ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 11th November 2022

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents

Once again we have come to the end of another busy week. It was lovely to be able to hold face to face parents evening on Wednesday and Thursday. It was also nice to receive so many comments of appreciation and thanks from parents as they left.

Thank you for also completing the parental questionnaires we are currently beginning the process of analysing your comments. If you didn't manage to complete one please don't hesitate to ask the ofice for a copy.

ODD SOCKS DAY— MONDAY



On Monday we are inviting everyone to **wear odd socks** to mark the launch of Anti–Bullying week. We will not be collecting any money, we are raising awareness and **celebrating difference!**

Today our Year 5 children represented St John's School at St Leonard's Church as the four primary schools in Padiham gathered together with the British Legion and our Lady Mayor Councillor Maureen Whittaker to remember the fallen soldiers.



The service was led by Canon Mark Jones who also reminded and educated the children on special traditions and prayers that are used for Remembrance Day.

The service was very moving and I was incredibly proud of all the children from each school who showed such reverence throughout the service. The children were a credit to their parents and schools.

Please remember that this Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and their will be a service in both Hapton and Padiham.



Congratulations to Harper Banks and her family who will celebrating Harper's Christening this weekend.

Please keep Harper in your prayers as she begins her sacramental journey and receives her first sacrament.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS— Friday 18th November.



As year 6 have a forest school session that morning, can they please ensure they come in full uniform and bring their forest school clothes in a bag to change in to after they have had their photo taken. Thank you.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Operation Christmas Child

We are once again collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. These then get sent to children in need all over the world. More information will have been sent home today with your child (if you have more than one child at St John's, it will have been sent home with the eldest sibling). If you would like to take part, please return your shoebox to school no later than **Monday 28th November.** Thank you.



RECEPTION PLAY AND STAY

Just a reminder that Reception play and stay will be held on Tuesday's 2pm—3pm.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



We have been invited once again to enter Antony Higginbotham MP's Christmas Card competition. The winner will receive a special prize from Antony and their design will be printed and sent out by him this Christmas, with their name and school printed on. The cards will be sent far and wide, including to the Prime Minister and HM the King. There will also be a number of runner up prizes.

To take part, please complete the blank template sheet sent home with your child today and return back to school by **Friday 18th November.**

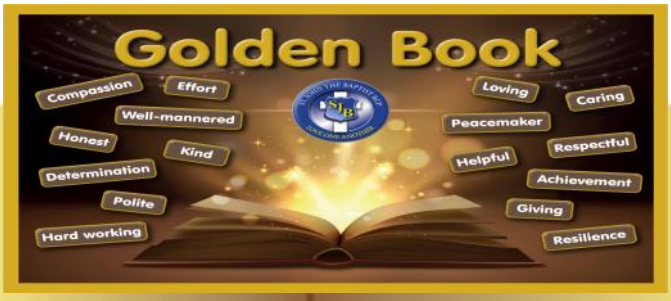
For more information, please visit www.antonyhig.co.uk/christmas-card-competition-2022

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Cyndi Thompson
Year 1	Harper Banks
Year 2	Sicily-Kate Strahan
Year 3	Miley Stowe
Year 4	Emily Baines
Year 5	Ruby Thompson
Year 6	Oscar Clarke

Writer of the Week

Year R	Lola Riches
Year 1	Reggie Coyne
Year 2	Colby Edwards
Year 3	Max Merchant
Year 4	Ellie Mackey
Year 5	Theo Leach
Year 6	Harvey Boswell



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Year 6	Morgan Veitch, Bexsley Caine, Thomas Grace
Year 5	Milo Campbell, Theo Leach, Rafael Pinto
Year 4	Louisa Little, Brooklyn Thompson, Faith Morris
Year 3	Luke Cavanagh, Aaliya Barry, Jake Woodcock
Year 2	Lochlan Morris, Sophia Davenport, Max Rushton
Year 1	Roma Atkinson, Lucas Waring, George Higham
Year R	Evelyn Bailey, Casey Judge, Nevaeh Pope

REMEMBRANCE DAY



Thank you to everyone who has sent in a paper poppy with names of loved ones who have sadly passed away. Year 1 have made a wonderful display on the corridor with these.

Our classes have also been busy making poppies in school for our whole school Remembrance display to commemorate past and present soldiers.



Harvey is our Writer of the Week this week. We wanted to share his wonderful poem with you ….

Oh, Lancaster of the Night!



Her soaring wings sliced through the clouds,
The determined pilot hovered over the shimmering water,
Her magnificent bombs threw themselves down.
Rule them all, oh Lancaster of the night!

The throbbing engine roared in the sky,
In the freezing cockpit a pilot sat, fearing for his life,
The propeller spun as fast as the light,
Teach them a lesson, oh, Lancaster of the Night!

Her exhilarating rolls shocked the people from below,
In the suffocating sky nobody knew she was there,
An ecstatic victory awaited through the windswept heights,
Oh my queen, the Lancaster of the night!

By Harvey Boswell.

Diary Dates

Mon 14th Nov	**Deadline for ordering Christmas cards online.**
Mon 14th Nov	**Odd sock day in support of Anti-bullying week.**
Mon 14th Nov	**Year 6 Forest school am, Year 3 Forest school pm**
Thur 17th Nov	**Year 1 and 2 visit to Colne Leisure Centre by train**
Fri 18th Nov	**New date for individual school photos**
Fri 18th Nov	**Year 6 Forest School am, Year 4 Forest School pm (catch up)**
Fri 18th Nov	**Year 2 class assembly—2.30pm (parents welcome)**
Mon 21st Nov	**Year 5 Forest School am, Year 4 Forest school pm**
Mon 28th Nov	**Year 2 Forest School am, Reception Forest school pm**
Mon 28th Nov	**Deadline for bringing in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes**

Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

Have you got any children's Christmas jumpers, tops or t-shirts that are unused, outgrown or unwanted? The GIFT Team would love any donations that you are able to spare.

It is estimated that 1 in 4 Christmas jumpers are thrown away each year, or never worn more than once. So this year, instead of throwing that jumper away, why not give it a new lease of life with someone else? Christmas jumpers are often made from man-made, plastic based fibres such as polyester so they will never really breakdown in landfill.

We are looking for collections during the month of November, so that we can sell them in December to our St. John's children, ready for the festive season.



These items will be sold from between £1 - £2. The date of the sale will be confirmed before December. The chosen charity is yet to be discussed between the GIFT Team, at one of their meetings.

As always, thanking you in anticipation of your help.

From The GIFT Team

WEAR ODD SOCKS ON MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER FOR ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



