dancing Debbie Bellinger is also preparing her club for Yr3-6 for a performance on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Helen Smith will be preparing a separate dance for Yr 3-6 to be performed on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**NEW! Dance Umbrella Dance Club! NEW!**

***If you enjoy dancing and would love the opportunity to perform at this years' Dance Umbrella then this is the club for you!***

***Open to all KS2 Students (years 3-6), this will be a fun and lively dance club perfect for all of you want to learn some Street Dance, Contemporary Dance (and perhaps a little Strictly Come Dancing style glitz!)***

£33 for 11 sessions to be held on Friday lunchtimes (except Friday 17th January)

Cheques should be made payable to Helen Smith.

There are still places available in Debbie's dance club (see clubs pack for details)

**Year 3 & 4 Parents and Carers**

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Maths Session last week. If you were unable to attend, then all the documents have been uploaded to our class pages on the school website. Please take a look and feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions.

**Celebration Assembly KS1**

There will be no Celebration Assembly for KS1 and EYFS next Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December due to Christingle services taking place in the hall.

**Celebration Assembly KS2**

There will be no Celebration Assembly for KS2 next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December due to the whole school carol service.

**News from St Alphege's**

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

Also attached is a poster regarding a traditional Polish Christmas Eve supper being held in the church hall after the 5pm Vigil Mass which everyone is invited to.

**Lost Property**

Mr Gaisford will be clearing the lost property basket next week; anything not collected by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December will go to Clothes for a Cause. If you have lost an item of school clothing make sure you check in here before next Friday.

## Sports News

**19 Medals for St John's Athletes**

17 athletes from Yr 5/6 travelled to Wellsway School in Keynsham for the B&NES indoor sportshall athletics competition. Both teams scored 104 points placing St John's in an amazing 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The results were:

- The St John's Boys gained 2 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze
- The St John's Girls gained 6 Gold and 3 Silvers.



- 1<sup>st</sup> in boys vertical jump,
- 1<sup>st</sup> in boys 1+1 relay
- 1<sup>st</sup> girls obstacle race
- 1<sup>st</sup> in girls 1+1 relay
- 1<sup>st</sup> in girls 2+2 relay
- 1<sup>st</sup> in girls Javelin

Due to the way heats worked St John's won almost every race in their heats, however the second heat which included winners St Saviour's Jnrs and 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Chandag Jnrs recorded faster times.

Thank you to Mr Rouse and Mr Allsop, and well done to all competitors!

### Year 6 Pupils Learn to be Sports Leaders

- Kiera and Max spent a day at Bath University to find out the Qualities of a Sports Leader, how to use Challenge Cards and how to organise competitions. They were encouraged to set up personal challenges or team activities at school.
- University of Bath coaches led a workshop on 'Games Creation - making activities inclusive for everyone'
- University of Bath Athlete Mentor & GB Synchronised Swimmer – Ilaria Brandemarte – gave an address & held a Q&A session regarding her GB career
- They finished playing dodgeball with the University coaches!
- Max and Kiera said, 'It was good because it helped us be more confident in leading'.



### Staff News

We are sorry to announce that Miss Spence will be leaving us next Friday. We wish her every future happiness.

We are recruiting for two new lunchtime supervisors. This is a wonderful way to become involved in school life; full details are on the school website.

### PTA News

#### **Christmas Disco – Friday 14th December..... It's tonight!!**

*Don't forget it's the Christmas Disco tonight 6-8pm – tickets are available on the door if you've not managed to buy one yet!*

*Please remember to return any last minute raffle tickets with correct payment as the hampers will be raffled at the disco! The Christmas crackers will be on sale too!*

*(NB we have received a number of raffle ticket stubs without payment- we understand this is a very busy and expensive time of year for all but we would be grateful if you could pop any money for raffle tickets in the PTA mailbox to be in with a chance of winning one of the fantastic hampers. Thank you.)*

### Dates for Your Diary

14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Disco & Hamper Raffle
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir rehearsal for carol service 12:30-2:30pm at St John's Church
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service at St John's church 6.30pm (Choir involved)
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Christingle service, 9:00am school hall (parents welcome)
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Christingle service, 9:00am school hall (parents welcome)
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Whole school carol service
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of Term 2
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	Inset day
8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of Term 3
10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Otters Class to Mass at St Alphege's
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Whole school Mass at St John's, 10:00am
17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tae Kwon-do demo in KS1 assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tae Kwon-do demo in KS2 assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	EYFS Circus skills workshop (more details to follow)
15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term 3
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Term 4

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

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Best wishes

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