ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 20th November 2020



Dear Parents,



Following my letter sent earlier this week we have seen an improvement with social distancing on the playground. Thank you, for support in this matter. Please observe 2m distances, the one way system on the yard and do not linger to chat with other parents when dropping off and picking up.

Please remember that if anyone in your family presents with any Covid like symptoms then the whole family should isolate immediately and a test for the symptomatic family member should be ordered. Prompt testing is essential so as to keep self isolation to an absolute minimum and limit the time away from face to face learning at school.

We will continue to be cautious if a child becomes unwell in school. If they appear to have a temperature or are coughing they will be isolated from their peers and parents will be called to ask them to collect them.

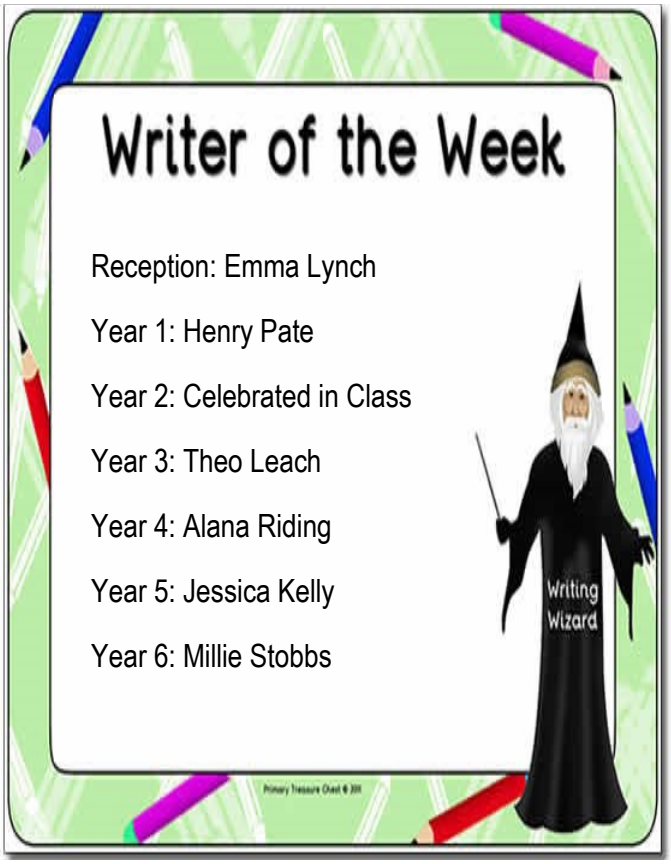


Congratulations to Year 2 for their wonderful assembly this afternoon.
You may view the assembly via the school website under the section - 'School videos' which is in the children's area.



Annual Rotary Club Competition

Congratulations to Olivia Greenwood for winning this year's competition. Olivia was presented with her prize earlier in the week and she was clearly surprised and delighted.
Well done Olivia, we are very proud of you!





Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child - EXTENSION

Due to Covid restrictions, the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child have been unable to be collected in November.

A new collection date has now been set for December. Please therefore ensure that all items / shoeboxes are in school for **Monday 7th December** to ensure they can be collected and make a difference to another child.

We have shoeboxes in school that can be sent home, if you wish to fill one yourselves, and each year has a class box for anyone bringing items in.

Many charities such as Samaritan's Purse are greatly affected by Covid-19 as normal fundraising events across the country are cancelled. Please try to support this project if you are able, any small donation will be greatly received. We have a box in each class if you would prefer to send in small donations.



Introducing our special friends from Dagoretti

For the past three years Mrs McKeating has been travelling to a small slum town in Dagoretti, not far from Nairobi. Mrs McKeating supports the work of a small Salesian Mission working in two schools and two children's homes. This year, a team of 15 professionals were planning to make a fourth visit to work with the children at the Mission.

Sadly, due to the Corona Virus this trip was cancelled. However, their intended support and work continues. Sr Purity has sent a few pictures of children at the Mission who can't afford fees for the next year. The Mission Possible team will find financial sponsorship for each of these children over the coming weeks. It costs around £170 a year to send a child to school and provide them with a uniform and books.

As a school, we are going to welcome these children into our school family as our special friends. We will find out more about their families and their lives in Africa. Each class now has a new member of their class family to love and pray for.



Esther Wanjiru
Nursery



Jane Wambui
Reception



Collin Omondi
Year 1



David Njuguna
Year 2



Barack Mfugo
Year 3



Denason Muriithi
Year 4



George Kimani
Year 5



Arafat Ababuka
Year 5



James Rambayan
Year 6



Don Kagari
Year 6

As a way of providing sustainable support for some of the families at the Mission, the Sisters have set up a small training college for mum's to learn a trade and earn a wage. The project is called Mama Margaret's and the Mama's are extremely talented. We were so excited to receive two large packages of gifts from the Mama's yesterday. The boxes were crammed with stunning Christmas bead craft items. The children in year 4 have been helping to unpack the goods and they are going to allocate some items to classes who may be able to sell them to family members in time for Christmas and support the Mama's.









Thank you for supporting 'Crazy hair day'. The children loved it and I was so impressed with your creations. It felt lovely to have a bit of fun in school and it was a welcome light relief from the restrictions of lockdown. Thank you for your donations which came out of quarantine this morning to be counted. We have raised £162.05 for children in need.

Thank you to those children and staff who have worn blue nail varnish this week in support of raising awareness for Diabetes. It is not every week that you can get away with wearing nail varnish for school.

Well done to everyone who took part, you nailed it!

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Save the Children

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



We will be joining in the fun for Christmas jumper day and the children may come to school in a festive top in support of the charity, Save the Children. Save the Date.

Personalised Books For Sale



A Large set of these brand new books have been donated to school for us to sell and raise money for charity. They usually retail at £3.99 and we are selling them for £3 each. Simply write your child's name and class on an envelope with the name of the personalised book you would like to purchased.

We will give these out on a first come first served basis.

If we have the name you require it will be placed in an A5 envelope and sent home with your child. If we don't have your selected name then your envelope will be returned.



Please note all envelopes will be quarantined for 72 hours before dealing with any order requests.

There are some books that are not specific to a name.





The money raised from any book sales will be donated to Mission Possible who are trying to support the Sisters in Kenya in distributing food and a small gift for the children for Christmas.

