



**St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School**

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

Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 13.12.19

Attentive

and

Discerning

★ Christmas Performance ★

Early Years' Christmas Performance

On Tuesday Nursery and Reception children delivered a beautiful Christmas performance. It was a mix of traditional and modern as they told the story of the birth of Christ and sang and danced along to Christmas songs.

Everyone had a wonderful time and were left beaming with pride.



KS1 Christmas Performance

On Thursday we held our KS1 Christmas Performance, it was out of this world in more ways than one! The performance was based on the story 'Christmas with the Aliens' The children worked really hard and delivered a fantastic performance. Well done!



STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Jasmine N in

Year 2,

and

Alishea I in

Year 6.

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Thomas O'K	NN
Christiana A	Reception
Freddie-Jay L	Year 1
Nikita B	Year 3
Ritchie R	Year 4
Ini A	Year 5
Chloe M	Year 6

For being attentive and discerning.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Reception and Year 2 with 96%

Well done!

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.

Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Tiahnah B, Rui Jie J and Brogan W.

Dates for your Diary

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...



Make sure you change your privacy settings on all your social media accounts to private and only accept friend requests from people you already know!

#privacysettings



Sports Captains Report

"Another busy week on the sports front with lots of clubs and PE lessons taking place. Bad weather and Christmas productions haven't stopped us getting active and enjoying our sports.

Also we had a boys and girls indoor football represent the school at a competition who put together some great performances.

Sports captains."

Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Danyal T in Year 2 for making big improvements in PE and working well with others.

Christmas JUMPER DAY



Next Friday is Christmas jumper day (non-uniform day) so let's celebrate the start of the holiday with a festive display of fantastic Christmas jumpers!

Excellent Work

It was just a normal day at home. I was surprisingly tired after doing my homework from school. I really deserved a break, so I sat in front of the TV and put on my favourite channel: Aliens from outer space. It was quite boring today, but I had nothing better to do...

CRASH!

It felt like an unearthly force had hit my house for no apparent reason. Things like this were something I could read in a comic. By now I was rooted to the spot. Shivering with fear, I grabbed my mother's umbrella, in case there was something dangerous out there.

I stumbled slowly to the door. My hands filled with cold sweat as I grasped the handle. I listened closely for any blasts or radioactive power, but there wasn't any.

Silence.

There was no time to lose, so I just open the door.

This week's excellent work comes from Ini A in Year 5, who wrote a story about an out of space encounter.



Our Christmas Fayre was a big success, we had a really good turnout and are sure we've raised a great deal for our school. We will include the total raised in next week's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who turned out to show their support.

Third Sunday of Advent

God of hope, you sent your Son Jesus to bring good news to people who are poor. Help us to be that good news, so that all people around the world can make a better life for themselves and their families.

In this Sunday's gospel, we listen to Jesus say that he came to heal the sick and to bring good news to the poor.

John the Baptist, wanted to make sure that Jesus was really the special person that he had been waiting for, so he sent some friends to check. Jesus answered them by telling them that he was the one who had come to heal the sick and to bring good news to the poor. This answer told John that Jesus really was the person for whom he had been waiting.



We are all part of one family, God's family, and God asks us to love each other and care for each other. Around the world lots of people have all been working for a long time to make the world a better place and to help all the people in our global family to live a good life. And there is some good news to share:

10% of people were living in extreme poverty in 2015. This is down from 16% in 2010 and 36% in 1990.
71% of people have safe water to drink – up from 61% in the year 2000.

This is all really good news. But there is still more work to be done. We can all still do something to change the world for better and to help those who are in need.

How will you try to be like Jesus, helping others and bringing good news to people who are poor in the next week?

Generous God, we thank you for all the good things that you have given us. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, to care for others and to bring good news to people who are poor.

Amen.



Have a lovely weekend.

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