



St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord



"And the word became flesh and dwelt among us" John 1:14

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 06.12.19

Attentive

and

Discerning

Early Years' Christmas Trip

On Monday our nursery and reception children visited Hatton Adventure Park's 'Enchanted Christmas Kingdom'. They got to hold the guinea pigs, feed the goats and even got to see Blitzen who was having some well deserved rest in the Reindeer Retreat before the big day. Of course the best was yet to come, a chance to meet the man himself, Father Christmas!

Father Christmas used his special book to find out who was on the naughty or nice list and thankfully all of the children made the nice list! They were given a golden key to unlock the door to Father Christmas's very own secret toy shop where they got to choose their very own present.

After the excitement of visiting Father Christmas and his toy shop the children then sat to write him a letter whilst enjoying some chocolate, reflecting on the day's events and talking about their favourite part. It was a wonderfully magical day and the children enjoyed every minute of it.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Logan M in

Year 2,

and Brogan W

in

Year 4.

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Demi-Leigh S	NN
Millie-Mai P	Reception
James H	Year 1
Ryah McN	Year 3
Dannielle McG	Year 4
Caitlin O'K	Year 5

For being attentive and discerning.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 97%



Well done!

Ready to learn Award

Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 5.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Tyler A, Ellie B and Kyle H.



Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8th December

11.30am - Mass of Commitment (parents/carers of confirmation children)

Tuesday 10th December

9.30am - NN & Reception Christmas Performance

Wednesday 11th December

12.00pm - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th December

All day - Non uniform (donate cakes for Christmas Fayre)

9.20am - KS1 Christmas Performance

3.15pm - Christmas Fayre

Monday 16th December

All day - Year 1 visit to Drayton Manor

Tuesday 17th December

5pm - KS2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 18th December

9.30am - NN & Reception Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December

All day - Year 2 visit to Birmingham Old Rep Theatre

1.30pm - KS2 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December

All day - Christmas Jumper Day

2.00pm - Break up for Christmas holiday

Monday 6th January

All day - Inset day (school closed to children)

Tuesday 7th January

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 14th February

2.00pm - Break up for half term

Monday 24th February

8.55am - children return to school

Online Safety - tip of the week!

Online safety hero says...



If you have never met an online friend, how do you know they are who they say they are?

Always tell a trusted adult if you are not sure.

(Taken from a Cadet assembly about Online Friendships)

[#onlinefriendships](#)





A reminder that our Christmas Fayre is next Thursday, starting at 3.15pm. There will be stalls, food and of course our Christmas Grotto.

So please come along and join us in all the fun.

Excellent Work

Inside her house, a little girl was sent to give her grandma a good basket because she was indisposed to the shop. At 12 pm. She set out for her grandma house, she had to resist the urge to eat the mouth watering mussels as well as the aromatic cupcakes etc. Suddenly she heard a rustle in a bramble bush beside her... then it happened again but this time on the other side. Hello, is anyone there? she called out terrified of what would be in the bushes behind her. All of a sudden a wolf jumped out. He sniffed on one surprised, the girl fell over. "Little Red Riding Hood... my old friend." Growled the grumpy wolf. "A... H... How did you know my name?" stuttered Little Red Riding Hood. "I'm the big bad wolf who ate your grandma and you stuffed me with - mussels - onions," replied the wolf in his lowest voice with a hiss. "Hey, that was the lumberjack. Not me!" Little Red Riding Hood stated with attitude. "Well, I got stuffed with onions, and they smell!" replied the wolf stamping his foot, as he did this the ground shook.



On Wednesday Chaplains Pantos came into school to deliver a performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' it was absolutely fantastic and everyone really enjoyed it.



This week's excellent work comes from Logan R in Year 5.

Year 2 - Journey to the Stable

Yesterday Year 2 went on a very special 'Journey to the Stable'. They met a shepherd who had lost his sheep, a very grumpy inn keeper who had no room at his inn and finally found someone very special, baby Jesus. It was a great way to prepare for Christmas, with children reflecting on the true meaning of the season.

The children's thoughts...

"I was excited because I saw all of the animals." Halina

"I liked it because we got to see baby Jesus." William

"It was brilliant because we got to see baby Jesus with his mother." Bella



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Kane S in Reception for continued effort and enjoyment in PE.





Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull

St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 15h
Today Year 2 went on a 'Journey to the Stable' where we met a very grumpy innkeeper, heard the story of the shepherds and finally found the baby Jesus. Thank you to Coleshill Churches Together for bringing this magical story to life.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 17h
Going crackers in Science!



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 15h
Year 2 have been using 'Fan and Pick' to retell the story of 'The Hare and the Bear' from @jlandpartners. It's still one of our favourite Christmas adverts.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 15h
Today we welcomed in @ChaplinsPantos who performed 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. It was great fun and children and adults alike really enjoyed it!



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Dec 3
Nursery have an advent book tree, we are so excited to read a new story every day. I wonder what it will be tomorrow 😊



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 15h
Our Liturgy Leaders returned to the Jericho Wood Shack to finish casting our bespoke crosses that you will see around school, on our prayer focuses and used during prayer services.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 18h
Year 1 loved getting into the Christmas spirit by watching a Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime this afternoon with the rest of the school!



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Dec 2
The Year 6 @eCadets taught a lesson on global communities. The class came up with some ideas on how we can behave appropriately online!



Second Sunday of Advent

God of love, help us always to try to do the right thing, even when we find it hard, so that we are ready when Jesus comes.

We are still in the special time of Advent when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. This is a time for us to look at our lives and try to change them for the better, so that we are ready for Jesus

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear a story about John the Baptist, our school patron saint. John told everybody that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready.

John warned those who came to him to be baptised that they needed to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong and to change their lives for the better; saying this would help them to be ready for Jesus.



When we say sorry, it means that we will try to do better next time. If we change our lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

What will you do for others so that you are ready when Jesus comes?

God of life, we give thanks for all those people who are kind to us. Help us to be the best people that we can be as we wait for the coming of your Son Jesus.

Amen.



Have a lovely weekend.

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